

HOUGH AND CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD 7:30pm, 19th NOVEMBER 2016, WYCHWOOD PARK HOTEL

PRESENT Councillors: A Broome (Chairman), G Bennion, R Dodd, D Hewitt, C Pywell, V MacFarlane, M Johnson, C Jardine
Cheshire East Ward Cllr Clowes.
PC Sarah Marsden

16.96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Brickhill. Cllr MacFarlane had previously reported to the clerk that she would be leaving early.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

16.97 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th OCTOBER, 2016

The motion to accept the minutes of 14th October as a correct record was agreed by all present.

16.98 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

At the invitation of the Parish Council, PC Sarah Marsden provided an update for the Parish Council on policing matter locally and answered questions from Councillors.

It was confirmed that the police have no issues with the wheelie bin stickers as long as they aren't fixed to posts and do reflect the speed limit of the road.

Speeding issues were discussed and PC Marsden described the police's efforts in speed enforcement locally.

The chair thanked PC Marsden on behalf of the Council for attending.

16.99 CLLR BRICKHILL – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The motion to allow Cllr Brickhill an extended leave of absence was passed by unanimous vote. It was agreed that the extended leave be reviewed in February 2017. The clerk agreed to write to Cllr Brickhill to inform him of the decision.

16.100 POLICE MATTERS

16.100.1 SMART WHEELIE BIN STICKERS

It was agreed that the clerk obtain written consent from Cheshire East before progressing with the purchase of these stickers.

16.100.2 SID DATA AND SPEEDING ON COBBS LANE

Cllr Pywell updated the Council with the October SID data. It was also reported that a HGV using Cobbs Lane has been stopped but was visiting one of the local farms.

16.100.3 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

To date, three volunteers have come forward. It is hoped that there will be further volunteers once the newsletter has been delivered to households.

16.100.4 UPDATE FROM THE CLUSTER MEETING OF 24TH OCTOBER

Cllr Johnson provided an update from the meeting of 24th October, 2016.

16.100.5 DATE OF NEXT CLUSTER MEETING, 23RD JANUARY, 2017

Cllr Johnston has agreed to attend the next Cluster Meeting on the 23rd January, 2017.

16.101 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

16.101.1 HIGHWAYS MEETINGS, 24TH OCTOBER 2016, HOLMES CHAPEL

The clerk attended this meeting, an overview of Highways and reported to the Council.

16.101.2 BLOCKED GULLIES AND DRAIN PROBLEMS – AN UPDATE

Cllr Clowes reported on the progress of clearing gullies in the Parish and also explained the system of tagging gullies with plastic clips, depending upon what action is needed.

16.101.3 HOLE IN ROAD, BIRCH LANE

The clerk and Cllr Bennion reported that the tree is on land belonging to Cheshire East. It was decided to monitor the situation to ascertain whether land movement is still occurring.

16.101.4 WHITE HART, NEWCASTLE ROAD, ROAD SAFETY CAUSED BY SPEEDING TRAFFIC.

It was reported that a resident has raised the issue of safety around The White Hart, especially speeding traffic and difficulty turning right into Bucks Lane. The clerk was asked to reply to explain the matter has been reported to PC Marsden.

16.101.5 HGV USE OF COBBS LANE.

The clerk was asked to write to the resident to explain that the matter has been discussed with PC Marsden and to also ask that details of HGVs be recorded if possible so that the validity of them using Cobbs Lane can be verified.

16.102 CHALC

16.102.1 TRAINING EVENT, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND DATA REGISTRATION, MONDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2016

The clerk reported back to The Council regarding this very informative course. Councillors were advised to ensure all correspondence and emails along with replies concerning Council Business are copied to the clerk.

The clerk also reported that the Council should be logged as a data controller and agreed to put this into place.

16.103 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

16.103.1 UPDATE FROM THE WORKING PARTY REGARDING PLAY/SPORT EQUIPMENT

Cllr Dodd reported that the ROSPA inspection written report has been received confirming that the only site considered suitable is The Green. Wheelchair-friendly paths, fencing and inspection procedures would be required. It was agreed the working party reconvene and the item will be on the February agenda.

16.103.2 BINS UPDATE (CHORLTON AND WAYBUTT LANE)

The clerk has contacted ANSA who have said that the issue will be progressed.

16.103.3 UPDATE ON THE STOLEN BENCH

It was agreed to leave replacing the picnic bench until spring. The cost is expected to be around £500.00 plus fitting.

16.103.4 HIGH HEDGES – ELLWOOD GREEN

Cllr Clowes informed that the issue of the high hedges will be dealt with by Cheshire East Council and, if necessary, an order issued.

16.104 HS2 – CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

A response was submitted on 7th November, 2016, Cllr Pywell was thanked for his time in writing this response on behalf of the Council.

16.105 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The clerk will circulate the draft Financial Regulations to the Working Party.

16.106 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Cllr Johnson informed the Council that the bid to the Participatory Funding Budget had not been successful.

The Nation Heart Foundation Funding, which has recently become available, was discussed.

It was noted that at the last meeting it was resolved to buy one defibrillator from reserves if funding attempts were unsuccessful.

A proposal was made and seconded to buy a second defibrillator from reserved rather than attempt another funding application. The clerk expressed concern that purchase of a second defibrillator was not an agenda item. (This item will be placed on the agenda for the January meeting.)

Clls Hewitt, MacFarlane and Johnson left the meeting at this point.

16.107 COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION AWARDS NIGHT

The clerk informed the Council of the contents of the written report from the 2016 competition. The Parish had lost some marks on the chapels and parks categories. It was noted that in 2017, the Parish should note that the chapels are in private hands on the entry form.

16.108 NEWSLETTER

The production of the next newsletter was discussed and the content and contributors agreed.

The possibility of offering advertising in the newsletter for local events and small businesses was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Hewitt inform residents in one of her email newsletters.

16.109 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Cllr Broome reported that forthcoming events are:
December 2nd – Christmas Quiz – 7:00pm, £10.00 a table
December 14th – Carol Concert

16.110 PLANNING MATTERS

16.110.1 MEETING WITH STEVEN GRIMSHAW, PLANNING ASSOCIATE

This meeting has been postponed by Mr Grimshaw’s client due to illness. It was agreed that the clerk write to offer a half hour slot prior to the February’s meeting.

16.110.2 HOUGH MILL QUARRY

Cllr Clowes updates the Council. Another meeting is to be arranged and will be hosted by Wybunbury.

16.110.3 MEETING TO DISCUSS ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Cllr Dodd reported on the meeting to discuss enforcement issues on the 7th November, 14:00pm to 15:00pm at Westfields, Sandbach. The clerk agreed to scan the handout to circulate to all members. .

16.110.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE 9TH SEPTEMBER 2016

16/3892N	17, Hampstead Drive, Weston, CW2 5GT	Installation of two wood burning stoves, one in the converted garage and one in the conservatory. It was agreed that the Parish Council have no comment to make.
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16/5574N	25, Woolston Drive, Hough, CW2 5RF	Prior Approval – Householder – for single storey rear conservatory. Although prior approval and therefore not open to consultation, concern was expressed that the conservatory seemed large on the plot although the drawings were not very detailed. Cllr Clowes agreed to write to the Planning Officer.
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16.110.5 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS

16/1987N	Basford Old Creamery, Newcastle Rd, CW2 5NQ	Full Planning Permission - New industrial building replacing existing buildings, retaining B1, B2 and B8 classifications. This application is to be heard at the Southern Planning Committee on 21 st December. Cllr Hewitt agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
16/3464N	Land adjacent to Chorlton Lane	Change of use from agricultural to part agricultural and part keeping of horses. Retention of existing mess room and retention of existing septic tank and associated hard standing (retrospective). Cllr Clowes reported that she has resubmitted the call in.
14/5671N	Former Gorstyhill Golf Club, Abbey Park Way, Weston, CW2 5TD	Appeal to the Secretary of State - pending (see below)
16/3092N	Former Gorstyhill Golf Club, Abbey Park Way, Weston, CW2 5TD	Release from legal obligations - appeal. The appeal dates are to be 31 st January over four days.

16.111 FINANCIAL MATTERS

16.111.1 PROPOSED PRECEPT CAPPING

The clerk updated the Council on the proposed precept capping which is under consultation.

16.111.2 THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS WERE APPROVED

Clerk's Salary October	£425.00
Clerk's mobile phone contract contribution September	£10.00
Clerk's Salary November	£425.00
Clerk's mobile phone contract contribution November	£10.00
SID payment – made by clerk November/December	£20.00
Mr J Rance – grass cutting November	£460.00
Mr J Rance – grass cutting December	£460.00
Mr W Newton – Lengthsman November	£135.00

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Webster’s (Landscaping) November	£380.00
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Present for Cllr Brickhill (refund to Cllr Broome0	£18.13
Delmar Print	£238.00
S Hodson – Newsletter delivery	£30.00
Poppy Appeal – wreath	£25.00
Andrew Thompson – Planning Consultant	£64.08
ROSPA – safety inspection	£349.80
ChALC – Freedom of Information talk	£60.00
C Jardine- newsletter production	£25.00
TOTAL	£3650.01

16.111.3 MONEY RECEIVED

The cheque (£179.48) written to pay Andrew Thompson has been returned and a lesser amount asked for.

16.111.4 CURRENT BALANCES AS OF 31st OCTOBER 2016

Balance in current account as of 31/8/16	£26,152.15
Balance in Savings Account as of 31/8/16	£2,949.66
TOTAL	£29,101.81

16.112 WARD COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

16.112.1 Cllr Clowes reported that Cheshire East Council are no longer providing grants for Neighbourhood Planning. The clerk asked if costs should be considered in the Precept and it was affirmed by Cllr Clowes that the Neighbourhood Plan will be progressed in 2017.

16.113 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the 6th January, 2017, 7:30pm, at Hough Village Hall.

Chairman: A. Broome

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