

HOUGH AND CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD 7:30pm, 10th FEBRUARY 2017, HOUGH VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Councillors: A Broome (Chairman), G Bennion (Vice-chairman), D Hewitt, C Pywell, V McFarlane, Cheshire East Ward Cllr Clowes.

16.126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Brickhill is on an approved leave of absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Johnston and Cllr Dodd.

16.127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

16.128 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th JANUARY, 2017

The motion to accept the minutes of 6th January 2017 as a correct record was agreed by all present.

16.129 RESIGNATION OF CLLR JARDINE

Cllr Broome informed that she has received an email from Cllr Jardine informing that she has resigned. It was agreed that a card of thanks be sent.

16.130 CONSIDERATION OF CLLR DAVID BRICKHILL'S POSITION

Cllr Broome informed that she has visited Cllr Brickhill. Cllr Brickhill has given a verbal resignation and a written resignation will be arranged with the Chair and the Clerk. It was agreed that Cllr Brickhill be sent a card and bought a thankyou present.

16.131 CONSIDERATION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The clerk outlined the procedure to be followed. It was agreed that the clerk notify Cheshire East. It was also agreed that the Clerk put notices on the website and in the noticeboards and also that Cllr Hewitt send out an email informing of the vacancy to the email list.

16.132 POLICE MATTERS

16.132.1 SMART WHEELIE BIN STICKERS

The clerk reported that further communication has been received from Cheshire East Highways informing that they do not support the use of wheelie bin stickers with the roundel and speed limit although they will consider a Parish's request to use the more general 'speed kills' type of sticker. The Council voted by majority to order the 30mph and 40mph stickers for distribution.

16.132.2 SID DATA AND SPEEDING ON COBBS LANE

It was reported that the battery required replacement.

16.132.3 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLUSTER MEETING OF 23RD JANUARY, 2017

This meeting was attended by Cllr Johnston who has provided feedback to the clerk: It was reported that Hough is very low on crime with just one domestic reported although farms are at risk of burglaries. The Police are continuing to monitor the speeding problem. Colin Todd, from Willaston, provided an email confirming that ANSA are happy with the use of Wheelie Bin speed stickers.

16.132.4 DATE OF NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 24th April, 2017, 7:30, at Hough Village Hall. The clerk agreed to confirm whether Cllr Johnston is able to attend.

16.133 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

16.133.1 BLOCKED GULLIES AND DRAIN PROBLEMS – AN UPDATE

Cllr Clowes provided an update on the situation on Waybutt Lane and Chorlton Lane.

16.134 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

16.134.1 CLARIFICATION OF THE LENGTHSMAN'S DUTIES

Cllr Bennion updated regarding a meeting with the lengthsmen, Mr Newton, at which Cllr Broome, the clerk and himself attended. It was agreed that Mr Newton is employed by the Parish Council, not contracted. The clerk has confirmed with the Insurance Company that we are insured for Mr Newton as an employee and other relevant paperwork will be put into place to reflect that Mr Newton is employed.

16.134.2 UPDATE FROM THE PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY

Cllr Pywell updated on behalf of the working party. It was suggested that fund raising take place to raise money for Village Hall improvements. It was agreed that those Parish Councillors who are also on the Village Hall Committee (Cllr Broome and Cllr Bennion) raise the issue at the next Village Hall Meeting for feedback to the suggestions.

16.135 PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATORS TO HOUGH AND CHORLTON

The clerk reported (with feedback also provided by Cllr Johnston):

- The defibrillator at the White Hart has been installed and commissioned. Stickers have also been provided for the window.
- The defibrillator for Hough Village Hall has been purchased and commissioned. It is located at the back of the hall and a sticker is in place on the window by the door. A storage solution is required.
- Weston Parish Council have informed that they are prepared to contribute £400.00 towards the defibrillator at Wychwood Park Security Lodge once it has been installed and commissioned. It was agreed this order should now be processed.
- Cllr Johnston has provided information to the Clerk regarding the metal defibrillator sleeves. The cost for each is £70.00 plus VAT. It was agreed by all present that we purchase two sleeves.
- A training session led by the North-West Ambulance Service has been completed at Hough Village Hall on the 22nd January, 2017. It was agreed that further training be arranged for Chorlton and Weston in discussion with Weston parish Council.
- It was agreed to defer to the next meeting the procedure for the ongoing checking of the defibrillators and also if a log should be kept of those who have training to use one.

16.136 UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hewitt provided an update. It was reported that 13 people have formed the steering group of the Wybunbury Ward Neighbourhood Plan but that residents with expertise may become involved at a later date and subgroups may be formed.

The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Pywell and Cllr Hewitt be representatives.

The next step will be to circulate a questionnaire to all residents and this is currently being written.

Cllr Bennion read out a letter from Cllr Dodd expressing some concerns and it was agreed that Cllr Clowes contact Cllr Dodd to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.

16.137 CONSIDERATION OF THE VILLAGE FETE FUNDING MONEY HELD IN RESERVES

The clerk informed that the Parish Funds still contain approximately £500 from the Community Grant awarded in 2015. Cllr McFarlane suggested that the funds be used in 2018 and Cllr Hewitt agreed to contact Cheshire East to communicate this.

16.138 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

16.138.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE FOR A DONATION OF MONEY FOR UPDATE AND REPAIR WORK.

Cllr Bennion put forward a request from the Village Hall for a donation for various improvement works which are required. (including replacing lights and fitting a new heater in lady's toilet). The cost is estimated to be £1250. The parish Council currently have £550 in reserve for the Village

Hall use plus another £750 precepted for the 2017/2018 financial year. It was agreed to donate £550 at the present time.

It was agreed that a donation be made of £550 this financial year towards the lighting. It was noted that the Village Hall will also be contributing some of the costs.

16.138.2 GENERAL UPDATE

A Bingo evening is to be held on the 15th February at 7:30.

16.139 TRAINING UPDATE

Audit and training – it was agreed that the clerk book a place on the course for the full day.

16.140 PLANNING MATTERS

16.140.1 REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH STEVEN GRIMSHAW, ASSOCIATE PLANNER.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Grimshaw to explain that the Parish Council have prebooked meetings and that due to other commitments, not all Parish Councils can convene at other times. Also, an invitation to submit information in writing will be forwarded.

16.140.2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE 6TH JANUARY, 2017

16/3464N	Land adjacent to Chorlton lane	<p>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).</p> <p>Revised plans with a comment date of 14th February, 2017. The following comments were made:</p> <p>The mobile home is not illegal if it is not lived in. However, this is currently being investigated by enforcement and is not shown on the current plan.</p> <p>A chicken run and dog enclosure are allowed on agricultural land but the chicken shed shown on the plan looks more like a substantial building.</p> <p>It was noted that very little information is shown on the plans which also contain inaccurate information and is not reflective of the structures observed in situ.</p> <p>The chair suspended standing orders to allow Mr Williams of Jubilee Farm to address the Council which raised issues with the inaccuracies of the plan and his concern with the mobile home.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Clowes call in the application and that the clerk submit a response based on the comments made.</p>
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16.140.3 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS

16/1987N	Basford Old Creamery, Newcastle Rd, CW2 5NQ	<p>Full Planning Permission - New industrial building replacing existing buildings, retaining B1, B2 and B8 classifications. Cllr Clowes provided an update on the enforcement issues. Cllr Clowes reported that the asbestos issue has been verified by the health and safety executive and other enforcement issues being dealt with.</p>
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16/5718N	2, Ridley Close, Hough CW2 5LB	Resubmission of 13/0089N Single Storey extension to rear of dwelling. Approved 9 th January, 2017.
14/5671N And 16/3092N	Former Gorstyhill Golf Club, Abbey Park Way, Weston, CW2 5TD	Appeal to the Secretary of State. Cllr Broome attended all 4 days and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council. It was reported that it will be several weeks before the result of the Appeal will be known. Cllr Broome was thanked by the Council for her time preparing a script, attending the hearing and for speaking. Cllr Hewitt and Cllr Pywell were thanked for their suggestions to the Parish Council script. Cllr Broome thanked the Clerk for her assistance in writing the script and for voluntarily giving a day to attend the first day of the hearing as support.

16.141 FINANCIAL MATTERS

16.141.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE AIR AMBULANCE FOR A DONATION

The parish Council resolved to not donate.

16.141.2 CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR 2017/2018

i. J Rance – Grass Cutting

The clerk presented Jeff Rance's quote for 2017/2018. The price has remained unchanged from last year at £5520. It was agreed by all present that Jeff Rance's quote be accepted due to the efficient high quality work he does for the parish. -

ii. M Webster and Son – landscaping

The quote from M Webster appears to have increased from Last year from £4560 to £4960, but as this quote contains work for the Village Hall for which the Parish Council is not responsible, the increased cost to the Parish Council is not large. It was resolved to continue to use Mr Webster as he has provided an excellent service, but for the clerk to ask him to resubmit his quote without the Village Hall work for the records.

16.141.3 THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS WERE APPROVED

M H Ascroft – electrician for the White Hart defibrillator	£384.00 ***
Clerk's Salary January	£425.00
Clerk's mobile phone contract contribution January	£10.00
SID payment – made by clerk February	£10.00
Print cartridges – reimbursement to clerk	£71.10
Clerk travel expenses – December/January/February	£12.25
A Broome – claim for parking	£7.00
Mr J Rance – grass cutting February	£460.00
Mr W Newton – Lengthsman February	£135.00
Webster's (Landscaping) February	£380.00
Cardiac Science – defibrillator for Village Hall	£972.00
SLCC membership (shared between the Clerk's 3 Parishes)	£55.00
TOTAL	£2921.35

*** - This cheque was raised between meetings by the Clerk, Chair and Vice-Chair so as to meet payment in 30 days. Approval of the payment was made at the January meeting.

16.141.4 CURRENT BALANCES AS OF 31st January 2016

Balance in current account as of 31/1/2017	£20,371.38
Balance in Savings Account as of 31/1/2017	£2,949.66
TOTAL	£23,321.04

16.142 WARD COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 16.142.1** Cllr Clowes updated regarding EIA letters to houses on Newcastle Road regarding Casey Lane and creating a quarry.
- 16.142.2** Cllr McFarlane raised about the meeting date being on a Friday. Cllr Clowes gave her availability. It was agreed that this be put on agenda for next time.
- 16.142.3** Cllr Bennion raised concerns about the water meter on Cobbs lane by the Common. The verge has been driven over and has disintegrated.

16.143 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the 13th April, 2017, 7:30pm, at Hough Village Hall.

Chairman: A. Broome

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