



**Hough & Chorlton  
Parish Council**

**08 JANUARY 2018, HOUGH VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT** Cllr Anne Broome (Chairman), Cllr Graham Bennion (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Amanda Copnall, Cllr Richard Dodd, Cllr Virginia McFarlane and Cllr Grenville Vale,

Prior to the Council meeting, interviews were held for the two vacancies on the Parish Council.

**17.72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Debbie Hewitt

**17.73 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**17.74 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2017**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**17.75 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Prior to the meeting, Councillors interviewed five candidates to fill the two vacancies on the Parish Council. The calibre of the candidates was extremely high and it was recommended that unsuccessful candidates should be provided with details of how to become involved on the Village Hall Committee.

RESOLVED – that:-

- i) Helen Hamlin and Andrew Welch be co-opted onto the Parish Council; and
- ii) Their declarations of acceptance of office be signed at the next meeting.

**17.76 RECRUITMENT OF CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

It was noted that Mark Robinson had been appointed as the Council's Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, commencing from 1 January 2018. The appointment had been made at SCP23 and this would rise annually to the top of the advertised scale and in accordance with the Local Government Pay Scales. Expenses would be paid as per the budget and existing practice.

RESOLVED – that:-

- i) The above appointment and conditions be endorsed; and
- ii) The bank mandates be amended to remove the former clerk and add Mark Robinson as a signatory and addressee for correspondence.

**17.77 POLICE MATTERS**

**17.77.1 Cluster Meeting**

Cllr Vale confirmed that he would be attending the meeting on 22 January 2018.

**17.77.2 Police Meeting**

Cllr Vale gave feedback from the Police Meeting held in December 2017. This included the intention of the constabulary to increase the number of speed gun sessions throughout the area and the offer of the use of the village hall for use by PCSO's on a weekly basis.

## 17.78 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

### 17.78.1 Noticeboard

Councillors were reminded that £3,500 was included in the current year's budget for the replacement of the noticeboard adjacent to the White Hart. Cllr Bennion provided details of a number of options for the noticeboard with a range of costs. Councillors provided feedback and Cllr Bennion would liaise further with the manufacturers and update Councillors following these discussions.

### 17.78.2 Lengthsman Service

Cllr Bennion provided an update on discussions with Streetscape regarding the provision of the Lengthsman service. They had quoted £194.22 per day for two trained operatives, which Councillors considered to be a competitive price. It was noted that the Council received £1,250 per year from the Borough Council as a contribution for this service, although the Parish Council had provided additional monies in previous years.

RESOLVED – that Streetscape be employed on an ad-hoc basis with the first provision being undertaken in February and, subject to satisfactory service, further days being requested as and when required.

### 17.78.3 Hough Footpath No.8

Councillor noted that this matter had been referred to the Borough Council's planning enforcement team by Borough Cllr Clowes and a response was awaited.

## 17.79 PLANNING MATTERS

### 17.79.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

17/6335N	Hollies Boarding Kennels, Birch Lane, Hough	Outline application for the demolition of kennels and associated buildings and the erection of 3 no. detached dwellings and ancillary works.  <b>Resolved: Whilst there were no material objections raised at the meeting, interested Councillors were asked to draft any comments and circulate to other Councillors for consultation. The response would then be submitted by the Clerk (deadline 24 January 2018)</b>
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### 17.79.2 UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/5781N	The Coppice, Birch Lane	Erection of four-bedroom dwelling house (amendment to approved application 14/3632N) <i>No decision to date (target decision date 11 January 2018)</i>
17/5866N	16, Abbeydale Close CW2 5RR	Rear/side conservatory. <i>Approved with Conditions</i>
17/5886N	Hough Hall, CW2 5JG	Listed Building Consent for the reordering of two existing bathrooms into one larger bathroom and a small scale en-suite. <i>No decision to date (target decision date 18 January 2018)</i>
17/5609N	48, Pit Lane, Hough, CW2 5JQ	Proposed single storey extension to create a disabled persons bedroom and en-suite. <i>Approved with Conditions</i>
17/3846N	Basford Old Creamery, Newcastle Road, Chorlton, CW2 5NQ	Variation of condition 4 on application 15/4224N - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of replacement detached single storey industrial unit for B1, B2 and B8 classifications. Erection of acoustic walling to boundaries. <i>No decision to date (target decision date 19 January 2018)</i>

17/3850N	Basford Old Creamery, Newcastle Road, Chorlton, CW2 5NQ	Removal of condition 9 on application 16/1987N - New industrial building replacing existing buildings, retaining B1, B2 and B8 classifications. <i>No decision to date (target decision date 19 January 2018)</i>
16/3829W	Casey Lane Stables, Casey Lane, Basford, CW2 5NH	Improvement of land via removal of previously deposited ash/clinker, and restoration to agricultural and equestrian after use via importation and placement of inert and soil-forming material (including ancillary works) <i>Committee Date: 28 March 2018</i>

**17.80 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**17.80.1 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED: The following payments be approved:

Former Clerk's Salary December	£433.33	S/O
Former Clerk's mobile phone costs contribution	£10.00	S/O
Mr J Rance – grass cutting December	£460.00	S/O*
Mr M Webster – Landscaping December	£380.00	S/O
Mark Robinson – Clerk's Salary January	£325.72	S/O*
Anne Broome – Former Clerk's Gift	£26.00	Cheque 000030
<b>Neighbourhood Plan costs:</b>		
Thomson Planning Partnership (Neighbourhood Plan Consultant) - December	£204.00	Cheque 000031
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,839.05</b>	

\*- Standing Order currently being set up.

**17.81 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- Cllr Copnall referred to the provision of facilities at the Village Hall and advertising of events for the W.I. and others – both of which would be referred to the Village Hall Committee.
- Cllr Vale advised that he had reported the pothole on Newcastle Road adjacent to the Service Station.
- The Chairman advised that she had drafted a response to the Crewe HS2 Hub Consultation and this would be circulated to Councillors for consultation, prior to submission by the Clerk.

**17.82 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

**17.83 DATES OF MEETINGS 2018**

RESOLVED – that the following dates be agreed –  
12 February, 12 March, 09 April (including Annual Parish meeting), 14 May (Annual Meeting), 11 June, 09 July, 10 September, 08 October and 12 November 2018

The meeting, which commenced at 7.30pm, closed at 08:50pm

Chairman  
Anne Broome  
12 February 2018