

HOUGH AND CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

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

PRESENT Councillors: G Bennion (Vice-chairman, chair for the meeting), A Copnall, V McFarlane, D Hewitt, R Dodd, Cllr Vale, Cheshire East Cllr Clowes,
The Clerk – Sue Davies

17.68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from Cllr A. Broome.

17.69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17.70 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2017

The motion to accept the minutes of 13th October 2017 as a correct record was agreed by all present.

17.71 VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Four residents were in attendance to consider the positions available.

17.72 RECRUITMENT OF A NEW CLERK AND RFO

Resolved: The Council approved that draft job description and contract (based on the NALC template) previously circulated by the Clerk. In particular that the hours be increased to 8.5 a week and the pay be SCP 20 to 24 (£19,430 to £21,9620) pro rata and depending upon experience.

Actions: The Clerk to contact ChALC to advertise the job and Cllr Hewitt to advertise a condensed version in the newsletter.

17.73 POLICE MATTERS

17.73.1 CLUSTER MEETING REARRANGEMENT – 22ND JANUARY 2018

Cllr Vale will be attending on behalf of Hough and Chorlton Parish Council.

17.73.2 POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING – 5TH DECEMBER, 6:30PM

Cllr Vale will be attending on behalf of Hough and Chorlton Parish Council.

17.73.3 SID DATA AND SPEEDING

The clerk had previously circulated October's SID data. The Council noted the receipt of the data.

17.73.4 DRUG USE ON THE COMMON

Cllr Hewitt updated the Council. The PCSO has been contacted and will be monitoring the situation.

17.73.5 ANY OTHER ISSUES

None

17.74 HIGHWAY MATTERS

17.74.1 HIGHWAYS MEETING – REARRANGEMENT OF DATE AND FINALISATION OF AGENDA

The Clerk reported that the meeting has been rearranged to Monday, 20th November, 1:00pm, Hough Village Hall. Items for the agenda were agreed (see appendix 1). Cllr Broome, Cllr Dodd, Cllr Copnall, Cllr Vale and the Clerk have agreed to attend.

Action: The Clerk to liaise with Cheshire East to finalise the arrangements.

17.74.2 ANY OTHER ISSUES

None

17.75 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

17.75.1 LENGTHSMAN'S DUTIES

The clerk reported she is still awaiting the quote from ANSA and is seeking further quotes.

The Clerk requested that whilst these quotes are awaited, that Streetscape be commissioned for one day's work.

Resolved: That Streetscape be contracted for a day's work to be co-ordinated by Cllr Bennion.

Action: The Clerk to pursue an estimate. Cllr Bennion to contact Streetscape to arrange a day of cleaning in the Parish.

17.75.2 NEW NOTICEBOARD FOR THE WHITE HART

The Clerk gave an update and is still awaiting quotes.

Action: The Clerk to progress.

17.75.3 UPDATE OF WORKS ON THE COMMON

Cllr Bennion and the Clerk are progressing this. The Clerk is looking at a system to set up preferred suppliers for work within the Parish.

17.75.4 ANY OTHER ISSUES

Cllr Bennion asked Cllr Clowes about the mess left during this year's grass cutting. The item would be on the agenda for the highways meeting. Cllr Clowes suggested sending photos to ANSA.

The hedgerow along Newcastle Road has now been cut.

The hedge behind 1, Tilstone close has been cut but the resident would prefer more to be cut off. It was reported that the plan is to cut more off next year. Cllr Clowes is to communicate this to the resident.

17.76 PARISH COUNCIL LOGO

Only one entry was received. This entry was deemed excellent by those present. The possibility of presenting the voucher at the next meeting was suggested.

Resolved: To adopt the design as a LOGO after confirming with the entrant that no copyright design had been used. To provide the entrant with a Voucher of value £50 for services to the community and in exchange for the design ownership.

17.77 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

17.77.1 FINANCIAL ASPECTS INCLUDING THE GRANT UPDATE

Cllr Clowes provided an update. The Grant has now been received into the Hough and Chorlton Account. The Clerk circulated an update on the Neighbourhood Plan expenditure to date.

17.77.2 OTHER ASPECTS

Cllr Clowes had two requests:

- Aspects that residents of Hough and Chorlton find valuable – photographs of aspects and vistas of Hough and Chorlton. Examples given of photos already submitted were distinctive brickwork, footpaths, Cheshire railings. Either submit pictures
- Public rights of Way and bridleways – Cllr Chris Knibbs, chair of Hatherton and Walgherton Parish Council is co-ordinating this but help is needed.

17.78 NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The newsletter is progressing, and it is anticipated that it will be printed and delivered to all household prior to December.

17.79 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

17.79.1 EVENTS UPDATE

Car boot Sale - 18th November

Quiz - Friday - 15th December

Carol Concert - Wednesday 20th December (WI choir)

Xmas party/bingo - 13th December

17.79.2 REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY TO LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Dodd updated on the progress of the working party to look at the future of the Village Hall. Cllr Dodd explained that, being made from wood, the Village Hall needs updating. The Village Hall have little money available to improve the facilities. The Parish Council could take on a greater financial responsibility. It was suggested that an architect could draw some visions. The Clerk informed that the Parish Council can precept for grants to the Village Hall as a community asset.

Cllr Clowes informed that responses from the Neighbourhood Plan survey had asked for outdoor facilities and that this could be considered during Village hall improvements.

17.80 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AND AGREEMENT TO DONATE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE POPPY WREATH.

Cllr Bennion and Cllr Vale Wybunbury had attended the Remembrance Sunday service.

Resolved: To donate £25 to the British Legion in exchange for the wreath.

17.81 PLANNING MATTERS

17.81.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE 13TH OCTOBER 2017

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| 17/5534N | 1, Westgate Park, Hough, CW2 5GY | Proposed orangery to rear. <i>Comments deadline – 22nd November 2017</i> Resolved: No comment to make. |
| 17/5609N | 48, Pit Lane, Hough, CW2 5JQ | Proposed single storey extension to create a disabled persons bedroom and ensuite. <i>Comments deadline – 6th December 2017</i> Resolved: No comment to make. |

17.81.2 UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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| 17/4825N | Dovehouse Farm Cobbs Lane Hough CW2 5JJ | Planning is being applied to cover an open yard area to reduce the amount of water diffused pollution from the existing concrete yard area where cattle are free to exercise and eat from. The covered area would provide the cattle with additional protection from weather elements. <i>Not decided to date</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>Decision Target Date 17th November 2017</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>Decision Target Date 17th November 2017</i> |
| 17/4510N | 5, Ferndown Way, Weston, Crewe, CW2 5GS | Proposed single storey side extension to include glazed walkway to new study & library and replacement of existing second storey rear window with new Juliet balcony. <i>Approved with conditions 25th October 2017</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 – 20th December 2017</i> |

17.82 FINANCIAL MATTERS

17.82.1 UPDATE ON THE PURCHASE OF A LAPTOP, SOFTWARE AND PRINTER FROM THE TRANSPARENCY FUND

The Clerk reported that an application has been submitted.

17.82.2 TO AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE REQUIRED FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To resolve that expenditure applied for to Locality for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan be authorised such that the Wybunbury Ward Neighbourhood Plan Group can progress and commit to the orders for which the grant allocated covers. To stipulate that Hough and Chorlton's Financial Regulations be adhered to at all times by the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

Resolved: The Council resolved to authorise all expenditure for Neighbourhood Plan costs that have been listed on the grant received from Groundwork and the Clerk to liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Group to ensure compliance with the Council's financial regulations.

17.82.3 TO NOTE PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Groundwork UK – Neighbourhood Plan Grant £6216.00

17.82.4 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL

Resolved: To approve the following payments were approved:

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| Clerk's Salary October | £433.33 | S/O |
| Clerk's mobile phone costs contribution October | £10.00 | S/O |
| Mr J Rance – grass cutting November | £460.00 | S/O* |
| Mr M Webster – Landscaping November | £380.00 | S/O |
| The Clerk – petrol expenses | £32.40 | cheque |
| Mr M Webster – Cutting hedge on the Green | £96.00 | cheque |
| The Clerk – Paper, stamps and ink | £59.82 | cheque |
| A Broome – Gift for Margaret Johnson | £26.20 | cheque |
| Thomson Planning (Neighbourhood Plan Consultant) | £204.00 | cheque |
| TOTAL | £1,861.80 | |

*- Standing Order currently being set up.

17.82.5 CURRENT BALANCES AS OF 31st OCTOBER 2017

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| Balance in NATWEST 31 st October 2017 | £13,811.12 |
| Balance in Yorkshire current account as of 31 st October 2017 | £16,740.16 |
| Balance in Yorkshire Savings Account as of 31 st October 2017 | £2,952.61 |
| TOTAL | £29,181.64 |

17.83 CLERK AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr Clowes informed of the pre budget consultation and parish council conference.
- Cllr Clowes informed that the HS2 hub station consultation had been discussed at cabinet
- Cllr Clowes informed that HS2 are looking for a venue to meet landowners on a one to one basis.

Members of the public

A resident commented that his opinion was that Friday night meetings were a put off to prospective councillors.

A question was raised regarding Neighbourhood Plan response percentages across the area and this was answered by Cllr Clowes.

The meeting closed at 21:05

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the Meeting on the 11th December 2017, 7:30 pm, at Hough Village Hall.

Chairman: G Bennion

Date:

**HOUGH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING WITH CHESHIRE EAST HIGHWAYS
MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER, 1:00pm, HOUGH VILLAGE HALL.
AGENDA**

1. Speeding/highway safety along Cobbs Lane and measures which might be taken to improve this.
2. Speeding/highway safety issues along Newcastle Road.
3. Newcastle Road – many of the trees along the verge have significant epicormic growth which is affecting vision for traffic passing along this road.
4. What is the Cheshire East Policy regarding private hedges which have grown to the extent that they are affecting vision along the Highways.
5. Gully issues – the Parish still has some blocked gullies along Newcastle Road and Cobbs Lane.
6. The Parish has many signs which are now appearing rather battered and old. Some have become difficult to read. We also have two signs which have been hit by a HGV and need repair.
7. The Parish has a lot of very faded white lines along our Highways which need repainting. Is there a schedule for this work or do we have to request it?
8. Some of the Parish's pavements have become very narrowed. One particularly affected is along the Newcastle Road leaving Hough towards Shavington.
9. The potential impact of HS2 traffic and the clinker extraction traffic (planning application currently undecided) on the lanes of Hough and Chorlton). What mechanism can be put in place such that Cheshire East Highways and the Parish Council can liaise over these impacts.
10. Cheshire East Policy regarding the parking of cars on grass verges and measures that can be taken to improve the problem.
11. The poor state of the pavements and roads within the main housing estate in the centre of Hough.
12. Complaints received from Cheshire East regarding the mess left behind this year when the grassed areas bordering highways have been cut.
13. An update on the lighting improvement program in Cheshire and its impact on Hough and Chorlton.
14. Any other business.