

High Legh Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2020 on Zoom

Present: W Hind (Chairman)
B Adams
M Cooper
T Harrison
J Morton
S Ruddock
J Sykes
J Tuck
R Wright
Borough Cllr Parkinson

In attendance: Mrs D Walker (Clerk), Nigel Hennerley and Richard Cornwall-Legh.

1. Minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September were accepted as a true record.

2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Wright for the Village Hall and Cllr Harrison for HS2.

3. Tennis Club

Matt Bannon joined the meeting to update the PC on the really positive growth and to inform them of plans for the future. Four years ago the membership was 62 and 75% senior players. It is now 170, 60% juniors and 40% adults due to a performance coaching programme. They have two extremely good coaches. At present there are 3 courts and they would like more playing facilities, an indoor court and a better clubroom. In order to maintain and grow the membership they need to provide extra facilities.

Cllr Hind said that the Tennis Club was a tremendous benefit to the village and Cllr Adams asked for the PC to be kept up to date with any plans. The Chairman thanked Mr Bannon and he left the meeting.

4. New Footpaths

Sam Dodgshon joined the meeting to discuss footpaths. He would like a letter of support from the PC for the Dobb Lane path and he will contact the landowner. He will speak to the landowner about reinstating the full length of FP2. The landowner is against the Halliwells Brow footpath. Councillors would like a footpath north of the A50. Mr Dodgshon will investigate formalising 3 footpaths on CE land. The Chairman thanked Mr Dodgshon and he left the meeting.

5. Business from parishioners

A complaint about litter in the hedges at the bottom end of Swineyard Lane had been received. Clerk to write to the haulage companies.
Clerk to report caravan in the layby down Swineyard Lane.

6. Planning Committee

The Report had been circulated and was discussed. New applications:

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| 20/4662M | The Winnows, Hobbs Hill Lane | Conversion of ancillary accommodation to residential Dwelling |
| 20/4253M | 1 The Avenue | Ground floor rear ext and ground & first floor side ext and new porch. |
| 20/4162M | Broad Oak Farm, Peacock Lane | Listed Building Consent for demolition of existing stables and erection of ancillary living space to provide home office and entertainment space. |
| 20/4404M | McLay House, Northwood Lane | Detached double garage. |
| 20/4374M | Bears Paw Farmhouse | Proposed side single storey ext and rear annexe |
| 20/4309M | Swineyard Hall Farm, Swineyard Lane | Installation of 5 external security cameras |

CEC Corporate Plan consultation and CEC Planning Policy documents consultation. Planning Sub-Committee to let Cllr Cooper have any comments by 24 November. A letter had been received from Tatton Estate informing the PC that they had put in a planning application (20/4682M) for the continued temporary use of the existing compound at Bowdon roundabout for a further five years.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that the planning consultant had sent the draft to CE and received some comments back. He was also consulting CE to see if a Habitats Regulation Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment are needed. A draft of the Design Code has been circulated. Once these processes are complete and the Steering Group have made amendments, the next stage will be the Regulation 14 consultation where all residents and businesses and statutory consultees will have the opportunity to comment. Some councillors were concerned about the level of detail.

8. Traffic Sub-Committee

Cllr Sykes attended a Zoom meeting of the Knutsford Area Highways Meeting. Cllr Parkinson said that the signs for Golborne Lane/Moss Lane to prevent HGVs using these lanes will be installed asap. The poles for the solar SIDs should be installed soon. Clerk to write to the owner of the property on the A50 with the new wall lights.

9. HS2/NPR

Cllr Adams reported that another consultation had been announced which closes on 11 December. Proposed changes:

- The addition of Crewe Northern Connection and changes to the design of Crewe North Rolling Stock Depot.
- Changes to the design of Manchester Airport HS station
- Changes to the design around Manchester Piccadilly HS station; and
- The introduction of a new train stabling facility at Annandale in Scotland

A report has been published of the September 2019 consultation providing a summary of the responses received. Minor changes have been made. The spurs have been accepted into the design.

NPR – A letter will be sent asking when they are going to consult on this, cc to Cllr Browne and CEO of CE.

10. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Cllr Sykes reported that the contractor will carry out some work on the roads and pavements asap. Play Area – Clerk was waiting for Ansa to visit. Flooding on Wrenshot Lane near The Damsons had been reported and the reduction in width of Wrenshot Lane towards the A50. West Lane and Wrenshot Lane were muddy as lots of tractors had been using the roads. West Lane/The Avenue junction is dangerous – needs hedge cutting back and pavement cleaning. White lining has been requested.

11. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

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| Campbells | 90.00 |
| TWM Traffic | 210.00 |

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

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| PKF Littlejohn Auditor | 240.00 |
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Agreed

The Finance Committee met on 29 September. Knutsford Town Council had asked the PC to continue to contribute to the Citizens Advice Bureau costs. Cllr Hind proposed that a payment of

£687 will be paid next year but not to commit to a 3-year agreement. Seconded by Cllr Sykes and agreed.

A Finance meeting will be held in November to draft the Precept.

The External Auditor had returned the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

12. Climate Change and Environment Committee

Mr Hennerley reported that he had had a very constructive meeting with Richard Cornwall-Legh and his wife about biodiversity and the work on the Estate. Cllr Hind and Mr Hennerley to prepare some questions.

13. Cycling and Walking Initiative

A second meeting will be held on 3 November. Howard Barlow had offered to take the lead.

14. Matters Arising and Reports from Councillors

- i. Utilities – A response had been received from SP Energy re our complaint about outages. The Head of Delivery for Mid-Cheshire had offered to attend a PC meeting but councillors decided that this would not be necessary. It was suggested that a UPS would help.
- ii. OSH – a contractor had been asked to resolve a leak.
- iii. School – the latest newsletter had been circulated. The School Council decided that for Harvest they wanted to distribute bunches of flowers or chocolates round the village, offering kindness to neighbours during this hard time. Residents were delighted.
- iv. Broadband – Richard Cornwall-Legh reported that some cable on the A50 is down.
- v. Bus – Mr Hennerley reported that the ombudsman had sent some questions to WBC. Cllr Parkinson had asked at the Environment and Regeneration meeting for a cross border consultation.
- vi. HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that the AGM had been postponed. After 28 years as editor of the Newsletter, Jenny Pearce had handed over to Angela Franks.
- vii. Police – PCSO Emma Darroch had been doing surgeries in the Village Hall car park and one on Swineyard Lane. A burglary had occurred on West Lane.
- viii. Website – Cllrs Hind and Tuck to investigate providers.

15. New Business

- i) ChALC AGM on 19 November at 7pm
- ii) Standards Consultation – Cllr Tuck to read.
- iii) CE Draft Tenancy Strategy – noted
- iv) Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Wright to lay the wreath.

16. Date of next meeting: Monday, 7 December at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.