

High Legh Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021 on Zoom

Present: G Coenen S Ruddock
B Adams J Sykes
M Cooper J Tuck (Acting Chairman)
T Harrison R Wright
J Morton

In attendance: Mrs D Walker (Clerk) and Nigel Hennerley
Apologies: Cllr Hind and Borough Cllr Parkinson

Cllr Tuck welcomed Cllr Coenen back.

1. Minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December were accepted as a true record.

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

3. Business from parishioners

Q. Does the PC have any future plans to lobby for the option of dedicated high speed fibre lines in High Legh?

A. The PC have repeatedly asked for better internet access and carried out surveys with residents. No plans have ever suggested that “direct to user fibre” will be implemented in rural areas. We are working with Vispa and residents who are using Vispa are very pleased with them.

4. Planning Committee

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

20/5501M	Bears Paw Farmhouse	Loft conversion with raised ridge and front dormer. Amendments to side extension.
20/5622M	Moss Wood Farm, Moss Lane	Prior notification of use for conversion of a steel frame agricultural shed to a dwelling house.
20/4140M	Horizon House, Northwood Lane	Certificate of proposed lawful development for a single storey side extension

The Site Compound in Little Bollington will be decided at the CE Planning meeting on 15 January. Cllr Cooper had been in touch with the Enforcement Officer about outstanding enforcements.

5. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that Peter Hamilton had continued to work with CE Planning.

6. Traffic Sub-Committee

Cllr Sykes reported that the SIDs had been installed but he had some concerns and will monitor for the next meeting. The mobile SID had arrived and would be used when the base had been prepared and a chain and padlock purchased. Cllr Ruddock will download the data from the one near the Golf Club to compare.

Inland Border Facility – Cllr Sykes was in touch with a Warrington Borough Councillor about HGV enforcement and the installation of an APNR camera. Evidence is needed and members of the public must report any complaints to HMRC. Clerk to put a piece in the CA Newsletter.

Cllr Parkinson’s view on 20mph speed limits on residential roads had been circulated and was noted.

Cllr Sykes and Parkinson are meeting a Highways Engineer to discuss Moss Lane bridge damage.

7. HS2/NPR

Clerk to write to HS2 to ask for an update. Clerk to write to TfN to find out when they will be publishing the projected route of NPR, the design and environmental statements for a proposed route and plans for the necessary public consultations on these.

8. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Still waiting for the contractor to carry out some work on the roads and pavements.

Cllr Harrison asked who was responsible for the Cheshire railings at the corner of Peacock Lane that have been damaged. Clerk to enquire.

Woodlands Crescent/The Belfry field access – Cllr Tuck to draft a response. Cllrs Cooper and Sykes will meet with the residents.

Cllr Wright to send an email about the Ramblers proposal to open up 49,000 miles of Public Footpaths and how it will affect High Legh for the next meeting.

Cllr Sykes had arranged for West Lane to be swept by RMS.

9. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

Campbells	£165.00
Land Studios	£7260.00
Poppy Wreath	£17.00
ScottishPower	£52.88
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Cllr Coenen said that the Festival of Christmas Cheer was brilliant and suggested that the PC buy a big Christmas Tree next Christmas.

10. Climate Change and Environment Committee

Clerk to ask if CEC has a framework/grants for air source heat pumps. Cllr Cooper will prepare a paper with facts and figures.

11. Cycling and Walking Initiative

Clerk to write to the group to tell them that they need to go through the PC (Traffic Sub-Committee). The PC are looking forward to the group's proposals.

12. Matters Arising and Reports from Councillors

i. Utilities – some residents lost power over Christmas.

ii. OSH – a new upstairs toilet has been installed.

iii. School – the latest newsletter had been circulated. A lot more children were in school than the previous lockdown due to extended eligibility. The PC appreciated all the extra work the staff had done.

iv. HLCA – Cllr Coenen reported that there will be a meeting on 26 January. A lot more people are interested in being involved. Trustees are needed for the charity. Due to the good work that has been done over the lockdown period the CA are now in a good position to start again. It might be three or four months before the Hall can open again.

v. Broadband – put a reminder in Newsletter.

vi. Bus – Mr Hennerley reported that the bus group continue to campaign for a bus to Altrincham and have produced a leaflet to help people to respond to the CEC Consultation on Transport.

vii. Police – PCSO Emma Darroch had been doing surgeries in the Village Hall car park.

The police have seen an increase in theft of Range Rovers for parts. PCSO Darroch will report the caravan on Swineyard Lane to the Council.

13. Date of next meeting: Monday, 22 February at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.