

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 November 2021 at High Legh Village Hall

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

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk) and A Braddock and a parishioner
Apologies: Lord Grey, Cllr K Parkinson and Mrs Batchelor

Cllr Hind was reappointed to the committees he was previously on.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September were confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wright for the Village Hall and Cllr Harrison for HS2/NPR.

3. Business from parishioners - none

4. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that Peter Hamilton was still trying to understand the results of the consultation and was following up with CEC the proposal for a Rural Housing Survey which there would be a cost for.

5. Planning

The Planning Report had been circulated and Cllr Cooper went through the applications. Cllr Cooper declared an interest in an undecided application No 21/2359M.

New applications:

21/5393M	Lowood Barn, Crabtree Lane	Removal of raised planting beds and existing stock fencing, construction of a new 3 bay oak framed garage, replacement of existing non-porous tarmac area with gravel.
21/5368M	1 Gleyve	Proposed two storey side, single storey rear and front exts inc. full render to dwelling.
21/5005M	Walnut Farm, Mowpen Brow	Prior Approval for 4 single storey rear exts.
21/5011M	Walnut Farm, Mowpen Brow	Certificate of proposed development of single storey outbuilding.
21/4836M	The Pheasantries, Warrington Road	Prior Approval for the proposed enlargement of house.
21/4773M	Sworton Heath Farm, Swineyard Lane	Replacement storage building.

Two applications had been refused and there were a lot of undecided applications.
Stretton Airfield – Warrington application. No dwelling now. 53 cars to be garaged underground.
Warrington Local Plan – response to include traffic, Green Belt and drainage.

6. Traffic Sub-Committee

The Clerk had written to CE Highways asking for a Safety Audit of the A50. Their reply was that a safety scheme had been installed on the A50 recently and that safety audits are carried out only when there has been a physical change to the highway.

Mr Thomason had offered to clean the road signs and look at replacement signs. Cllr Sykes proposed that the 40mph signs on the A50 near the Belfry entrance be changed to larger ones. This was agreed and Mr Thomason will get prices.

Visibility at the exit of Swineyard Lane onto the A50 was hindered by greenery. Cllr Sykes will contact the owners.

Cllr Harrison pointed out that the hedge and footpath near the M56 bridge on West Lane hasn't been cut. Clerk to find out who owns it.

7. HS2/NPR

Cllr Hennerley reported that the Integrated Rail Plan should be published soon. The Eastern leg could be scaled back. HS2 have been told that they must be more honest about the costs. Clerk had received a letter saying that they are now aiming to deposit the Crewe – Manchester hybrid Bill in Parliament in early 2022.

8. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Play Area – Cllr Ruddock reported that Ansa were due to assess the works the following week to confirm the equipment can be installed on site and to cost up the works then request the funding from CEC. They expect the equipment to be installed around February 2022 due to the equipment delivery times.

Access from Woodlands Crescent to the Belfry field - Cllr Morton declared an interest.

After discussion it was decided to carry out a referendum to see if the PC had a mandate to offer to buy a strip of land. Mr Braddock will draft a leaflet.

9. Finance

Cllr Tuck asked for ideas for next year's Precept. The Finance Committee will be meeting on 22 November.

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Campbell's	£210.00
Scottish Power	£36.14
HLCA	£285.00
PKF Littlejohn (auditor)	£240.00
RBL Poppy Wreath	£17.00
HLVH rent	£52.50
Unity Trust Bank	£500.00

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

Campbell's	£90.00	
Knutsford TC – CAB contribution	£687.00	All agreed

10. Climate Change and Environment Working Group

Cllr Hennerley reported that High Legh Garden Centre had joined Plastic Free High Legh and the Church had expressed an interest in becoming an ally. Draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group were given to Cllr Hennerley for agreement at the next CC and E meeting.

11. Cycling & Walking

Minutes of the meeting on 14 September had been circulated. Cllr Hind said that the current tenant of Mere Heyes House has put 'private' signs up at the end of the drive.

12. Communications Committee

Alex Braddock reported that he had spoken to a couple of developers. He needed to know who would be willing to be admins before he could arrange meetings. Cllr Adams, Cllr Tuck and the clerk volunteered.

13. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) Utilities – Cllr Harrison reported a water leak at Limetree Lane/Peacock Lane.
- ii) Old School House – Cllr Sykes will visit the tenants.
- iii) School – 158 children on roll. The older children had been using a temporary pop-up swimming pool for swimming lessons.
- iv) HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that the AGM is on 21 November at 2.30pm and that a Cheese & Wine evening is being held on 12 November.
- v) Bus – CE Bus Service Improvement Plan. A response had been sent.
- vi) Community Governance Review – letter from Little Bollington Parish Meeting had been received.
- vii) Manchester Airport Future Airspace Consultation – Cllrs Adams and Hind will attend.

14. New Business

- i) Skatepark – after discussion it was decided that this request was beyond the PC's remit and as it would have to be on CE land, it was decided to ask Cllr Parkinson to approach CE. Cllr Ruddock will investigate ideas for teenagers.
- ii) Code of Conduct – Cllr Tuck will respond.
- iii) CE Draft Recovery of Forward Funded Infrastructure Costs Consultation and Draft Environmental Protection Supplementary Planning Document – noted.
- iv) Remembrance Sunday 14 November at 10am. Cllr Wright will lay a wreath.

15. Date of next meeting: Monday, 6 December at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 10.30 p.m.