

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 6 December 2021

at High Legh Village Hall

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

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk), Lord Grey, A Braddock, L Batchelor and 2 parishioners

Apologies: Cllrs Adams, Sykes and Parkinson

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November were confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wright for the Village Hall, Cllr Harrison for HS2/NPR and Cllr Cooper for Planning Application 21/5745.

3. Business from parishioners - none

4. Neighbourhood Plan

The next meeting will be held on 15 December.

5. Planning

The Planning Report had been circulated and Cllr Cooper went through the applications.

New applications:

21/4910M	Brook Cottage, Kay Lane	Certificate of lawful proposed use for change of use from garage to gym.
21/5265M	Sebastopol Covert, Moss Lane	Steel portal framed building
21/5537M	The Annex, Oakmere, Kay Lane	Variation of condition 2 on 18/5938M
21/5651M	Vinesgrove, Fanners Lane	Lawful certificate for development for proposed exts.
21/5661M	7 Holgrave Close	Certificate of lawful proposed development of conversion of garage to utility
21/5690M	Mill Farm, Moss Lane	Proposed Outdoor Riding Area, conversion of existing storage barn to stabling and new timber stable building
21/5782M	High Legh Golf Club	Construction of an Adventure Golf course
21/5774M	7 Venables Way	Conversion of part of a garage into habitable accommodation and raising the height of the single storey flat roof. Extending the single storey entrance porch roof. Changing the wall cladding to all 4 elevations.
21/5745M	Silent Valley Cottage	Replace existing building and extension to garden curtilage.

6. Traffic Sub-Committee

Mr Thomason reported on his meeting with Cllr Sykes. They had decided to replace all the warning signs that have existing poles, approx. 8-10 and replace the 40mph signs for a larger size. Cost about £800. This was agreed and Mr Thomason will order. Mr Thomason had cleaned some signs and the bollards.

Street name plates – Cllrs to inform the Clerk of any that need replacing.

A quote of £3,200 for siding out of West Lane had been received. It was agreed to accept this and Clerk to inform contractor.

Clerk to ask the PCSO to speak to the residents of the new houses on West Lane near Wrenshot Lane to stop parking on the pavement.

Fencing damaged on West Lane motorway bridge.

7. HS2/NPR

Cllr Hennerley reported that the Integrated Rail Plan had been published. The hybrid Bill will be put to Parliament in early 2022.

8. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Play Area – Cllr Ruddock reported that Ansa had applied for the S106 funds for the new equipment. They expect the equipment to be installed around February 2022 due to the equipment delivery times.

Access from Woodlands Crescent to the Belfry field – Mr Braddock had drafted a survey which he will send to Cllr Cooper.

Gullies near the Village Hall are blocked again despite all gullies being cleaned in November. Clerk to report.

Skate park – a reply from CE had been received saying that they would add the request to their projects for review in due course.

9. Finance

Cllr Tuck reported that the Finance Committee met on 22 November and decided to keep the Precept for 2022/23 at £12,500. Cllrs to look at the budget and let Cllr Tuck know if there should be any changes. Provision for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had been included.

The Village Hall Funding Resolution was reaffirmed, and the Clerk was asked to request that the CA do the same.

It was agreed to keep the Precept at £12,500.

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Campbell's	£115.00
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RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

Neil Worth – cleaning VH car park	£120.00
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Room rent	£40.00
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Scottish Power	£114.42
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Doreen Walker salary and expenses	£1562.87
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Bryan Field OSH water leak	£120.00
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Data Protection Fee	£40.00
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All agreed

10. Climate Change and Environment Working Group

Cllr Hennerley proposed that the Terms of Reference for the Working Group were adopted. All agreed. He reported that he has a meeting with High Legh Golf Club to discuss Plastic Free High Legh.

11. Cycling & Walking – nothing to report.

12. Communications Committee

Alex Braddock reported on his discussions with a website developer. He will contact two other developers for quotes, speak to the CA and send links of websites to Clerk and Cllr Tuck.

Cllr Cooper thanked Mr Braddock for all the work he had put in.

13. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) Utilities – Clerk reported that Openreach had been working on some roads digging up pavements to install ducts for FFTP.
- ii) Old School House – Cllr Sykes had visited the tenants to discuss the proposed fencing of the courtyard. Some structural work had been carried out.
- iii) School – The MUGA planning application had been approved. A Christmas Fair will be held on 3 December.
- iv) HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that a quote for fencing had been received. The CA were looking for some volunteers to help with maintenance.
- v) Manchester Airport Future Airspace Consultation – Cllrs Adams and Hind attended. Cllr Hind had circulated his report.

14. New Business

- i) Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Cooper suggested that the PC purchase a beacon which was agreed. A working group will be set up and the Clerk will invite a representative from the Church and the CA to join. Cllr Cooper will chair and Cllr Morton and Mrs Batchelor volunteered.
- ii) Land on corner of Pheasant Walk and North Drive – This piece of land was put up for sale by auction on 8 December. The Clerk received many comments on this and a TPO was served on 3 December by CE's Arboricultural Officer.
It was agreed to find out which plots of land are owned by the company and ask the HLNP Steering Committee to designate them in the NP as protected green spaces for their amenity and visual value to the village, and that development applications will be unlikely to succeed. Clerk to write to the Auctioneer to explain this.
- iii) CE Budget Consultation – noted
- iv) CE Draft Housing Supplementary Plan – noted
- v) CE Draft Speed Management Strategy Consultation – comments by 31 January.

15. Date of next meeting: Monday, 28 February at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 10.30 p.m.