

# High Legh Parish Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2021 on Zoom

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

In attendance: Mrs D Walker (Clerk), N Hennerley, N Gerrard and R Cornwall-Legh  
Apologies: Cllr Cooper

1. **Minutes**  
RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January were accepted as a true record.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Wright for the Village Hall and Cllr Harrison for HS2.
3. **Chair and Vice Chair**  
Cllr Hind informed councillors that Gail Coenen has resigned from the PC with immediate effect. He thanked her for all her work for the PC and wished her all the best in the future.  
Cllr Hind asked if he could take a 6-month sabbatical as he needed to take some time out due to extra work through the pandemic. This was approved.  
The clerk asked if anyone was willing to become Chairman, but nobody volunteered.
4. **Vacancy**  
Clerk will advertise the vacancy.
5. **Business from parishioners**  
Q. Road safety on West Lane. We have seen another two serious road accidents in the past month. 40mph is entirely unjustifiable for a narrow road in a residential area with a local school. The pavements are narrow and coupled with the speed limit through the village, the road is widely perceived as a dangerous place to walk.  
A. The PC have been trying to get the speed limit reduced on West Lane for a long time. Visibility is poor at Peacock Lane. Cllr Kate Parkinson urged residents to complete the transport survey which mentions speeds on West Lane. Clerk to send out a reminder.  
Q. Why has the speed sign been moved to the other side of the road on the A50? It doesn't seem to be working.  
A. Monitoring had taken place over the last month and Cllr Sykes has asked for the signs to be adjusted.  
Cllr Ruddock reported H&S issues in the Play Area. Clerk to contact Ansa.
6. **Neighbourhood Plan**  
Cllr Adams reported that the draft Neighbourhood Plan had reached the statutory stages of the process and Regulation 14 is the next step. The PC is the responsible body and needs to ensure that the regulations are carried out properly.  
The Development Plan Next Steps had been circulated and Nick Gerrard explained the process. Councillors need to focus on the journey on which we have been and to read the policies and justification. Comments by 14 March.  
A summary leaflet will be delivered to all households. Cllr Tuck will draft a feedback form for consultation responses which will be available on the website and also hard copy.  
Cllr Tuck said it was an outstanding piece of work.

## 7. Planning Committee

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

20/5723M	Side Lodge, West Lane	Proposed single storey side/rear orangery ext and glass roof ext to existing side veranda.
21/0031M	40 Robert Moffat	Proposed part conversion of existing garage to create office and utility, internal remodelling of ground floor, single storey ext to rear plus cosmetic alterations to front elevation
21/0087T	Side Lodge, West Lane	Works to TPO trees
21/0341M	Golborne Farm, Golborne Lane	Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of garden area attached to the host dwelling
21/0416M	15 North Drive	Garage conversion to habitable space
21/0352M	Vinesgrove, Fanners Lane	Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of new dwellings
21/0675M	3 Pheasant Walk	Certificate of lawful proposed use. Conversion of garage to residential annex

## 8. Traffic Sub-Committee

Cllr Sykes and Cllr Parkinson had met with a Highways Officer at Moss Lane/Golborne Lane to discuss HGVs using this route. Some new signs have been installed.

There had been an accident on 16 February at Peacock Lane.

Warrington BC had announced that they would be reducing the speed limit on sections of High Legh Road to 30mph then 40mph.

Cllr Parkinson reported that CE Highways budget will be reduced next financial year.

## 9. HS2/NPR

An update had been received from John Atkinson who is retiring in March.

No response from TfN. Awaiting the Government's Integrated Rail Plan.

Cllr Adams and Mr Hennerley reported. There is a proposal from Manchester City Council to reinstate the Northern Chord which would allow trains to come from Scotland to the airport.

Cllr Adams said we have nobody from Cheshire East speaking for us. Cllr Parkinson to action.

## 10. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

The contractor was carrying out the work on the roads and pavements this week.

Woodlands Crescent/The Belfry field access – Cllrs Cooper and Sykes will meet with the residents.

Cllr Wright had sent information about the Ramblers proposal to open up 49,000 miles of Public Footpaths and how it will affect High Legh.

There were no objections to FP No 9 being diverted as long as the landowners were in agreement.

## 11. Finance

Cllr Tuck agreed to be Chair of Finance.

### Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

N Worth	£372.00	
R Cornwall-Legh car park lease	£302.00	
D Simpson	£19.75	All agreed

It was agreed to change the bank account to give access to full online banking. Cllr Tuck agreed to be a signatory to replace Cllr Coenen.

It was agreed to buy some road signs to try to stop HGVs using Satnavs and one at the exit of Vantruck.

## 12. Climate Change and Environment Committee

Mr Hennerley had set up a Facebook page for Plastic Free High Legh and had written an article for the Newsletter. Hoping to take this forward when things get back to normal.

Awaiting a report on heat pumps from Cllr Cooper.

**13. Cycling and Walking Initiative**

Minutes of the meeting on 12 January had been circulated. The group had suggested the following actions for the PC to consider:

a) Within the 20 is plenty scheme three roads were identified as appropriate and recommended – Candelan Way, Pheasant Walk, and Wrenshot Lane (from West Lane to Pheasant Walk section). Funding hasn't been agreed yet. One councillor spoke against 20mph and thought traffic calming was better.

b) We apply to have the Police Close Pass Scheme in High Legh, locations to be advised by police. Howard Barlow is happy to take this forward once the P.C. approve in principle. PC agreed for this to go ahead.

**14. Matters Arising and Reports from Councillors**

i. Utilities – the sewage pump on Surrige/Woodland Walk had flooded. Water leak on Robert Moffat which had been fixed. Clerk contacted UU as work not finished off properly. Now done.

ii. OSH – a structural survey had been done on 10 February.

iii. HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that the first meeting of the new committee had taken place.

iv. Bus – ongoing. Clerk had asked residents to complete the Transport survey.

**15. New Business**

i) CEC Consultation on Air Quality Action Plan – noted

ii) CEC Consultation on Contaminated Land Strategy – noted

iii) CEC Consultation on Cycling and Walking Schemes – passed to Cycling Group and email to be sent to residents.

**16. Date of next meeting: Monday, 29 March at 7.30 p.m.**

Meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.