

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28 February 2022 at High Legh Village Hall

Present: M Cooper (Chairman)
B Adams S Ruddock
W Hind J Sykes
N Hennerley R Wright
J Morton Cllr K Parkinson until 7.45pm

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk), L Batchelor

Apologies: Cllrs Harrison and Tuck, Lord Grey and A Braddock

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December were confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wright for the Village Hall and Cllr Morton for Planning Application 22/0619M.

3. HyNet Hydrogen Pipeline

Consultation on until 11 March asking for local knowledge to help further develop a proposed route for a new underground hydrogen pipeline within a route corridor. Cllr Parkinson had met with Cadent and wants to ensure that they build it to the highest standard with minimum impact.

4. HS2

Cllr Parkinson reported that she had been invited to sit on the CE HS2 Strategy Committee. Cllr Hennerley will draft a response to the HS2 consultation on the Hybrid Bill and circulate by email. Clerk to email residents with the PC's response when finalised.

5. Bus

Cllr Parkinson reported that she had had several meetings with CE, Trafford Council and Transport for Greater Manchester to try to get a cross border bus. Cllr Parkinson left the meeting.

6. Business from parishioners

i) A resident had contacted the clerk about hearing gun fire on a Sunday which they believed was illegal. The resident had contacted the police. The resident felt that there was a significant increase in game shooting this year and it was particularly troublesome if you have an animal that is frightened of that noise. They asked that the PC consider if this activity can be curbed.

Answer: Sent the resident a link to the guidance from the British Association for Shooting and Conservation. It is not illegal to shoot clay pigeons or vermin on a Sunday in Cheshire. The season for shooting driven game finishes on 1st February.

Another complaint about bird scarers had been received but it wasn't clear where the noise was coming from.

ii) Complaint about walkers being denied access to a footpath at Mere Heys on Winterbottom Lane. Clerk now has the contact details of the agent and if you contact them they will send access permission.

iii) Why have surveyors been on the Golf Course recently?

Answer from High Legh Estate: The surveyors have been instructed by us, in agreement with American Golf, to survey the existing golf course buildings, car parks and the immediate

surrounds. This is to update the plans that have accompanied the lease since its inception in 1995, since when there have been various changes such as the driving range that need documenting for the lease.

iv) Atrocious state of the Pheasant Walk/Wrenshot Lane junction down to the loose hardcore.

Answer: We have been trying since before June 2020 to get this stretch of road resurfaced.

It was due to be done last September but is planned now for April.

v) Cllr Morton raised a problem with parking on pavements in Woodlands Crescent and garden foliage needing cutting back from pavements. It was requested that the PC write to the residents asking them to cut back foliage and to park appropriately.

Answer: Clerk to contact our PCSO to look at parking and to include a note about cutting back foliage in the Newsletter.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting which was due to be held on 15 December had to be cancelled. Another meeting is being arranged.

8. Planning

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

New applications:

21/6302M	Heywood, Crabtree Lane	Prior notification of two storey extension
21/6480M	Mag Lane Farm	Prior notification of a lean-to extension to the existing agricultural building
21/6236M	Holly Cottage, Rowley Bank	Extension to the existing property and demolition of the existing garage and replacement with a new garage
22/0619M	31 Woodlands Crescent	Proposed single storey side front ext. and internal Modifications
22/0778M	1 Ulviet Gate	Rear extension

The Six56 development was being recommended for approval by Warrington Planners. CE had responded that the applicant should be required to address the issues of reassigned traffic and to submit proposals to restrict the use of Swineyard Lane by HGVs. The PC had also raised issues of extra traffic and asked for a condition to be put on to stop HGVs from using Swineyard Lane.

UU Waste Water Treatment plant upgrade. The project is designed to increase the quality of the final effluent from the treatment works by removing more phosphorous and ammonia. Cllrs Cooper & Sykes have a meeting with them on site.

9. Traffic Sub-Committee

The siding out of West Lane had been done.

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

Cllr Morton to research heritage signs.

Councillors to report to the Clerk any areas that need siding out.

Cllr Sykes to contact TWM re VAS not working.

Cllr Sykes to get advice about a width restriction on Swineyard Lane near Warrington boundary.

Sharp bend sign broken opposite Great Oak Farm.

10. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Play Area – Cllr Ruddock reported that Ansa had been in contact to say that the prices of the equipment had gone up and asked if we could pay for the picnic bench. All agreed.

The equipment will be installed around May 2022 due to the equipment delivery times.

Clerk to write to McDonalds about litter on the A50.

11. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Scottish Power	£44.91	
Room rent	£30.00	
D Fenton	£1080.00	
Limelight signs	£817.93	
Fisher German car park lease	£302.00	
John Harding	£3840.00	All agreed

12. Climate Change and Environment Working Group

Cllr Hennerley reported that he had a meeting with High Legh Golf Club to discuss Plastic Free High Legh and they would like to get involved.

13. Cycling & Walking

A meeting had been held on 15 February. Minutes had been circulated. Dog waste on pavements had been discussed. Any suggestions to stop this would be welcome.

14. Communications Committee – no progress

15. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on 2 June

Two meetings had been held and minutes circulated. Cllr Cooper to bring firm costs to the next meeting. The CA were also being asked to contribute.

16. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) Utilities – Clerk reported that Openreach were still working on some roads digging up pavements to install ducts for FFTP.
- ii) Old School House – Cllr Sykes reported that some roof repairs had been carried out to stop a leak. Clerk to ask when the decorating work will be done.
- iii) School – Newsletter had been circulated.
- iv) HLCA – Cllr Morton said that a History talk about High Legh had been held in February and a Curry & Quiz night is being held on 18 March.

17. New Business

- i) 2023 Boundary Review noted.
- ii) High Legh 10K race on 6 March

18. Date of next meeting: Monday, 4 April at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.