

High Legh Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29 MARCH 2021 on Zoom

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

In attendance: Mrs D Walker (Clerk), N Hennerley, N Gerrard and 3 parishioners

Apologies: Borough Cllr Kate Parkinson

PC Lawrence Price reported on incidents in High Legh including an RTC at Peacock Lane and one at Pheasant Walk/West Lane when a motorcyclist was badly injured. The numbers of collisions was concerning and PC Price will share with Highways. PC Price was asked about a STOP sign at Peacock Lane and he will raise it with Highways. Cllr Sykes raised the problems we have with HGVs on Swineyard Lane and told PC Price about the money available re the Inland Border Facility. Motorbikes speeding on the A50 – PC Price will try to allocate some time with the speed gun.

1. **Minutes**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February were accepted as a true record.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Wright for the Village Hall and Cllr Harrison for HS2.

3. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Adams reported that the grant period ends on 31 March. He will produce a report and return the portion of unspent grant. Cllr Adams will then apply for another grant plus £1000 which is available because of delays due to Covid. Peter Hamilton had recommended that we get a Locality support package which will give us a health check on the Plan.

Mr Gerrard explained the next stage which is Regulation 14. The consultation period is 12 April to 30 May. The summary leaflet, feedback form and an envelope will be going to the printers shortly.

Cllr Tuck asked councillors to test the online feedback form. Cllr Tuck and the clerk will update the website with all the documents and the clerk will arrange distribution.

4. **Business from parishioners**

Suggestion of a wildflower meadow. Clerk to contact High Legh Estate. This had been tried before in the Woodland Walk and near the grove of trees on the Belfry but hadn't been successful.

These were possible sites to try again but would need watering.

Street Lighting – a resident had complained about the new lighting shining into his house. Shielding has been put on the lights which has helped.

Peacocks – for many years we have had 1 peacock, but someone has bought 2 peahens and there are now 7. Some residents like them but others are getting fed up with them eating plants and making a mess. It was decided that this was not Council business and will be left to the residents.

5. **Chair and Vice Chair**

Cllr Cooper will take over the Chair in the interim until the AGM in May.

6. **Vacancy**

3 applications had been received. Interviews will be arranged.

7. **Planning Committee**

The Report had been circulated and was discussed. Cllr Cooper reported that we have a long list of not decided. New applications:

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| 21/0932M | Chesham House, Moss Lane | Alterations and extensions to existing domestic stable block. |
| 21/1089M | 10 Robert Moffat | Certificate of lawful existing use/development of single storey rear ext/orangery |
| 21/1179M | 4 Surridge | Proposed single storey rear ext and alterations to flat roof over garage to form new dual pitched roof. |
| 21/1170M | Woodiers Farm, Agden Lane | Conversion and change of use of brick farm building to 2 residential dwelling units and associated amenity space, parking, access and package treatment plant. |
| 21/1438M | Holly Farm, Withers Lane | Retrospective boundary treatments and CCTV cameras and poles. |

8. Traffic Sub-Committee

Cllr Sykes had attended the Chalc meeting about speeding and asked the Clerk to invite Cllr Jones to a meeting. Cllr Sykes had spoken to TWM about the solar VAS. They were trialing an online reporting system.
 Inland Border Facility. There is money for a police presence. Ask Cllr Parkinson to ask CE to make an application. Cllr Sykes to draft a letter.
 Highway signs – Cllr Sykes to action.

9. HS2/NPR

Cllr Adams reported that TfN had submitted statutory advice to the Government for NPR. The preferred route is via the centre of Warrington.
 Cllr Adams, Mr Hennerley and the Clerk had attended an HS2 meeting on Construction Traffic with other local parish councils on 22 March. Minutes had been circulated.
 HS2 are working with Highways England to try to gain temporary direct access onto the A556 at Chapel Lane to take pressure of local roads.
 Some residents from Winterbottom Lane had been in touch with the Clerk and Mr Hennerley had met with them.

10. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Flooding at Wrenshot Lane/Broadoak Lane junction – CE have put in a half pipe which drains the water from the road but the road needs raising as the drain is higher than the road and the drain can't be moved.
 Moss Lane pothole repaired a month ago – repair failed. New weight limit sign on Moss Lane has been hit.
 Woodlands Crescent/the Belfry field access – An email had been received from a resident. Cllr Cooper will action.

11. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

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| HLVH OSH water | £479.82 | |
| Campbell's – Play Area maintenance | £365.00 | |
| Peter Hamilton NP | £620.00 | |
| BDI Structural Surveys | £1,440.00 | |
| Clerk Salary & expenses | £1,618.51 | |
| Stamps and envelopes for NP | £153.18 | |
| Campbell's OSH garden | £90.00 | |
| ScottishPower | £54.80 | |
| ScottishPower | £47.47 | |
| Mustang Digital NP printing | £883.76 | All agreed |

12. Climate Change and Environment Committee

Mr Hennerley will arrange a meeting when possible.

13. Cycling and Walking Initiative

Minutes of the meeting on 3 March had been circulated.

14. Matters Arising and Reports from Councillors

- i. Utilities – nothing to report
- ii. OSH – nothing to report.
- iii. HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that the committee were looking at a range of social activities.
- iv. Bus – ongoing. The CE Transport survey end date is now 31 March.
- v. Broadband – Vispa were offering full fibre to premises and were asking residents to sign up to get a gigabit voucher before 31 March.

15. Date of next meeting: Annual Meeting on Monday, 17 May at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.