

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 April 2022 at High Legh Village Hall

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Cooper and Parkinson

PCSO Emma Darroch reported no burglaries but a theft of a handbag from the Village Hall. Some Selecta DNA available. Requested a visit to the school and Woodlands Crescent re parking issues.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February were confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Business from parishioners

Air pollution - a request had been received for some vehicle idling signs outside the school to stop people sitting in their cars with their engines running whilst waiting for their children.

It was proposed to buy some signs to improve air quality.

Dropped kerbs – a request for some dropped kerbs had been received. Clerk to contact Cllr Parkinson.

Fence on the field between Pheasant Walk and the Golf Club – this field is private land belonging to High Legh Estate.

4. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that the Steering Group had its first meeting for a long time on 29 March and decided on the way forward to ensure that a Neighbourhood Plan is produced. The planning consultant had produced a 93-page document with all the comments and actions arising from the Regulation 14 consultation. These will be put on the website when he has made some amendments. A vote was taken on the option to take out the housing site allocation and the green belt proposals and only put in a number of policies relating to the quantity, type and siting of housing clearly arising from previous consultations. These however may not be legally enforceable if a developer came along. Reluctantly, the SG voted 5 for, 2 against with 1 abstention. It was agreed that the PC needed to ratify this decision.

Costs up to Regulation 15 will be approximately £5000. The fastest possible timetable would allow us to present to Regulation 15 consultation in September 2022 which could allow a Referendum in the first half of 2023.

Cllr Hind proposed, seconded by Cllr Wright, that the PC accept this compromised decision.

All agreed

5. Planning

The Planning Report had been circulated.

New applications:

22/0941M The Stables, Crabtree Lane

Redevelopment of existing site to provide one bungalow

6. Traffic Sub-Committee

Cllr Sykes proposed that the PC buy £800 worth of road signs. This was agreed.
Clerk to ask for a method statement for the work proposed on West Lane.

7. HS2

Cllr Hennerley reported that a response to the HS2 consultation on the Hybrid Bill had been submitted.

8. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Play Area – nothing to report.

Clerk had written to McDonalds about litter on the A50.

Cllr Wright said that the gutters from the Village Hall to Crabtree Lane need brushing.

Land on corner of North Drive – the owners have lodged an objection to the TPO. Clerk to contact CE as this tree and piece of land is of community value. It was suggested that the PC offer to buy the land.

9. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Scottish Power	£137.95
HLVH room rent	£22.50
HLVH OSH water charge	£547.87
Clerk's salary and expenses for 3 months	£1645.57
Gala Tents	£2229.87
Defibrillator battery and pads	£316.00
Scottish Power	£81.07
Peter Hamilton	£630.00
D Thomason	£111.00
Royal Mint	£1750.00
Campbells	£135.00
Simpkins	£842.40
B Field	£116.53
B Field	£132.00
HLVH room rent	£25.00
2022/23	
ChALC subscription	£508.32
Willstack Furniture	£652.80

All agreed

Standing Orders, Risks Assessments and Business Continuity Plan

Cllr Ruddock proposed that all these be accepted, Cllr Morton seconded, and all agreed.

10. Climate Change and Environment Working Group

Cllr Hennerley reported that a meeting will be held after Easter. The Plastic Free Group are having a Sunday Teas as part of the accreditation is to raise some money.

About 70 people had helped plant 600 trees on land owned by High Legh Estate.

11. Cycling & Walking – nothing to report

12. Communications Committee

Mr Braddock reported that he now had 3 quotes for a new website and requested that the budget be increased to £1500. Clerk will contact the CA to ask if they want to be part of the PC website or have a separate one. Mr Braddock offered to attend a CA meeting.

Cllr Hind proposed that we move forward with Aubergine. This was agreed. Mr Braddock to contact them to ask for a mock-up.

13. Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2 June

Minutes of the meeting on 15 March had been circulated. The Clerk presented the estimated costs which were agreed. The CA will be contributing.

14. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) Utilities UU Wastewater 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. Cllr Cooper and the Clerk met with UU at the site. UU will be holding an exhibition at the Village Hall and sending letters to residents.
- ii) Old School House – Cllr Sykes reported that a quote had been received for decorating. It was decided to get some of the walls replastered beforehand. Clerk will obtain a quote.
- iii) School – Newsletter had been circulated. The children had planted 160 trees, one for each child.
- iv) HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that a very good Curry & Quiz night had been held on 18 March. A fence will be installed in the courtyard and people have been tidying the yard up. Sunday Teas starts on 1 May.

15. New Business

- i) CE Speed Limit Consultation - noted
- ii) Community Governance Review – noted
- iii) NALC letter to smaller councils – noted
- iv) Ukrainian Refugees – Lymm have set up a group and asked for someone to co-ordinate in High Legh. Cllr Hennerley had volunteered.

16. Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 16 May at 7.30 p.m.

Followed by the Annual Meeting.

Meeting finished at 10.00 p.m.