

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on **Monday 17 May 2021** at High Legh Village Hall

Present: M Cooper (Chairman)
B Adams
T Harrison
N Hennerley
J Morton
S Ruddock
J Sykes
J Tuck
R Wright
Borough Cllr K Parkinson

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk) and A Braddock
Apologies: Lord Grey and Mrs Batchelor

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Cooper was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Sykes.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Sykes was proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Wright.

3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Councillors and the Clerk signed the forms

4. Code of Conduct

Cllr Hennerley completed the Register of Interest form.

5. Finance - Audit

Appointment of Internal Auditor - Mark Stant of Davidson Stant, had agreed to continue. The accounts were accepted and signed. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 for the External Auditor was signed.

6. Appointments

Appointment of Planning Committee:

Cllr Cooper (Chairman)
Cllr Ruddock
Cllr Sykes

Appointment of Finance Committee:

Cllr Tuck (Chairman)
Cllr Adams
Cllr Cooper
Cllr Wright

Appointment of Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee:

Cllr Harrison
Cllr Morton
Cllr Wright
Cllr Hennerley
Cllr S Ruddock
A Braddock
L Batchelor

Appointment of School House Committee:

Cllr Sykes (Chairman)
Cllr Wright

Appointment of Traffic & Highways Committee:

Cllr Sykes (Chairman)
Cllr Adams
Cllr Cooper A Braddock
Cllr Harrison L Batchelor
Cllr Ruddock
Cllr Wright

Appointment of Complaints Panel:

Cllr Tuck (Chairman)
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Cooper

Appointment of HS2 & NPR Committee

Cllr Adams (Chairman)
Cllr Ruddock
Cllr Sykes
Cllr Wright
Cllr N Hennerley

Appointment of Climate Change and Environment Committee inc. Plastic Free High Legh

Cllr Hennerley (Chairman)
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Morton
Cllr Cooper

Appointment of Communications Committee

Alex Braddock (Chairman)
Cllr Tuck
Cllr Adams
Lorraine Batchelor

Appointment of Cycling and Walking Committee representatives

Cllr Adams
Cllr Hennerley
Cllr Ruddock

Appointment of Police Liaison Officers: Cllr Morton

Appointment of Adviser: Lord Grey

7. Nomination of PC representatives on outside bodies:

CA Cllrs Morton and Harrison
High Legh Community Observatory Committee Cllr Harrison

All the above appointments were agreed.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Hennerley and Mr Braddock and Mrs Batchelor as co-opted non-voting members.

8. The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March were confirmed.

9. Declarations of Interest

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

10. Borough Councillor

Cllr Parkinson reported that CE Highways were introducing a pilot scheme for extra work which parishes require. Borough councillors will receive £4,200 per ward. Cllr Parkinson has 8 parishes in High Legh Ward. Cllr Cooper asked Cllr Parkinson to ask CE to prove there was value for money.

11. Planning

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

New applications:

21/1310M	High Legh School	Erection of a Multi-Use Games Area
21/2353M	9 West Hall Court	Proposal to erect a 0.6m trellis/horizontally slatted fence extension to the existing boundary wall and fence
21/2359M	Silent Valley Cottage Granthams Lane	Extension and alterations to dwelling
21/2553M	Dairy Farm	Listed Building Consent

12. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that at the end of March any unspent grant money had to be returned (£1600.16). A new grant will be applied for to cover the remaining work which we are committed to. The Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation started on 12 April and will be open until 30 May. 85 responses had been received to date. Some information had been circulated by an anonymous source which contained inaccuracies. The rules of consultation are that you put a draft document out for consultation, you make your best efforts to get responses and then when the consultation ends it is up to us to review every response and document how we respond. Cllr Adams proposed that we do this. Discussion followed and then it was agreed that the PC wouldn't respond now as there were too many inaccuracies to cover.

13. Traffic Sub Committee

Cllrs Sykes, Adams, Hennerley and Morton will attend the Highways Top Up Sessions. Cllr Ruddock will contact TWM re speed reports and ask about problems with VSAs. The mirror at the Village Hall had been adjusted so people can see to cross the road.

14. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Cllr Ruddock and the Clerk had met with an officer from Ansa to discuss the Play Area maintenance and improvements. Cllr Ruddock will ask parents what piece of new equipment they would prefer.

Access from Woodlands Crescent to the Belfry field - Cllr Cooper had spoken to a PROW officer from Cheshire East Council who confirmed that there is no PROW or easement or public access through the grounds of 34 Woodlands Crescent and that it is private property. Their recommendation to the resident is that should members of the public continue to cross the property that they should involve the police as it is a case of trespass and that their recommendation is that the boundary should be fenced to restrict access and secure the boundary. They are happy to consider a PROW as long as it can be proved that the route has been unchallenged over the last 12 years but that a PROW cannot just be access over the land of 34 Woodlands Crescent. Their estimate is that a PROW request could take 15-20 years to be actioned. Clerk to arrange for Cllr Cooper to meet the residents of 34 Woodlands Crescent.

Two fingerposts need restoration. The Clerk had received two quotes but they were quite expensive. Cllr Sykes will try to find someone to do the work.

- 15. HS2/NPR**
Cllr Hennerley is arranging two walks on 22 and 23 May along part of the route in High Legh.
- 16. Climate Change** – a meeting will be arranged.
- 17. Cycling & Walking**
Cllr Hennerley reported on the group's meeting. They would like 20mph zones on Candelan Way, Pheasant Walk and part of Wrenshot Lane.
- 18. Finance**
Accounts for Payment
RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:
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| Groundwork Grant repayment | £1600.16 | |
| Chalc Subscription | £511.56 | |
| Campbell's | £90.00 | |
- RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:
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| Davidson Stant | £186.00 | |
| Zurich Insurance | £714.41 | |
| Neil Worth | £120.00 | All agreed |
- 19. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors**
- i) Old School House – Cllr Sykes reported that the Structural Survey had been received and there was a large amount of work to be done which will need scaffolding. As the Village Hall needs some work it would be sensible to do both together. Quotes to be obtained.
 - ii) School Governors Report – Newsletter had been circulated.
 - iii) Parish Conference with CEC on 29 April – Cllr Adams reported that this covered Asset Transfer, Connecting Communities, Carbon Reduction and Highways Pilot scheme.
- 20. New Business**
CE Planning policy documents Consultation – noted.
CE Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy Consultation – noted.
- 21. Date of next meeting: Monday, 5 July at 7.30 p.m.**

Meeting finished at 10.10 p.m.