

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 September 2021 at High Legh Village Hall

Present: M Cooper (Chairman)
B Adams S Ruddock
N Hennerley J Sykes
J Morton J Tuck
R Wright Cllr K Parkinson (from 9pm)

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk), Lord Grey and 3 parishioners
Apologies: Cllrs Harrison and Hind, A Braddock and Mrs Batchelor

Councillors voted to approve Cllr Hind's absence due to a business meeting.

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 July were confirmed.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Wright for the Village Hall.

3. **Police**

In PCSO Emma Darroch's absence a PCSO from Knutsford attended. E-scooters had been reported.

4. **Business from parishioners**

Concern was expressed about a planning application on Northwood Lane.

Representations on safety on the A50 and access to the Belfry field were received from parishioners, it was agreed that the PC would write to Cheshire East expressing the concerns of the parishioners.

A letter had been received from a resident asking for a skate park – deferred to next meeting. During the M6 J19 night road closures HGVs on the A50 were causing disturbance.

5. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Adams reported that Peter Hamilton was having great difficulty getting through all the comments. We have been unable to apply for a grant from March 21-March 22.

6. **Planning**

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

New applications:

21/4495M	Land off Kay Lane	Conversion of existing buildings to residential use
21/4155M	East Hall Cottage 16 West Hall Court	Alteration for parking arrangements. One single garage space provided instead of 2 internal garage parking spaces. 3 external spaces provided. Existing front door relocated.
21/4084M	Bears Paw Farmhouse	Front ext to side storeroom, bay window to side bathroom, timber cladding to house and annex, additional windows and roof windows.
21/3705M	29 Robert Moffat	Two storey extension to sides.
21/3638M	Broad Oak Farm, Peacock Lane	Demolition of existing stables and erection of ancillary living space to provide home office and entertainment space.

There were a lot of undecided applications.

Clerk had written to Esther McVey, MP about prior approvals. A reply had been received from the Minister of State for Housing.

7. Traffic Sub-Committee

Cllr Sykes will organise for the site for the mobile SID to be prepared and contact TWM.

8. HS2/NPR

Cllr Hennerley reported that HS2 had held webinars and an information event at the Village Hall. There was a debate taking place following a petition "Stop work on HS2 immediately and hold a new vote to repeal the legislation". Cllr Parkinson had met with some MPs and asked for support.

9. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Play Area – Cllr Ruddock proposed that two pieces of equipment, a Bubble Tunnel and a Tunnel Net should be ordered through Ansa with S106 funds. Cllr Wright seconded and all agreed.

Access from Woodlands Crescent to the Belfry field - Cllr Cooper reported that quotes were being sought from land surveyors.

10. Finance

As our present bank doesn't do online dual authorisation, Cllr Tuck proposed that the Clerk is authorised to move the PC account to Unity Trust Bank. All agreed.

Letter from HLCA trustees had been received with four requests:

- 1 Fire Safety Inspection costs – agreed
- 2 Structural survey costs – invite CA to Finance Meeting
- 3 Street Champions Afternoon Tea – agreed to pay 50%.
- 4 Outdoor space – Clerk to write to the tenants

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Campbell's	£135.00
HLVH rent	£55.00
Campbell's	£90.00
ScottishPower	£98.35

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

Parish Online	£118.80	
Clerk's salary and expenses	£1,587.05	
B Field	£1,992.00	All agreed

- 11. Climate Change and Environment Committee** – Notes of the meeting held on 6 July and 9 September had been circulated. A Plastic Free High Legh event will be held on 3 October at the Farmers Market.

- 12. Cycling & Walking** - next meeting on 14 September.

13. Communications Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 26 July had been circulated. Alex Braddock was arranging meetings with developers.

14. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) Utilities – Clerk had written to SP Energy to complain about the four outages in August.

The one on 8 August was due to a tree growing through the overhead line which has now been cut back. The others were due to wildlife coming into contact with the overhead line.

UU were working on a broken sewer pipe in the middle of Pheasant Walk.

- ii) Old School House – Cllr Sykes reported that some structural repairs had been carried out.
- iii) HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that a very successful Family Fun Day and Dog Show had been held on 11 September. An afternoon tea is being held to thank the Street Champions for their work during the pandemic.
- iv) Bus – CE Bus Service Improvement Plan. Cllr Hennerley will draft a response.
Cllr Parkinson is working with CE to arrange a meeting with Trafford BC to try to get a bus to Altrincham reinstated.

15. New Business

- i) Community Asset Transfer Policy – noted
- ii) Community Governance Review – proposal to keep High Legh the same.
- iii) Manchester Airport Future Airspace Consultation Update – noted
- iv) Request for a waste bin – Cllr Parkinson will ask CE.

16. Date of next meeting: Monday, 1 November at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 10.30 p.m.