

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 December 2022 at High Legh Village Hall

Present:

M Cooper (Chairman)	S Ruddock
B Adams	J Sykes
T Harrison	J Tuck
N Hennerley	R Wright
J Morton	

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk), and 2 parishioners

Apologies: Cllr W Hind, Cllr Parkinson, Lord Grey, Mrs Batchelor and Mr Braddock

The meeting was delayed as some councillors had attended the licensing of Rev Clare Leal.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October were confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wright for the Village Hall and Cllr Harrison for HS2/NPR

3. Business from parishioners

Q. I wondered if the council could look into some speed restrictions and signs on Pheasant Walk. I've lived at Thyme cottage for 6 months now and every day the number of vehicles that fly up and down the road terrifies me. Especially with the nursery being there too. It's an accident waiting to happen. Is there anything we can do? Maximum speed should surely only be 20 mph but I know a lot of vehicles do more than that. Minibuses and vans seem to be the worst.

A. 20mph item 14vi on the agenda.

Q. This year's list of power drops (to date). It is not acceptable that just because it 'resets & returns' everything is OK. Also, not everything self recovers. I have equipment that needs physically restarting or, for example, house heating programming losing its date and time settings. Desktop PCs typically don't power back on either. I would like you to ask for a comparison with other urban and rural areas. I would also like to see a design proposal to provide resilience for High Legh.

A. Clerk to contact SP although not in the PC's remit.

Q. Request for new grit bin at Candelan Way.

A. This was a bin given to us a few years ago. As it doesn't meet CE's criteria they won't replace it. A councillor said that the gritter comes in and out of Candelan Way.

4. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that the planning consultant had not yet completed work on the consultation responses and a version of the NP with no or limited housing policies. No further work will be done until March. It was agreed to carry over the budget to the next financial year.

5. Planning

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

New applications:

22/4430M	Swineyard Lodge, Moss Brow Lane	Proposed erection of oak framed car barn
22/4475M	21 Egerton	Front and rear extension with internal and external changes throughout.

6. Traffic Sub Committee

Top Up scheme – still awaiting quotes from Highways.

Cllr Sykes will monitor the speed sign on A50.

Swineyard Lane – a number of complaints have been made about the state of the road, the number of lorries and speed. Cllrs Cooper and Sykes to visit the site.

7. HS2/NPR

Cllr Hennerley reported that a meeting had taken place with HS2 Petition staff and traffic flow was discussed, particularly Peacock Lane.

8. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Play Area - two new benches had been ordered.

9. Finance

A Finance Committee meeting had been held on 15 November. The draft Budget had been circulated. Cllr Tuck proposed that the Precept remain the same at £12,500, seconded by Cllr Wright and agreed.

£7,511 S106 money available to spend on outdoor sports facilities, additions, improvements and enhancement of High Legh Playing field and open space for pitch/kick about improvements. Cllr Ruddock to investigate.

Cllr Cooper proposed, seconded by Cllr Sykes that the Old School House rent would not be increased at present. Defer for 6 months. All agreed. Clerk to inform the letting agent.

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Campbells	£135.00
HLVH room rent	£55.00
TC Flowers	£40.00
Gary Percival	£540.00

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

D Walker	£2365.91
HLVH room rent	£42.50
ScottishPower	£251.04
Campbells	£110.00
ScottishPower	£94.37
N Worth	£220.00
Aubergine	£120.00
ICO	£40.00

All agreed

10. Climate Change

Minutes of the meeting on 28 November had been circulated. HighLegh23 Environment Hub has been set up. First talk on Renewable Energy in the Home on 26 January at 7pm at the Garden Centre. Register to be part of the Hub by sending your name and email address to HighLegh23EnvironmentHub@gmail.com.

Plastic Free High Legh – Cllr Hennerley is progressing with business champions and allies.

11. Cycling & Walking – nothing to report.

12. Communications Sub-Committee

Progress was being made on setting up a new website.

13. Queen's Green Canopy Mr Braddock to report.

14. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) High Legh School – The Headteacher has managed to get an After School Club.
- ii) HLCA – AGM on 27 November. Unfortunately there were not enough attendees for a quorum. A special meeting will be called to do this.
Two quotes for heating the Annex had been received. Clerk to send to all councillors.
- iii) Police – PCSO Chloe Shore had attended the Coffee and Friendship and met residents. Her first surgery will be held at the Village Hall on 20 December at 1pm.
- iv) 20s Plenty for Cheshire East – Cllr Hennerley proposed that the Parish Council support the campaign for Cheshire East but the motion failed. Cllr Hennerley to reconsider the wording of the motion to make it relevant to High Legh and to take it up with the Traffic Sub-Committee.

15. New Business

- i) Coronation event – Clerk to set up a meeting.
- ii) Meeting to be arranged with Cllr Cooper and Rev Leal.
- iii) Land on the corner of Pheasant Walk/North Drive – Cllr Tuck had tried several times to contact the agent but no response.

16. Date of next meeting: Monday, 30 January at 7.00 p.m.

Police Commissioner Mr John Dwyer will be attending.

Meeting finished at 10.00 p.m.