

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 March 2023 at High Legh Village Hall

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

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk), Lord Grey, Mrs Batchelor, Rev Leal and 2 parishioners
Apologies: Cllrs Cooper and Harrison , Cllr Parkinson and Mr Braddock

Cllr Hennerley introduced Diana Davey from 20s Plenty and Borough Cllr Suzie Akers Smith. Diana Davey explained the purpose of the motion to ask Cheshire East to adopt 20s Plenty across the whole of the borough which she asked the Parish Council to approve, changing 30mph areas to 20mph. Cllr Akers Smith explained CE position. Discussion followed. Cllr Hennerley said that he would suggest the Belfry estate and the Pheasant Walk estate roads could be 20mph. Some councillors felt that it would be spending money on a problem that High Legh doesn't have. Our priorities are speeding on West Lane and the A50 and the outlying lanes. Cllr Akers Smith said that Tom Moody is the new CE Director of Highways & Transport. Cllr Hennerley will speak to Diana Davey to agree the wording of a motion to put to the Traffic Subcommittee before Council. Cllr Sykes thanked them for coming and giving their time.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 January were confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Wright for Village Hall

3. Business from parishioners

A parishioner asked about a rally around Moss Lane at the weekend. Cllr Sykes said it is an annual event of Cheshire Car Club. Contact information to be sent. An email had been sent to the Clerk about the state of Swineyard Lane. Refer to CEC. Another 2 emails had been received complaining about Dobb Lane being closed.

4. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that the planning consultant had completed the document summarising the Reg 14 responses and putting together some suggestions for a Neighbourhood Plan with the housing taken out. (864 pages) He has had some discussions with CE Planning about the way forward and the guidance at present is that we will not need to repeat Reg 14 but some reports will have to be repeated. Cllr Hind offered to look at the Plan. Thanks were given to Cllr Adams for all the work he has done.

5. Planning

The Planning Report had been circulated.
New applications:

23/0725M	Keepers Cottage, Moss Lane	Demolition of lean-to structure to create new extension for breakfast/dining space
23/0711M	Side Lodge, West Lane	Proposed single storey side extension and removal of side veranda
23/0679M	7 Kinderton Close	Single storey side extension and front porch

Cllr Sykes reported on Six56. The Secretary of State will decide.

6. Traffic Sub Committee

The work on siding out of the A50 will be done shortly.

7. HS2/NPR

Cllr Hennerley reported that we have been given the date of 5 June to put our petition to the members of the Select Committee. It was agreed that the PC would pay expenses for the two councillors attending.

8. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Cllr Ruddock had asked for suggestions to spend the S106 money on the Belfry field.

Cllr Morton had been asked by dog walkers if the A50 field could be fenced off to provide a safe dog walking area. This is a playing field owned by Cheshire East.

9. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

HLVH room rent	£27.50
OSH Gardener	£110.00
CAB contribution	£445.00
P Hamilton NP	£1000.00
Northwich TC benches	£2060.40
Clerk salary & expenses	£2065.16
HLVH room rent	£15.00
ScottishPower	£90.27

All agreed

10. Climate Change

Minutes had been circulated.

11. Cycling & Walking – nothing to report

12. Communications Sub-Committee

The Clerk had sent a link to the new website which should be going live next week. Some changes were suggested.

13. Queen's Green Canopy

Lord Grey offered to plant an oak tree in the Chapel grounds.

14. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that the CA had sent a draft leaflet asking for help for councillors to comment. The leaflet was agreed.

15. New Business

- i) Coronation event – A meeting date was arranged.
- ii) Land on the corner of Pheasant Walk/North Drive – Cllr Tuck had tried several times to contact the agent but no response.
- iii) May Elections – Clerk distributed election forms to be returned by 20 March.
- iv) Police reported 4 x RTC, suspicious vehicle/person, 2x burglaries in January/February.

16. Date of next meeting: Monday, 3 April at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 9.45 p.m.