

# ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the above Council held at Saughton Village Hall on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.15pm**

**1. Present:** Cllr P. Cummins - Chairman (Aldford), Cllr M. Davies - Vice Chairman (Saughton), Cllr D. Weaver (Aldford), Cllr A. Cotton (Lea Newbold), Cllr J. Roscoe (Aldford), Cllr Barry Roscoe (Buerton), Cllr. N. Goodwin (Saughton)

**In Attendance:** Mr. T. Birtles – (Eaton Estate)  
Cllr H. Greenwood (CWAC)  
Mrs C. Taylor - (Clerk to ASPC)  
Cllr R Shelton – Huntington Parish Council.  
1 member of the public.

**Apologies:** None received

Cllr R Shelton representing Huntington Parish Council presented a cheque for £1000 as a grant donation towards Saughton car park. Cllr Shelton was thanked and left the meeting.

The Chair reported that Cllr S Cummins had resigned her position as Councillor with immediate effect and that a letter of acceptance expressing the Parish Councils thanks for her invaluable services over the years had been sent.

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### **2. General Public Speaking Time**

(i) Saughton school car park: Concern raised regarding the village hall car park being heavily used and abused. The estate reported that planning was now approved with £50k ring-fenced funding from the estate. Forward progress waiting on consent from the school/ Governing body.

(ii) Operation Shield: Noted: PC Gigg aware and dealing with any properties yet to receive a kit. There were also some spare kits for use as and where needed.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have had in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011. None made.

### **4. Community Safety**

No police presence. Any concerns raised under Item 2 on the agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of the above council held on 3rd May 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. Proposed: Cllr Cotton. Seconded: Cllr Davies.

### **6. Matters Arising**

(i) **Speed assessments:** Noted: Cllr Greenwood advised that the request for a 20mph zone around all 3 schools could be met, it would not be this year but it was on the 2018 list.

The clerk reported that Highways had apologised but due to demands on their service the Aldford and Saughton PC request for an extended assessment had been pushed back to September/October.

**(ii) Dog bin:** An additional bin had been requested for Aldford on the footpath to the river at Nursery Cottage. CwAC had advised that they would monitor the area to see if a bin was warranted. Cllr Greenwood asked Clerk to forward the correspondence to him and he would speak to CwAC.

**iii) HGVs in Saughton:** Resident in Chapel Lane had reported that the problem appeared to have been resolved.

**iv) Aldford Defibrillator:** Clerk had spoken to VHC member and given them details of NWAS to register. They had agreed to resite it in its same position externally in the original cabinet but it would be unlocked as the cabinet had had to be drilled to access the defibrillator. There had also then been a recall on the defibrillator. The Chair advised that it was still in the village hall. Clerk to speak to Leesa Davies again and push the repair.

## **7. Planning Matters**

### **Applications;**

**17/03126/CAT** The Mount Saughton Lane Saughton Chester Cheshire CH3 6EN Proposal: Cherry (Decei1-844) - fell due to defects that will cause early loss through failure. 14 August 2017

**17/03121/CAT** Water Tower Chapel Lane Saughton Chester Cheshire CH3 6EN Proposal: Lime (Decei1-828) - remove epicormics growth base and main stem to allow proper inspection. Sycamore (5D1-102) - fell to ground level due to defects and fungal colonisation that would cause early loss from collapse. 14 August 2017.

**17/01866/CAT** Dee View School Lane Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6HZ Proposal: Oak (Decei1-557) - fell due to decline and fungal colonisation which will lead to failure. Replant light standard within conservation area boundary 26 May 2017

**17/01869/CAT** Grosvenor Cottage the Hill Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6JG Proposal: Sycamore (Decei1-654) - fell due to significant faults and colonisation by Kretzschmaria duesta. 26 May 2017

### **Approvals;**

**17/02914/FUL** Demolition of existing farmhouse and erection of replacement farmhouse. Location: Lea Manor Farm Lea Lane Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6JQ 23 August 2017

**17/02951/FUL** The widening of existing shared vehicular access and relocation of the existing gates Brookfield Cottage and Wood Cottage Chester Road Buerton Chester Cheshire CH3 6JJ 22 August 2017

**17/02669/S73** Act 1990 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 17/00507/FUL in order to alter the route, through the adjoining field, to the construction compound 31 July 2017 Abbey Gate College Junior School The Old School School Lane Aldford Chester CH3 6HZ

**17/01962/LBC** Proposal: Strengthening of bridge foundations Location: Buerton Approach Bridge Chester Road Buerton Chester 21 June 2017

**7/00164/FUL** Abbey Gate College, Saughton. Refurbishment and extension of the existing VI Form building and single storey extension to science block. 10 August 2017.

**17/01534/LBC** The refurbishment and extension of the existing VI Form / Refectory (Stable Block) building to provide addition Social and Study space, Seminar Rooms and extended Refectory space area and dedicated welfare facilities for the kitchen staff. The extension of the Science Block to provide 2 Science Laboratory's with Prep Room and cloakroom facilities. Abbey Gate College Saughton Lane Saughton Chester CH3 6EN 11 August 2017

**16/04898/COU1** Factory Cottages, Chapel lane, Aldford. Change of use of land to create residential access with associated driveway and parking. 7 September 2017.

Update from the estate received regarding Dairy Farm Buildings and Greenlake barns developments. Proposal to form a panel (March 2018) consisting of 2 councillors and a Grosvenor Estate representative to consider shortlisted bids from prospective tenants. Nominations for Parish Council representatives to be held at next meeting.

## **8. Standing Considerations of any Highway Matters**

Concerns logged for clerk to report:

- i) Platts Lane: Branch on bend
- ii) raised kerb by church (Saighton)
- iii) Aldford Hall Lane: pothole on second bend
- iv) Aldford Bridge: pothole
- v) Between bridge and bus shelter Aldford: grid needs clearing.

## **9. Matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.**

- i) Temporary Road closure Saughton Lane, Waverton. 20 September 2017 for 5 days' maximum to enable tree works.
- ii) Received: Notice of Public Path Diversion Notice Footpath No 1 Aldford. Order made 4 May 2017.
- iii) Electoral review; Consultation closes 6 November 2017. Cllr Greenwood reported that there had been a slight amendment and the boundary affecting Aldford and Saughton would be staying as it was and in turn Cllr Greenwood would remain Ward Councillor for the parish.

## **10. Finance Matters**

- The Current Bank Acct balanced at £8326.90
- Donation of £1000 received from Huntington Parish Council towards Saughton car park.
- Clerks expenses of £59.43 were agreed.
- Clerks salary £237.12 paid.
- Second quarter payroll implementation fee paid £15.00
- VAT refund applied for and received £91.00.
- Cheque raised for £1.00 to Eaton Estate for Saughton bus shelter rental 18 August to 2017 to 17 August 2018.
  - Precept for 2018/2019 will be set at next meeting.
  - Grant funding: Approved £222 from ChALC to cover annual website renewal.
  - External Audit: Still awaited back.
  - Bank signatories: noted: following the resignation of Cllr S Cummins these would need amending. Cllr B Roscoe agreed to become a signatory alongside current signatories Cllr P Cummins and Cllr D Weaver. Bank to be asked to send statements to Clerk going forward. Clerk to ask Cllr S Cummins to liaise with bank to relinquish her position as signatory.

## **11. Correspondence and Invitations**

- (i) Letter received from AON Insurance advising that they were ceasing involvement in the Local Councils market and would not be inviting renewal at the next renewal date (1 June 2018).

**(ii)** Letter received from BHIB Insurance Brokers who will handle the next PC policy renewal confirming that the coverage and premium for the next renewal would remain the same at renewal in June 2018.

## **12. Any other Business**

- (i) Marathon: Noted: To take place 8 October 2017.
- (ii) Aldford street lighting: Clerk to ask Kevin Harding to clean the 4 lights.
- (iii) Hedges: The Estate confirmed that hedges would be cut.
- (iv) Broadband: Noted: A cabinet was already insitu in Aldford and a further cabinet was to be sited between Christleton and Saighton.

## **13. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Aldford Village Hall**