

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the above Council held at SAIGHTON VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 14 March 2018 AT 7.15 PM.

1. Present: Cllrs P Cummins (Chair), M Davies, J Roscoe, D Weaver, N Goodwin, A Cotton, T Birtles.

In Attendance: PCSO J Hurst, 2 members of the public, Mrs C Taylor (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr B Roscoe, Cllr H Greenwood.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Member of the public attended to talk about the following:

Abbey Gate College: Concern was raised regarding planning procedures and in particular with regard to Abbey Gate applications.

Resolved: Cllr Birtles to speak to Abbey Gate regarding traffic management and to look into any planning permission restrictions on opening hours/light emission for the floodlit sports facility. Clerk to ask Planning why resident was not consulted over applications.

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.

a) PCSO Hurst gave a general update from the police:

The Crime Commissioner had moved some police boundaries and going forward Farndon ward was going to be linked with Huntington, Eccleston and Dodleston.

Issues raised:

Saighton Village Hall: Cars were parking at the junction.

Resolved: Police would advise if the issue persisted after the opening of the new car park.

Abbey Gate: Coaches were parking in volume at certain times and in some instances all day

Resolved: Clerk to seek advice from Highways.

Aldford car park: cars using it overnight.

Resolved: Police to monitor.

Tug of War: A request was made to hold a Tug of War over the bridge.

Resolved: Clerk to seek advice through 101.

5. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2017.

Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr D Weaver Seconded Cllr A Cotton.

6. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Speed assessments update: Noted: Highways had previously advised that the outcome of the assessment was to reduce the speed limit to 50mph as none of the criteria were met for a lower limit. A final report was to be submitted to their area office and it would be added to their works programme. Cllr Greenwood had been able to request £750 from his Members Budget towards the scheme and this would be held over until the works were carried out. Resolved: Clerk to ask Highways again to confirm an actual costing.

ii) Dog bin at Radley Lane update: CwAC had previously advised that they hadn't noticed a need in the area and Operations had been asked to monitor the area to see if a bin was warranted. Further complaints of discarded dog bags were received from residents.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with CWAC again.

iii) Defibrillator: Noted: The AVHMC had expressed their frustration regarding the slow progress in resolving the issue of the broken defibrillator cabinet. The defibrillator was currently still inside the hall and therefore inaccessible when the hall was locked.

Resolved: Cllr Weaver to ask Leesa Davies (AVHMC) to contact Cllr Goodwin who would assist/advise.

iv) Street lighting Aldford: Cllr Birtles advised that Kevin Harding had now cleaned the street lighting.

v) Saughton Car Park: Cllr Birtles confirmed that following a delay the works were now back on schedule and should be complete within 3 to 4 weeks. The school would be responsible for lock/open up and maintenance.

Resolved: Clerk to ask Highways/Cllr Greenwood if the 20mph scheme could be brought forward to link in with the opening of the new car park.

vi) Sandy Lane: Highways had advised that the site was inspected and jobs raised for more than 30 patches in October 2017 for those defects assessed as being at or close to intervention level and that records showed works as complete.

Resolved: Clerk to request that Highways revisit as there is still work to be done.

vii) Poppies on lamp posts Remembrance 2018

Resolved: To ask Cllr Greenwood to update at next meeting.

7. PLANNING

To note any recent decisions made by Cheshire West and Chester on planning applications in the parish, and to consider any new applications received.

Applications:

17/05137/FUL Lea Mosses Farm, Lea Lane. Demolition of existing outbuildings, erection of new feed store, creation of a modified access, removal of pond, creation of a new silage clamp.

17/05415/LBC and 17/05414/FUL Newbold House Platts Lane CHE 6EY Conversion of existing outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation.

18/00641/S73 Lea Manor Farm Variation of Condition 2 on 17/02914/FUL to remove garage, relocate replacement dwelling and amendments to the terraced area around the dwelling.

Approvals:

16/03842/FUL Green Lake Barns, Aldford Variation to Condition 2 (Relocation and amendments to mower store and parking spaces, removal of bin store). Erection of bin store to serve development.

17/04606/LBC Buerton approach Bridge, Chester road Strengthening of western wingwall foundations and repointing cracks.

8. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Members may inform the Clerk of any issues regarding highways and footpaths.

Potholes reported from last meeting/ progress not reported:

- (i) School Lane outside No 10.
- (ii) Outside Aldford Hall Farm
- (iii) Outside Bridge Cottage near Bruera Lodge

Works required:

- (i) Drain/ grid by Aldford bus shelter at the bridge in need of jetting. Clerk to request.
- (ii) School Lane: "Slow" signage on tarmac needs repainting. Clerk to request.

(iii) 10 School Lane: Separate electricity meter needed for street lighting. Cllr Birtles to raise through estate.

Issues raised:

i) Slow signs required at Creamery Cottage, Chapel Lane.

Resolved: Cllr Birtles to speak to Helena Crawford/Highways.

ii) Vehicles going through hedge at Bruera Lodge, Platts Lane.

Resolved: Clerk to report to Highways.

9. MATTERS RELATING TO CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL.

i)Received: Electoral Review of Cheshire West and Chester: Final recommendations. Letter from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England enclosing a copy of the final recommendations.

ii)Received: A response from the Waste and Streetscene Commissioner to Cllr H Greenwood stating that the issue of litter being left on the streets from bin collection lorries would be addressed with collection contractors.

iii)Received: Public Space Protection Order Consultation relating to the control of dogs across Cheshire West and Chester.

10. FINANCE MATTERS.

To approve the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered, to note any receipts and to receive details of current balances.

i) The current account balanced at £9382.72 as at 5 January 2018

ii) Reserve Account £502.93 as at 3 November 2017

iii) Precept: the confirmed precept of £2500 for 2018/19 equated to a Band D charge of £12.17 (an increase of 31.7% (£2.93) from the 2017/18 charge).

iv) Cheque raised for £4000 to Grosvenor Estate in relation to the car park at Saighton.

v)Clerks salary £483.60.

vi)Payroll services £15

vii)Clerks expenses £52.26.

viii)Cheque raised for ChALC for £222 as a refund for an additional amount erroneously credited to the Parish Council account.

ix)Bank signatories: Mandate received from Cllr B Roscoe. (The authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended).

Proposed Cllr J Roscoe Seconded Cllr D Weaver

x)Cheque raised for £25 to each of Bruera and Aldford churches for annual grounds maintenance grant.

xi) Cheque raised for £5 to AVHMC for room hire.

11. CORRESPONDENCE AND INVITATIONS

None not already referred to.

12. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018 AT 7.15PM AT ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL. THIS WILL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.