

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the above Council held at ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.15 PM.

1. Present: Cllrs P Cummins (Chair), B Roscoe, J Roscoe, D Weaver, N Goodwin, A Cotton.

In Attendance: Cllr H Greenwood, T Birtles, PCSO J Hurst, C Taylor (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr M Davies

The clerk confirmed that confirmation had been received from Democratic Services that the Parish Council could go ahead and fill the current vacancy by co-option. Tom Birtles was co-opted with immediate effect. Proposed: Cllr A Cotton
Seconded: Cllr D Weaver.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Cllr Goodwin raised on behalf of a resident: issues connected with increased visitors to the village, some linked with Abbey Gate and the problems that were coming from this.

Agreed: Cllr Birtles to speak to Abbey Gate regarding signage as satnav information was directing drivers looking to access Abbey Gate to Mount Farm.

Noted: Cllr Birtles was aware of young trees having been vandalised in the wood adjacent to Mount Farm and advised that it seemed to have stopped. Agreed: Monitor situation.

Noted: Increase in dog walkers: Dog excrement on farmland is harmful to cattle and contaminates silage. Agreed: Monitor and report to CWAC when necessary.

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.

5. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2017.

Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr B Roscoe Seconded Cllr N Goodwin.

6. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Speed assessments update from Highways: Noted: Highways had 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 would be submitted to their area office and it would be added to their works programme. Cllr Greenwood advised that he hoped to be able to provide some funds from his Members Budget towards the scheme. Agreed: Clerk to request an actual costing.

ii) Dog bin at Radley Lane update: CwAC had advised that they hadn't noticed a need in the area but Operations had been asked to monitor the area to see if a bin was warranted.

iii) Defibrillator: Update from Leesa Davies received. The defibrillator was currently inside the village hall whilst the cabinet was being repaired. Leesa had agreed to post a message on the Village Hall noticeboard outlining where other defibrillators were in the village. It was noted that it was an issue that not all of these would be accessible 24/7 and that timing was of the essence when it came to using a defibrillator. Leesa had also confirmed that she had had contact with Physio Control and she felt the situation was finally moving forwards. Noted: Should the defibrillator be used it was necessary for the VHC to replace the pads when returned by the NWAS.

iv) Street lighting Aldford: Agreed: Cllr Birtles to remind Kevin Harding to clean the street lighting.

v) **Saighton Car Park:** Update received from Rupert Collis. Tenders were to be reviewed due to time lapse. Once costs had been reviewed the estate would set up a meeting with Shelley Evans to provide a more detailed summary of the programme and next steps. Delivery of project still targeted within this financial year, April 2018.

vi) **Traffic flow:** Cllr Birtles reported that the estate was looking at both residential traffic flow throughout Aldford village and commercial (although at an earlier stage).

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;

17/04635/FUL Green Lake Barns Green Lake Lane Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6HW Proposal: Erection of bin store to serve development approved under Planning Application 16/03842/FUL Comment by: 1 December 2017

16/03842/FUL Reference Number: 17/04636/S73 Green Lake Barns Green Lake Lane Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6HW Proposal: Variation to Condition 2 (Relocation and amendments to mower store and parking spaces, removal of bin store). Comments by: 1 December 2017

17/04356/CAT The Old Rectory Church Lane Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6JE Proposal: Ash (Decei1-792) - fell due to defects that would lead to early loss through collapse. Replant with light standard within conservation area boundary. Ash (Decei1-794) - significant overall reduction throughout to reduce loading to defect base main stem. Ash (D2-354) - significant overall reduction throughout to reduce loading. Lime (Decei1-796) - remove epicormic growth base, main stem to enable inspection. Comments by 3 November 2017

17/04606/LBC Buerton Approach Bridge Chester Road Buerton Chester Cheshire Proposal: Strengthening of western wingwall foundations and re-pointing cracks Comments by: 20 November 2017

11 Church Lane Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6JD Proposal: Felling of 2 x Apple trees (Decei1-602 and Decei-600) due to significant decay which will lead to early loss through collapse comments by: 13 December 2017

APPROVALS;

16/04898/COU 7 September 2017 Proposal: Change of use of land to create residential access with associated driveway and parking Location: 1 Factory Cottages Chapel Lane Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6EX

17/03372/FUL Proposal: Erection of stables and creation of 25m x 50m manage Location: Lea Hall Farm Lea Lane Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6JQ

8. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY HIGHWAY MATTERS.

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

Potholes 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.

- (ii) School Lane: "Slow" signage on tarmac needs repainting.

9. MATTERS RELATING TO CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL.

i) Reminder received that the deadline for comments on the Local Government Boundary Review's draft recommendations was **6 November 2017**

ii) The next stage of the 2018 Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review was published on **Tuesday 17 October 2017**. This review was being run by the Boundary Review for England Commission and was put on hold earlier in the year due to the General Election held in June 2017. The proposals and maps for the nine English regions had been published on the Boundary Review's website. The eight-week public consultation period would run until **11 December 2017**. This would be the final time the public would get a chance to give the Commission their views on the latest proposals before recommendations were reported to Parliament in September 2018.

iii) Local Plan Update (Part 2) Upcoming Consultation. Document was approved for consultation 29 November. Draft consultation would commence 11 December 2017 and end 29 January 2018.

iv) Letter from Connecting Cheshire received re Broadband Fibre roll out in Saighton.

v) Letter received from Highways re Public Footpath No 1 (part) Aldford. Notice of confirmation of Public Path Diversion Order.

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 £9319.10 as at 5 October 2017
- ii) Reserve Account £502.93 as at 3 November 2017
- iii) NatWest: Voucher statement services ceasing
- iv) Precept setting for 2018/2019. Agreed unanimously; £2500. Proposed Cllr B Roscoe Seconded Cllr D Weaver.
- v) External audit concluded with no outstanding queries.
- vi) Donation received from marathon organisers £125. Agreed: At next marathon request St Johns are relocated to the other side of the road by the brickyard gate.
- vii) Clerks salary £237.12 Agreed: Clerks weekly hours to be increased from 2 to 3. Proposed: Cllr J Roscoe Seconded: Cllr D Weaver.
- viii) Payroll services £15
- ix) Clerks expenses £30.76
- x) Cheque for web renewal agreed at last meeting needed second signature.
- xi) Bank signatories: Cllr B Roscoe to be additional signatory. Mandate to be completed at next meeting.
- xii) Yearly rent Aldford Bus Shelter £0.50

Proposed Cllr J Roscoe Seconded Cllr D Weaver

11. CORRESPONDENCE AND INVITATIONS

- i) Letter received from resident regarding poor condition of Chester Lane/Sandy Lane between the new housing development and Saighton village. Clerk had logged with Highways and requested an update. Agreed: Clerk to request update from Helena Crawford, Highways.
- ii) Notification received of external auditor appointments for 2017/18 financial year.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Poppies on lamp posts Remembrance 2018: Agreed: Cllr Greenwood to make enquiries regarding supply.

(ii) Flagpole: Cllr Cummins requested some thought be given to erecting a flagpole at a future date.

13. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018 AT 7.15PM AT SAIGHTON VILLAGE HALL