

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

PRESENT

Councillor L Barber, Chairman; Councillors J Batchelor, B Colclough, S Farrington, and A Malbon

Ralph Bason, Clerk;

Apologies –, A Curwen, S Hollinshead, R Moss, J Wray

21. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2021

22. CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL

The Council co-opted Angela Malbon to the Parish Council.

23. BUS SERVICES

The Council invited Mr D Poole and Ms S Helliwell, campaigners for improving bus services elsewhere in the area to speak to the Council about their work.

Ms Helliwell would raise concerns of the Council about the loss of bus services in Hassall Green when she attended the Planning and Community Committee of Alsager Town Council on 25 January, and would liaise with the Parish Council about progress.

It was agreed that Cheshire East Council be thanked for the work of the flexi-bus service in assisting users of their services.

24. FINANCE

Expenditure

The Council approved the following items of expenditure:

CPRE affiliation - £36

Clerk's Salary – 2 months @ £137.70 = £275.40

Clerk's expenses - Postage £3.30; Travel - £24 (attend meeting and to post notices).

Balances

The Council noted the current financial situation:

Current account - £ 11,575.79

Reserve account - £ £1,866.03

25. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following Planning Application which had been received for consultation purposes from Cheshire East Council:

21/5819C Boults Green Farm, Vicarage Lane, Betchton – Alterations and extension and Listed Building Consent – no objection.

26. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Council noted the following decisions made by Cheshire East Council:

21/2133C - Dean Hill Farm, Newcastle Road, Betchton, CW11 2TG - Listed building consent for removal of store/boiler and hopper room and the construction of a single storey sun room extension – undecided.

21/4439C – Land off Roughwood Lane, Hassall, CW11 4YA – Detached dwelling - undecided

21/4850D - Chells Hill Farm, Church Lawton - Discharge of conditions 3, 7, 10, and 12 of app 19/3856C - Erection of a single two-storey agricultural workers dwelling and single-storey farm office, associated access, car parking and ancillary infrastructure. This application has been approved - the conditions refer to materials, landscaping, drainage and provision for nesting birds - approved

21/5049C – 5 Betchton Road, Malkins Bank - Rebuilding of previously demolished house on end of terrace - undecided

21/5077C – New Inn, Newcastle Road - Outline planning permission for a 2 storey detached dwelling including a double detached garage - undecided

21/4850D - Chells Hill Farm, Church Lawton - Discharge of conditions 3, 7, 10, and 12 of app 19/3856C - Erection of a single two-storey agricultural workers - approved dwelling and single-storey farm office, associated access, car parking and ancillary infrastructure - approved

21/5648C – 34 Betchton Road, Malkins Bank – Outline for new dwelling – undecided.

21/5077C – New Inn, Newcastle Road - Outline planning permission for a 2 storey detached dwelling including a double detached garage – undecided.

27. PLANTERS AND SEATING

The Clerk undertook to ask Rowlinson's of Nantwich to provide costings of planters and benches for the area. It was also agreed to invite Hassall Parish Council to the next meeting to share ideas.

28. LITTER BINS

The Chairman confirmed that residents adjacent to proposed sites for bins in Charles Square were happy with the idea and it was agreed that Cheshire East Council be asked to provide detailed plans and prices.

29. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Council agreed to consider activities which might be undertaken to celebrate the Jubilee in June 2022. St Philip's Church and Hassall PC would be asked to consider joint celebrations.

30. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on correspondence from Cheshire Fire Authority consultation on its 2022-2023 Draft Annual Action Plan and the Police and Crime Plan for 2021-24.

Also, although the developers of the development at Roughwood Lane had informed the Council that its contractors had intended to reinstate the lane and reopen it before Christmas, absences of staff because of Covid 19 had delayed the contractors in this work.

31. REPORTS

Councillors reported on issues which they had dealt with. Councillor Malbon brought the Council up to date with issues about vandalism at the canal locks and of the condition of the play area near the canal.

Councillor Batchelor asked the Council to suggest that centre white lines be painted in Love Lane because of the increased volume of traffic there, and to ask the police to monitor the use of the lane by heavy goods traffic for which the road was deemed unsuitable.

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