

## BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

#### PRESENT

Councillors L Barber, Chair; Councillors B Colclough, A Curwen, S Hollinshead, S Farrington and A Malbon

Ralph Bason, Clerk;

Councillor R Holt (Hassall Parish Council)

Apologies : J Batchelor, R Moss, J Wray

#### 21. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022

#### 22. PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public raised matters relating to blocked gulleys, lack of a footway and a poorly sighted entrance to a car park. These matters would be raised with Cheshire East Council.

It was reported that the bus timetable at the bus stop at Betchton Road end was out of date. The Clerk would raise this with Cheshire East Transport Services.

#### 23. WEBSITE

The Council needed a new website.

Having considered four proposals, it was agreed that two companies be further approached and that the Council would approve one or other by agreement before the next meeting given the urgency of the matter.

#### 24. FINANCE

##### Expenditure

The Council approved the following items of expenditure:

Clerk's Salary – 2 months @ £140.06 = £280.13 + £23.70 (back-pay; cost of living increase agreed nationally from April 2021).

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

Insurance – Zurich insurance – £257.60

### Balances

The Council noted the current financial situation:

Current account - £ 11,236.54

Reserve account - £ £1,866.15

## 25. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

21/5819C Boults Green Farm, Vicarage Lane, Betchton – Alterations and extension and Listed Building Consent – undecided. (Note: listed building consent was agreed after the meeting on 21 March).

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

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

21/5648C – 34 Betchton Road, Malkins Bank – Outline for new dwelling – approved. The Council noted a number of conditions regarding ground levels, drainage and environmental matters.

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

## 26. PLANTERS AND SEATING

The Clerk undertook to ask Haslington Parish Council and Hassall Parish Council to provide details of the suppliers of the planters and seating in that parish in order to inform the Parish Council in its objective to put similar enhancements to the environment of Hassall Green and Malkins Bank.

## 27. LITTER BINS

The Chair reported that residents adjacent to proposed sites for bins in Charles Square were unhappy with the idea and it was agreed that the landowner of the area at the other end of the footpath be approached.

It was also agreed that a site at the canal-side at Malkins Banks be considered.

## 28. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Council agreed that events be held on Friday 3 June at Malkins Bank and on Saturday 4 June at Hassall Green. Members of the Council would meet to consider ideas and how to publicise these ideas and to engage members of the public. It was also agreed to ask Northwich Town Council to consider the display of bunting.

#### 29. CORRESPONDENCE

The developers of Cheshire House in Roughwood Lane had reported that following agreement with Cheshire East Highways, a tarmac company had been appointed to reinstate Roughwood Lane and Betchton Lane in Hassall and Hassall Green. It was intended that this would begin in April.

#### 30. REPORTS

Councillors reported on issues which they had dealt with.

On behalf of Councillor Moss, the Chairman reported on his attendance of the Police Liaison meeting.

..... (Chairman)

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