

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MAY 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

PRESENT

Councillors L Barber, J Batchelor, B Colclough, A Curwen, S Farrington and R Moss.

Ralph Bason, Clerk;

Six members of the public were in attendance.

1. CHAIRMAN

Councillor Curwen was elected Chairman for 2022-23

2. VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Batchelor was elected Chairman.

3. RETIREMENT

The Clerk reported that Mr Sydney Hollinshead had written to retire from the Council after 26 years. The Clerk would write to thank Mr Hollinshead for his service to the Council and the local community.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2022.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman invited electors of the Parish to speak on apposite matters. Concerns included the condition of gulleys in Hassall Green, the footway near Station House; the dangerous exit from the Salt Line Car Park; and the condition of the paintwork on the canal bridge. The Clerk undertook to raise these matters with the relevant authorities.

Concern was expressed about the apparent increase in volume and speeding of traffic through Hassall Green in recent years. It was agreed that Cheshire East Highways be asked to look into this.

The closure of Betchton Lane and Roughwood Lane to traffic to facilitate a development at Roddymore Mill had now extended to four years as opposed to the two years originally proposed. Cheshire East Council would be asked to explain the situation.

The Forum formed the basis of the Annual Parish Meeting for which due public notice had been published.

6. QUEEN ELIZABETH PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Council received reports prepared by the Chair (regarding Hassall Green), and Councillor Malbon (regarding Malkins Bank). Having considered the proposals, the Council agreed to host events in Hassall Green and Malkins Bank on 4 June to celebrate the jubilee.

Expenditure for music (£120), first aid (£175), bunting (£120.89), ribbons (£22.80) and a bouncy castle (£120) were all agreed. Other items such as food, prizes and souvenirs were approved and expenditure would be reimbursed at the next meeting.

The Council recorded the receipt of £1,000 as a donation for the celebrations from a local resident and the promise of £100 from Cheshire East Council Community Fund. One councillor also donated £40.

7. FINANCE

The Council approved the following items of expenditure:

Clerk's Salary – 2 months @ £140.06 = £280.13;

Clerk's expenses - Postage £3.30; Travel (to attend meeting and post notices)- £24; print toner - £17.00;

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – affiliation - £200.52;

Then Media regarding new website - £120.

8. BANK ACCOUNT

It was agreed that Councillor Curwen be added to the signatories of the bank account and that the clerk obtain the appropriate forms.

9. WEBSITE

The Clerk and Councillor Malbon reported that Then Media, the providers of the new website was currently inputting old data to prepare the new site.

10. PLANTERS AND BENCHES

It was agreed that price for the supply of planters and benches be circulated among members for agreement and supply in anticipation of approval at the next meeting; the Clerk would ask Cheshire East to assist.

11. LITTER BINS

It was noted that a bin had been put in place in Malkins Banks before consultation. Following complaints, and after discussions between the clerk and Cheshire East Council, the bin had been removed.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

a) Applications

To consider Planning Applications submitted to Cheshire East Council and referred to the Parish Council for consultation:

22/0883C and 22/1214C – Betchton Hall, Love Lane CW11 2TS - Proposed swimming pool and ancillary works together with Listed Building Consent – no objection.

13. 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 – approved.

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

21/5819C Boults Green Farm, Vicarage Lane, Betchton – Alterations and extension and Listed Building Consent – approved.

14. CONGLETON RECYCLING FACILITY

The Council agreed to support an approach from a member of Congleton Town Council for a replacement recycling site in Congleton.

..... (Chairman)

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