

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Councillors A Curwen, Chair, J Batchelor, B Colclough, S Farrington, A Malbon and R Moss
Ralph Bason, Clerk. Cheshire East Councillor J Wray

Apologies: L Barber

25. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022.

26. PUBLIC FORUM

The Council agreed to ask Cheshire East Council to contact a resident of Hassall Green regarding access by foot between Station House and Hassall Green Village.

The Council agreed to ask Cheshire East Council to consider providing a bus shelter at Betchton Road Corner.

27. CHILDRENS PLAYPARKS

It was agreed to raise concerns about the safety and general condition of Children's playgrounds in Hassall Green and Malkins Bank.

28. FINANCE

The following items of expenditure were approved:

Clerk's Salary – £151.31 = £302.62 + back-pay following nationally agreed increase from April - £67.50: total £370.12.

Clerk's expenses - Postage £2.42; Travel - £24 (attend meeting and to post notices).

St Philip's Church, Hassall Green for room hire for six meetings - £150.00

29. BUDGET 2023-24

The Council considered its budget for 2023-24. Having resolved a dispensation for Councillors to discuss financial matters in this respect it adopted a budget (appended to these minutes) and agreed to precept Cheshire East Council in the sum of £2,360 (being an increase of 2% to account for current inflation and being the first increase for three years).

The budget included provision for the installation of two defibrillators in the parish at an approximate cost of some £1,010.00.

30. PLANTERS AND BENCHES

It was agreed to purchase plants for a sum not exceeding £200 for the newly installed planters. The provider of the planters and benches had agreed to provide prices for further installations.

31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

22/3818C – Land off Chells Hill - Full planning application for periodic use of land on an annual basis (up to 56 days per calendar year) for moto-cross purposes, retention of hardstanding and access, access enhancements, and associated works – object because of noise intrusion and highway safety,

22/3284C – Roughwood, Roughwood Hollow, Hassall Green CW11 4XX- Extensions and remodelling of existing Dormer Bungalow – no objection.

22/3275C – 1 Cappers Lane, CW11 2TW - Contemporary single storey side extension, high quality dormer roof extensions and floorplan re-modelling to increase natural light – no objection.

32. WEBSITE

The Council was brought up to date with the use and maintenance of the website. Items of information for residents of the parish were to be added and links to useful organisations.

33. STANNERHOUSE LANE

It was agreed that a request be made to Cheshire East that suitable signs be erected to state that this lane was unsuitable for motor traffic.

34. CANALSIDE PARK, MALKINS BANK

It was agreed that Cheshire East Council be asked to site a 'no dogs' sign at this park.

35. FOOTWAYS

Concern was expressed about the condition of paved footways around the parish. As this was a common occurrence around Cheshire East, it was agreed to ask Congleton Town Council's works section if it could help out.

36. LOVE LANE FARM

It was reported that obtrusive floodlighting at Love Lane Farm was causing a traffic nuisance and it was agreed that this be reported to Cheshire East Council.

37. MICROPHONE

It was agreed that the Clerk look into the price of a microphone to assist in the conduct of parish council meetings.

38. BRIDLEWAYS

It was noted that there was a concern that some footpaths and bridleways were unrecorded, and so liable to be removed and it was agreed that should anyone be aware of an unrecorded path then they should inform the clerk.

39. WARMBANKS

The Chairman informed the Council of her work in contact with Social Services and that a grant of some £200 was available should a venue be identified which may help. It was agreed that St Philip's Church be approached with this in mind.

..... (Chairman)

..... (Date).