

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

PRESENT

Councillors A Curwen, Chair, J Batchelor, B Colclough, S Farrington, R Moss
Ralph Bason, Clerk.

John Wray, Cheshire East

Apologies: A Malbon

53. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2023.

54. PUBLIC FORUM

The Council agreed to ask again Cheshire East Council to consider improving access by foot between Station House and Hassall Green Village.

Residents of Dubthorn Lane in attendance informed the Council of the result of flooding in the area caused by a blocked culvert and the breaking of the adjacent brook banks. The Parish Council explained that while it had no direct influence in this situation, it would ask the Cheshire East Council to take action where it could. The residents were advised to contact the Environment Agency

55. FINANCE

(a) The Council approved the following items of expenditure:

Clerk's Salary – £151.31 (two months) = £302.62

Clerk's expenses - Postage £2.42; Travel - £24 (attend meeting and to post notices). Printer toner - £23

Council for the Protection of Rural England – membership - £35

Zurich Insurance - £257.60

(b) The Council noted the current balances of Current account - Current account - £8,716.29

Reserve account - £1,871.50 which included £4,000 ring-fenced infrastructure moneys.

56. PLANTERS AND BENCHES

It was agreed that consideration be given to siting planters near to Station House, Hassall Green.

57. DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that correspondence to provider had not been responded to. The Clerk would make further enquiries.

58. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council received information which had been imparted to the Clerk from Cheshire Highways that control of Roughwood Lane and Betchton Lane would be reverted to Cheshire Highways on 12 May.

59. CORONATION EVENTS

Request had been received for bunting to celebrate King's Coronation. This was not approved but it was agreed that Hassall Parish Council be approached to join in celebratory events.

60. COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIPS

The Chair reported that a grant to the Nature Reserve was under consideration.

61. POLICE

Councillor Moss attended a meeting on 13 March. A new Police Support Officer for the area, Amy Heath, had recently been appointed. It was noted that the crime rate in the area had been reduced considerably over the year.

62. HIGHWAYS

It was agreed that the Clerk report the poor condition of Newcastle Road to Cheshire Highways.

..... (Chairman)

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