

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 JULY 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

PRESENT

Councillors J Batchelor, B Colclough, A Curwen, S Farrington R Moss and A Malbon
R Bason, Clerk

15. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the area present asked that the Council take up issues including the weeds on footways in Malkins Bank which were currently slippery and dangerous, particularly by the canalside cottages.

A resident reported that blocked grids in Alsager Road, Hassall Green had been reported, but that because no response had been made and after flooding, residents had engaged private contractors to clear the grids.

The Council was requested to ask Highways England to investigate the cause of particular noisy traffic over the Hassall Green Bridge, whether this by potholes or grids as the traffic was unusually disturbing residents at night.

It was noted that signage at the junction of New Inn Lane had been reported to Cheshire East Council as being defective inasmuch as that in New Inn Lane was missing and that at Love Lane was upside down. Those signs present seemed to be obscured by vegetation.

16. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2023. These minutes included those of the public forum which served as the Annual Parish Meeting.

17. DEFIBRILLATORS

Although a site had been agreed for a defibrillator to be supplied in Hassall Green, quotations for supply had been greater than those for which had been budgeted. The Clerk would look for less expensive supplies.

A site had been identified at Malkins Bank.

It was agreed that suppliers be approached to supply defibrillators at both Hassall Green and Malkins Bank for no more than £2,000 each.

18. FINANCE

(a) Accounts The Council received the audited accounts for 2022-23 for submission for External Audit. Documents were approved for publication.

(b) Expenditure

Clerk's Salary – £151.31 (two months) = £302.62 Clerk's expenses - Postage £2.42; Travel - £22 (attend meeting and to post notice at Hassall Green).
Printer toner - £48.00

D Owen – internal audit - £110.00

Cheshire Community Action - £20.00

Compost for Planters at Malkins Bank - £18.00

19. PLANTERS

An estimate in the sum of £1,800 for the positioning of purchased planters and seating and filling at various locations in Hassall Green was received by the parish council.

It was agreed that a revised estimate be sought so that plants might be bought independently. It was also agreed that this revised price be agreed via email and phone to enable completion before the next meeting.

20. PLANNING

23/1882C - Flat 5, Tall Chimneys, Vicarage Lane

Four glamping pods for guest use with a storage hut, bike storage, recycling/waste facilities found at the existing parking/turning area. One parking bay per pod. Associated footpaths, minor landscaping, and a water treatment plant for on-site drainage. - no objection.

23/1939C - Oak Tree Farm, Cappers Lane

Erection of fence adjacent to the highway – no objection

23/2114C - The New Inn

Change of use including stone hard standing, and temporary racking and metal storage containers for scaffolding yard – to object on the listed grounds:

The site was close to a dangerous cross roads where there had been collisions over many years including fatal ones. The entrance and exit from this site would exacerbate the risks. The visibility splays onto a main road would appear to be inadequate. Right turn signage would need to be very specific for traffic from Sandbach to Newcastle as the junction with New Inn Lane was very few metres away. Enterprises such as this were inappropriate in a predominately agricultural setting. The application suggests that there would be up to 25 employees on site but there seemed to be no rest or toilet facilities provided.

(b) Decisions

22/3818C - Land East of Chells Hill, Church Lawton

Full planning application for periodic use of land on an annual basis (up to 56 days per calendar year) for motocross purposes, retention of hardstanding and access, access enhancements, and associated works – refused as the proposal was inappropriate within the Green Belt; and it would have a detrimental impact upon neighbours - refused

23/1592C – The Covert, Love Lane, Betchton - Proposed driveway gates, garden walls and extended driveway – undecided.

21. BUS SERVICES

The Council discussed and the Cheshire East consultation about bus support.

It was agreed to make a response on behalf of the parish council to ask in particular that a service be reinstated to serve Hassall Green and Day Green.

Councillors and residents of the Parish were encouraged to make individual comments.

22. CROWN DRIVE PARK, MALKINS BANK

It was agreed to ask Cheshire East Council to replace a broken steel litter bin with a safer plastic one and a seat for people looking after children at the playground at Crown Drive.

23. ROUGHWOOD LANE

It was noted that restoration of the lane was near completion although this seemed not to include the entire length of the lane.

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