

**HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021**  
**USING THE ZOOM PLATFORM**

**OPEN FORUM**

Before the official business of the Council commences there will a period of approximately 10 minutes for members of the public to have the opportunity to comment, and raise questions, on matters affecting the parish.

**PRESENT**

Cllrs. Hilary Wells (Chairman), Nigel Johnson, Rory Lea, David Mamwell, Karen Mamwell, Jon Mosley, Rosemary Thomas.

The Clerk. Ward Cllr Mike Jones. One member of the public attended.

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were declared.

**3. CASUAL VACANCIES**

The Clerk has informed CW&C of the two casual vacancies. The Notice of Vacancy of Office has been advertised and CW&C have confirmed that no election has been called therefore the Council can co-opt to fill the vacancies.

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to co-opt Jon Moseley to fill one of the current casual vacancies. Cllr Moseley is to sign the Acceptance of Office form.

Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Lea.

**4. MINUTES**

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Proposed by Cllr Lea and seconded by Cllr Wells.

The voting took place as follows:-

For:- Cllrs Wells, Johnson, Lea, D Mamwell, K Mamwell, Thomas.

Against:- None. Abstained:- Moseley.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

To Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and not covered by the Agenda.

There were no matters arising.

**6. HIGHWAYS**

6.1 Handley - to consider proposed reduction in speed limit through Handley village to 30 mph (Currently 40 mph):-

Update:-

The Clerk has written to CW&C to formally agree to part fund the cost of the reduction in speed limit through Handley village to 30 mph (currently 40 mph) and to request that CW&C proceed with the assessment.

CW&C have replied to advise that they have a backlog due to Covid related delays so it may be a while before they are in a position to share the findings.

Ward Cllr Mike Jones agreed to contribute 50% of the amount to be paid by the Council. There is an opportunity to apply for funding of up to £1,000.00 from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for a community based project. The funding would have to be matched i.e. £500.00 PCC and £500.00 Parish Council. A request has been sent for support to fund Handley speed limit reduction. The Clerk is to follow up the outcome with the police.

#### 6.2 Frog Lane Update:-

Several emails have been sent to CW&C to follow up the matter.

CW&C have emailed to apologise for the delay. In November, CW&C confirmed that the illegal connections on the highway drain had been removed to their satisfaction. Before Christmas works were undertaken before to jet the system to determine if the known blockage was passable and could be cleared. If successful it would mitigate the need to close Frog Lane to excavate the highway to replace the blocked section. Unfortunately, CW&C were unable to pass the blockage and works are currently being programmed to excavate to the blockage and to replace the section of drain.

CW&C understand the Council's frustration and agree that this issue has been particularly lengthy as CW&C secured the disconnection of the illegal connections. CW&C have asked for the works to be prioritised and are currently awaiting a date for the works.

#### 6.3 Verges in Milton Green:-

CW&C have replied to confirm that the hedge is included as part of CW&C maintenance and it is scheduled for an annual cut.

Update regarding the other issues raised with CW&C:-

- Bins: – this has been assessed before and it didn't meet the criteria to install a bin, CW&C have asked for this to be re-assessed.
- Litter not being collected on verges prior to cut: – CW&C have raised this with the highways team.
- Chapel Lane dog fouling:- CW&C enquired whether the Council would be interested in getting involved in the pink poo campaign.

#### 6.4 A41:-

CW&C are due to carry out a speed safety survey on the A41 from the Sainsburys roundabout to the border at Grindley Brook. This has been delayed due to Covid.

Christleton Parish Council have contacted the Council regarding the matter.

There are a number of other issues surrounding the A41 e.g. speeding, safety, potholes, verges, bins. Cllr Wells suggested that the Council form a working party to monitor issues and prepare a report detailing a list of requirements. Cllrs Wells, Lea, Johnson, Moseley and D Mamwell agreed to form the working party.

### 7. **FORMER CCP DEPOT**

CW&C have advised that the developer will shortly be meeting the planners for a pre-application discussion to iron out any concerns before submitting the application.

Depending on how the plans are received then an application should be submitted before Easter.

## 8. PLANNING

### 8.1 Planning Applications Received:-

20/04481/FUL - Demolition of existing barn and erection of a new dwelling at Holywell, Holywell Lane, Clutton, Cheshire CH3 9ET

Councillors viewed the planning documents and after a detailed discussion unanimously agreed NOT to support this planning application.

**Resolved:-** The Council unanimously resolved to object to the planning application based on the following observations:-

- The existing planning application that is extant was passed in 2019. This was in line with policy by converting it from a disused barn into a dwelling, which is encouraged by the government.
- The new planning application is contrary to planning policy as it is to demolish the existing barn to make way for a new dwelling with a change to the footprint in the rural countryside.
- This application does not conform with CW&C Local Plan Policy Strat 8 (Rural Area) as development should be appropriate in scale and design to conserve each settlement's character and setting. The proposed design is not in keeping with the surroundings.
- This application does not conform with CW&C Local Plan Policy Strat 9 (Green Belt and Countryside) which details the types of development which would be permitted within the countryside and specifically the reuse of existing rural buildings to be reused without major reconstruction.
- It would set a precedent for redundant barns to be demolished to make way for new residential dwellings.

Proposed by Cllr Lea and seconded by Cllr Wells.

The voting took place as follows:-

For:- Cllrs Wells, Johnson, Lea, D Mamwell, K Mamwell, Moseley, Thomas.

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

### 8.2 Planning Updates:-

There is no update regarding planning applications

### 8.3 Calveley Arms:-

Planning application 20/01344/FUL- Conversion of former public house into a residential dwelling including extensions and alterations with associated residential amenity and parking at The Calveley Arms, Whitchurch Road, Handley, CH3 9DT has been approved.

## 9. FINANCE

### 9.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-

#### Receipts:-

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:- £ 10,783.79.

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:- £5,503.58.

### 9.2 To receive Budget to Date Figures:-

The Council received the budget to date figures as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

### 9.3 To accept and approve the following payments:-

Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount
559	CHALC (training)		£ 50.00

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to approve the above payments.

Proposed by Cllr Lea and seconded by Cllr Johnson.  
The voting took place as follows:-  
For:- Cllrs Wells, Johnson, Lea, D Mamwell, K Mamwell, Mosley, Thomas.  
Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

## **10. PRECEPT**

### **10.1 To approve the budget for the 2021 – 2022 financial year:-**

The Council considered the figures for the budget for the 2021 – 2022 financial year (See attached for details).

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to approve the budget for the 2021 – 2022 financial year.  
Proposed by Cllr Lea and seconded by Cllr D Mamwell.

The voting took place as follows:-

For:- Cllrs Wells, Johnson, Lea, D Mamwell, K Mamwell, Mosley, Thomas.

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

### **10.2 To set the precept for the 2021 – 2022 financial year:-**

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to set the budget for the 2021 – 2022 financial year at £3,752.00. This will represent a 0% increase for the Parish Council element on the Council Tax bill for residents.

Proposed by Cllr Lea and seconded by Cllr D Mamwell.

The voting took place as follows:-

For:- Cllrs Wells, Johnson, Lea, D Mamwell, K Mamwell, Mosley, Thomas.

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

## **11. VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGN**

No update.

## **12. WEBSITE**

UK City Images has written to the Council regarding the redesign of the website required in order to conform with recent government compliance legislation for Parish Council websites. The annual cost is £300.00 for the service.

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed for UK City Images to update the Council's website and the annual cost of £300.00.

Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr D Mamwell.

The voting took place as follows:-

For:- Cllrs Wells, Johnson, Lea, D Mamwell, K Mamwell, Mosley, Thomas.

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

13.1 Correspondence:- The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

13.2 Urban Explorers:- CW&C and the police have been informed of Urban Explorers trespassing at the old CW&C depot.

13.3 Time of Meeting:- The Council are to start the business meetings at the earlier time of 7.00 pm.

**Date of next meeting:- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**