

**Minutes of No Man's Heath & District
Parish Council Meeting
held using the ZOOM Platform
at 7.00 pm on Thursday 11th March 2021**

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Trevor Parker
 Cllr Jan Birch Cllr Tony Day Cllr Keith Done
 Cllr Peter Guildford Cllr Tim Harrop Cllr David Lithgow Smith
 Cllr Paul Roberts Cllr Stephen Roberts
 Clerk - Mrs Ruth Shackleton
 Members of the Public and Parish – 1.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Michael Voisey and Carolyn Day.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public enquired about planning permission for the extension at the Hampton Farm Shop. The Clerk is to clarify the matter with CW&C.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Thursday 14th January 2021 be accepted as a true and proper record. The Chairman is to sign the minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Lithgow Smith and seconded by Cllr Roberts.

For :- Cllrs Parker, Birch, T Day, Done, Guildford, Harrop, Lithgow Smith, P Roberts, S Roberts.

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

5. POLICE

The police report was circulated previously.

6. ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

6.1 Payments:-

Chq No	Payee	Amount
867	Running Costs	£ 25.00
868	Community Heartbeat Trust (Annual Support HH)	£ 162.00
869	HMRC (Jan - Mar 2021)	£ 175.18
DD	HMRC (Jan - Mar 2021)	£ 29.02

The Clerk was paid by standing order.

Receipts:-

None have been received.

Bank Account:-

Reconciled balance of the Current Bank Account as at 28 February 2021:- £2,365.86.

Balance of the Deposit Bank Account as at 28 February 2021:- £ 10,656.37

RESOLVED:- that the Council accept the above payments and accounts circulated.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Harrop.

For :- Cllrs Parker, Birch, T Day, Done, Guildford, Harrop, Lithgow Smith, P Roberts, S Roberts.

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

6.2 Internal Auditor:-

RESOLVED:- that the Council appoints Jake Gurr to carry out the annual internal audit at a cost of £95.00.

Proposed by Cllr Lithgow Smith and seconded by Cllr Done.

For :- Cllrs Parker, Birch, T Day, Done, Guildford, Harrop, Lithgow Smith, P Roberts, S Roberts.

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

7. PLANNING

Planning Register:-

The Council noted the planning register and the observations as circulated.

8. ANNUAL MEETING

The Council agreed to defer a decision regarding the Annual Meeting further to advice from CHALC and NALC.

9. HIGHWAYS

9.1 Fault Reporting to CW&C:-

Cllr Day expressed his concerns about the current system used to report faults to CW&C and the lack of action by CW&C to carry out repairs. Cllr S Roberts explained the fault reporting process.

9.2 Bickerton Road, Larkton (between Astons Cross and Hampton Bye):-

The carriageway surface fault has been reported and resolved, but the flooding concern is still outstanding.

9.3 A41 flooding north of Hampton Heath roundabout:-

Edward Timpson, MP, has replied to the letter to advise that the matter has been passed to the Chief Executive of CW&C to investigate the issue urgently and provide a comprehensive response and report back to the Council. He has also made colleagues at the Environment Agency aware of the difficulties caused by flooding in Hampton.

9.4 Footpath from NMH to Malpas:-

Cllr Done has made contact with the resident regarding the footpath and they are to meet up after lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

9.5 Tilston Road:-

Cllr Birch updated the meeting regarding request sent to CW&C for road safety signage on Tilston Road and the meeting next week with a representative from the Highways Department. Both Cllr Birch and Parker are to attend the meeting.

9.6 Bickley Town Lane & Grotsworth Lane:-

The state of the highway has been reported to CW&C.

9.7 Flooded Footpath:-

Cllr T Day updated the meeting regarding the flooded footpath caused by a highways issue Between A41 and Flag Lane and advised that local residents had helped to clear the footpath.

10. VILLAGE APPEARANCE

The Council thanked local residents who have been helping to litter pick in the parish including the A41.

Streetscene were due to send a team out to clean up the A41 between the Hampton Heath roundabout to the turning to No Mans Heath / beyond late last year. CW&C has advised that as the section of road is above 40mph this would then fall to Highways to action as it would require traffic management to safely cleanse the area. CW&C have advised that the case has been sent to the highways contractor to programme the works.

11. FLOODING ON TILSTON ROAD

Cllr Birch updated the meeting regarding flooding issues on Tilston Road. This included the clearing and jetting of culverts; local residents creating a channel; clearing ditches; problems caused by mud blocking drains / culverts.

12. CHAT BENCH

CW&C have granted the licence.

The Council are to placed an order for a bench with wooden slats with carved wording at a cost of £605.00 plus VAT. It will cost an additional £50.00 to provide

the hardstanding for the bench. The Clerk is to make arrangements with CW&C to install the bench.

13. CELIA FIENNES MONUMENT

The monument is owned by CW&C. The damage has been reported and they are due to inspect.

14. SUMMER PLAY SCHEME

The Council agreed not to hold the summer sports camp in 2021.

15. WEBSITE

List of suggested locations for photographs has been sent to website designer; they are currently working on the design.

16. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Birch enquired how the Council was going to factor flooding issues into the Neighbourhood Plan. This is to be considered at a future date.

17. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER WASTE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

The Council agreed not to formally respond to the consultation and to leave - consultation to individuals.

18. CLERK'S REPORT

18.1 Noticeboard at Edge:-

The glass door has been damaged and fallen off. The glass is broken in both doors. Cllr S Roberts is to assess the damage and advise.

18.2 Refund from Scouts:-

The refund is to be made by bank transfer.

18.3 Query regarding Highways homemade signage:-

The PCSO does not see anything wrong with local pupils making and displaying speed reduction signs as long as when they are used they do not obstruct motorists vision or the road.

CHALC have advised that providing the display is in a person's own garden etc then there should be no issue. They suggested that the way forward would be a virtual meeting with the school as working through the school will be safe for the council

18.4 Broadband connection:-

Ward Cllr Williams requested a list of areas with poor Broadband connection – this has been forwarded.

18.5 Public Right of Way @ Scar Lane:-

Enquiry received from resident regarding gates on a PROW. This has been reported to CW&C and the resident has been updated.

18.6 Proposed Solar Farm:-

The Council have been informed of a proposed planning application for a solar farm on a 30 hectare field at Chads Farm (near to the old chapel). Some of the land is in NMHD parish.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence received has been previously circulated.

PART 2

1. Resolved:- The Council agreed to exclude members of the public and press so as to discuss employee related matters.

Proposed by Cllr Lithgow Smith and seconded by Cllr Parker.

For :- Cllrs Parker, Birch, T Day, Done, Guildford, Harrop, Lithgow Smith, P Roberts, S Roberts.

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

Signed

Dated

Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 13th May 2021 (using the Zoom Platform)

DATES FOR 2021 MEETINGS – venues to be confirmed

8th July 2021

9th September 2021

11th November 2021