

HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 18TH MARCH 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 (attended part of the meeting due to internet issues), Karen Mamwell (attended part of the meeting due to internet issues), Jon Moseley, Rosemary Thomas.

The Clerk. Ward Cllr Mike Jones. No members 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. MINUTES

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Lea.

The voting took place as follows:-

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

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. STANDING ORDERS

Resolved:- The Council agreed to amend Standing Order Item 2.g. to the following:-

“Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than (2) minutes.”

Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Thomas.

The voting took place as follows:-

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

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 To consider proposed reduction in speed limit through Handley village to 30 mph:-

Update:-

There is a backlog due to Covid related delays so it may be a while before CW&C are in a position to share the findings.

6.2 Frog Lane Update:-

It was noted only part of the “priority” repairs to the gully and drains has been completed, the balance of the repairs has been programmed by Highways, but no date given. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Highways in 2 weeks to request they action the follow-up work required if it has not already been actioned. Post Storm Christoph briefings by CWAC highlighted the lack of an apparent programme of gully/ditch and drain cleansing, this is contributing to the flooding and standing water issues, our own Parish issues have been reported in a debrief to CWAC following this meeting.

6.3.1 Verges in Milton Green:-

It was agreed the Clerk and Chair would follow up with Street Scene in a couple of weeks.

6.3.2 Dog Fouling:-

Resolved:- It was agreed the Clerk write to Street Scene and the Dog Wardens requesting assistance in putting in place measures to improve matters as per the working party report in Handley and Chapel Lane Milton Green.

Proposed by Cllr Lea and seconded by Cllr Moseley.

The voting took place as follows:-

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

Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

6.4 A41 Speeding:-

It was noted the Council await the Average Speed Zone Survey results (Sainsbury roundabout to Tushingam). Work has been delayed due to COVID-19. Pending the results of the Survey it was agreed the Clerk will write to CWAC requesting they review the speed limits and signage along that short stretch of the A41 from Chester Road to Golborne Bridge where the speed limits change from 50 to 60 to 40mph. The positioning of the 40 mph speed limit sign is seen as problematic whether driving north coming out of Milton Green, “flooring it” before coming off the bridge when seeing the deregulated sign (which is on the reverse of the 40mph sign) so driving in excess of 40 mph passing Applegates entrance, or, when travelling south; there are no advance warnings of the 40m.p.h speed limit just before the Golborne Bridge. Re- positioning of the 40m.p.h. may be a solution to avoiding accidents and near misses in this area.

The Chair reported attending a CHALC webinar programmed in response to the results of their “Speed Survey” carried out in January 2021. It was clear from the responses received that speeding is a concern in all Parishes across East and West Cheshire.

7. FORMER CCP DEPOT

CW&C have advised they are looking to progress a submission of a formal pre-application which they can use to get views of all consultees by the end of March.

Following this, they would be looking to compile a full application for submission around September time with a start on site aimed for early 2022.

8. FINANCE

8.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 28th February 2021:- £ 10,486.63.

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 28th February 2021:- £5,503.71.

8.2 To accept and approve the following payments:-

Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount
560	CHALC (training)	s.111	£ 25.00
561	UK City Images (website hosting and maintenance; domain name)	s.111	£300.00
562	HMRC PAYE for Jan - Mar 2021		£ 81.00
563	Running Costs	s.111	£ 3.30

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve the above payments.
Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Lea.
The voting took place as follows:-
For:- Cllrs Wells, Johnson, Lea, D Mamwell, K Mamwell, Moseley, Thomas.
Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved:- The Council agreed to appoint Jake Gurr to carry out the annual internal audit of the Council at a cost of £95.00.
Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Lea.
The voting took place as follows:-
For:- Cllrs Wells, Johnson, Lea, D Mamwell, K Mamwell, Moseley, Thomas.
Against:- None. Abstained:- None.

10. VILLAGE APPEARANCE

10.1 Litter Bins:-

The Clerk has followed up previous request for litter bins at the Handley and Milton Green lay bys. CW&C have responded to advise that there has been no change in policy since the previous request.

10.2 Planter at Handley Village:-

Local residents who maintain the planter in Handley village are to be reimbursed for any associated costs to refill the planter.

11. VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGN

CW&C has advised to say that they have looked at doomsday records and other historical documents to find evidence that Golbourne David was at some point in history considered a village but there isn't anything. The signs are Village boundary signs and as Golborne David falls below that category explains why it has been omitted historically. Therefore, due to this CW&C are unable to install a village boundary sign.
Cllr D Mamwell is to look into this further.

12. WEBSITE

The link to the upgraded website has been circulated to councillors.

13. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER WASTE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Cllrs have responded as individuals to the consultation. Concerns were raised that the recycling centre at Tattenhall may close.

14. PLANNING

14.1 Planning Applications Received:-

21/00827/CAT - Silver Birch (T1) - To remove the young birch approximately 35ft in north east corner of property, there is evidence of one branch ripping out of the crown with wind damage and the tree crown itself has a heavy lean to the east, it is resting/contacting the telephone cable and evidence of its shallow roots damage to tarmac. The tree is in poor form and not suitable for retention, a replacement can re-planted if necessary at Rose Cottage Whitchurch Road Handley Chester CH3 9DT

Resolved:- The Council agreed not to make any observations.

20/01345/FUL - Erection of a one detached dwelling at Land Adjacent To The Calveley Arms Whitchurch Road Handley

Resolved:- The Council agreed to object to the planning application based on the following:-

- It is contrary to CW&C Planning Policy as the impact of the proposed dwelling does not add value nor enhance the conservation area;
- The property is overlooked and affects the view of the village;
- The proposed dwelling is out of character with neighbouring properties due to its footprint and design.

14.2 Planning Updates:-

There were no planning updates.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

Date of next meeting:- Thursday 6th May 2021