

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Council held on **THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.15PM.**

Present: Cllr M Davies (Acting Chair), Cllr N Goodwin, Cllr K Jones, Cllr A Cotton, Cllr D Weaver.

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P Roberts(part), A Farbon and S Dawson (Grosvenor Estate).

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs P Cummins, B Roscoe, J Roscoe and PCSO J Hurst.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

In order to avoid casual vacancies occurring to approve the extension of the permitted absences from meetings of Cllrs P Cummins, B Roscoe and J Roscoe past the 6 month ruling and until meetings are able to be held in person or arrangements can be made for them to join virtually with the aid of another socially distanced attendee.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Annabel Farbon, Grosvenor Estate, expressed her thanks to the residents of the Parish for the way in which they had coped with the pressures brought about by Covid 19 over the last few months. Since the loosening of lockdown especially there had been increasing amounts of visitors to the villages with not all adhering to the rules and guidelines which had caused added anxieties.

3.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

4.COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

Concern was raised about the road behaviours of some cyclists.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with PCSO Hurst.

5.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

i) Unauthorised encampment at Abbey Gate College.

It was noted that the encampment had now left the site at Saighton. Concern however was raised that although CWAC had cleared the layby of rubbish left behind there had been reports of the public footpath and field opposite/alongside the school having been used as a toilet area. Environmental Health had been informed.

Resolved: Cllr Roberts would check that Environmental Health had cleared and made safe the area.

ii) Update from CWAC regarding path at Chester Lane.

CWAC had advised that a scheduled work party had had to be diverted at short notice to other urgent works. The investigation would be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Resolved: Noted.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 June 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr M Davies **Seconded:** Cllr N Goodwin

7. MATTERS ARISING.

Nothing raised.

8. PLANNING.

Considered: applications received by the Parish Council since the last meeting. Noted: any decisions received.

Applications:

20/02098/FUL Land adjacent to Saighton Lodge Chester Lane Saighton Chester
Installation of bollard lights to serve Saighton village/school car park.

Approved:

20/01352/FUL Green Lake Courtyard Green Lake Lane Aldford CH3 6HW Resurfacing of the existing yard/storage area to provide an additional permanent parking area for the Aldford Village Shop and Square, opening up of a pedestrian route between the Square and adjacent Village Green.

Resolved: Noted.

9. FINANCE.

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

Proposed: Cllr N Goodwin **Seconded:** Cllr D Weaver.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i) Letter from resident re speed limit on Lower Lane.

Noted: CWAC had advised that the speed limit on Lower Lane had been included in the recent speed limit reduction to provide consistency throughout the area. A request for speed data to be recorded had been logged and if evidence of non-compliance were found the information would be provided to Cheshire Police for their consideration of enforcement. Based on the evidence available, Lower Lane does not meet any criteria for a speed limit below 50mph. CWAC understand the comments related to the urbanised feel of the lane due to the introduction of speed limit repeater signs but unfortunately they are an important part of speed limit notification and cannot be removed.

ii) Clerks correspondence with CWAC re recharge.

Noted: Clerk had again informed CWAC that the Parish Council had still not been invoiced for SLA works carried out.

iii) Complaint re hedge at School Lane.

Noted: Resolved.

11. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) A41 sign to Bruera reported.

Resolved: Noted and Clerk to report again.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

i) Dog bin: **Resolved:** Clerk to liaise further with CWAC re a site visit to expedite the positioning of an additional bin adjacent to the church.

ii) Road gullies: Request received for gullies to be jetted Bruera to Farndon.

Resolved: Members to report individual problem gullies on the CWAC reporting portal.

13. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.15PM. THIS MAY BE A VIRTUAL MEETING PENDING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME (TBC).