

To be ratified at 12 May 2021 Parish Council meeting.

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Council held on **WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2021.**

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

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), S Dawson (Grosvenor Estate) and 1 member of the public.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs P Cummins, J Roscoe, A Cotton, P Roberts (Borough Cllr), A Farbon (Grosvenor Estate).

Resolved: that the apologies be noted. Cllr Davies to stand as Chair in Cllr Cummins absence.

In order to avoid casual vacancies occurring to reapprove the extension of the permitted absences from meetings of Cllrs P Cummins 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.

Grosvenor Estate raised the following:

i)Flooding: Leylandii Cottage, Sandy Lane had experienced flooding and while it was the responsibility of the tenant to clear the ditches it was felt that CWAC needed to clear the roadside gullies.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with Cllr P Roberts who was currently liaising with CWAC over flooding and gully clearing.

ii)Litter picking: The Estate were to organise a litter picking initiative (Chester Road) w/b 6 April to coincide with the closure of Aldford Bridge for work ahead of repairs when traffic would be less. Volunteer helpers would be very much welcomed.

Resolved: Clerk to communicate where possible.

iii)Car park and playing field: these were to be opened wef 29 March 2021.

Resolved: Noted.

Member of the public raised the following:

iv) Following attendance at the recent CHALC Speeding event a request was made for confirmation from the police that it was still the process for them to firstly write

and second visit any drivers caught over the speed limit by community speed management volunteers.

Resolved: Clerk to ask for confirmation from PCSO McKevitt.

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.

Further discussed:

i)Community Speed Gun: CWAC still advised that Community Speed Management be ceased during Covid.

Resolved: Noted.

ii)Cruck Barn: There had been reports of anti-social behaviour and PCSO McKevitt had attended.

Resolved: Noted.

iii)Parking Guidance: This had been issued alongside the monthly police report and Grosvenor Estate had asked if the police could show some presence at the school in Aldford and advise drivers/parkers where necessary.

Resolved: Clerk to request police attend.

5.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

i) Update on Aldford Bridge: Closure wef 6 April to retrieve blocks from the brook. Further longer closure to be arranged to repair the bridge. Cllr Roberts had asked for views on bridge closure hours to facilitate the works.

Resolved: Noted.

ii) Flooding at corner of Chapel/Platts Lane: **Noted** as resolved.

iii) Platts Lane 50mph signage: **Noted** as now resolved and signage erected by CWAC.

iv) Chapel Lane Speed Limit assessment: The CWAC evaluation had been carried out previously when the original speed limit assessments had been carried out. The assessment was a reduction to 50mph and next steps for CWAC were legal but would take some time.

Resolved: Noted.

Also discussed:

v)20mph limit around Saighton school: The previous Borough Cllr had agreed to requesting that CWAC extend the 20mph limit in front of the school past the school gates.

Resolved Clerk to ask Cllr Roberts to request this of CWAC.

vi)S106 funding: Cllr Roberts had asked if members would support him making a request to Huntington Parish Council to use some of their S106 funding to carry out a speed assessment on Chester Lane.

Resolved: Members supported this action.

6.MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 December 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr D Weaver **Seconded:** Cllr M Davies.

7.MATTERS ARISING.

i)Path at Chester Lane: Work now complete by CWAC.

ii)Dog bin in Aldford: CWAC had now installed the bin and added to their scheduled emptying regime. Thanks were again extended to Annabel Farbon for her efforts.

Resolved: Noted.

8.PLANNING.

Applications received by the Parish Council since the last meeting and decisions received.

Applications:

20/02914/LBC Thatched Cottage 15 School Lane Aldford Chester CH3 6HZ Internal renovation works.

20/04705/CAT Meadow View Lane Aldford. Damson – fell.

20/04709/CAT Clematis Cottage 1 Middle lane Aldford Sycamore – fell.

20/04736/CAT Woodhurst Saighton Lane Saighton Leylandii – fell.

20/04715/CAT The Rectory Green Lake Lane Aldford Damson – fell.

20/04722/CAT Bridge Cottage The Hill Aldford Apple – reduce Ash – fell.

20/04742/CAT Rear of 2 Chapel Cottages Saighton Lane Saighton Willow – fell Oak – reduce.

20/04735/CAT 2 Saighton House Saighton Lane Saighton Elm – fell.

20/04734/CAT 1 Saighton House Saighton Lane Saighton Eucalyptus – fell.

20/04733/CAT 1 Moat Cottages Chapel Lane Aldford Blackthorn – fell and replant Willow – fell and replant Apple – reduce.

Approved:

20/04246/FUL 3 Chester Lane Saughton Chester Single storey rear extension.

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 M Davies

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i)CWAC: Waste Strategy Consultation. **Noted as circulated.**

ii)CWAC: Planning: Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): Extensions and Outbuildings. **Noted as circulated.**

iii)CWAC: Total Environment Team – Trees for Climate. **Noted as circulated.**

iv)CWAC: Covid 19 Testing for people without symptoms: Possible sites. **Noted as circulated.**

v) NALC Policy Consultation (Model Design Code). **Noted as circulated.**

vi) NALC: Funding Bulletin. **Noted as circulated.**

vii)CHALC: Website Accessibility Standards Event.

Noted: The Clerk had attended this virtual session.

viii) UKCI website update.

The Clerk reported that the website host had set up a new Parish Council website due to the new WCAG 2 accessibility standard requirements. The site could now be reached at <https://cheshireparishcouncils.co.uk>

Resolved: Noted.

ix)Letter from Huntington Parish Council regarding Chester Lane/Sandy Lane.

A decision had been reached by CWAC Highways, Street naming and the Ward Cllr for Huntington that Chester Lane /Sandy Lane should be known as Chester Lane in the future. This would be reflected on the GIS mapping for emergency services etc and all major mapping systems. As this was a complex system to

legally change it would not change overnight but the process could now start. New signs would be ordered stating the lane will now be Chester Lane.

Resolved: Noted.

x) Complaint regarding accumulating refuse at property at Bruera.

Noted: Clerk had reported to Sanctuary Housing.

xi) Saughton Camp S106 Funds: Parish engagement.

Noted: Cllr Goodwin had attended this virtual session. Dealt with at Item V (vi).

xii)Chalc: Invitation to attend Speed Survey meeting 16 March 2021.

Noted: Cllr Goodwin had attended this virtual meeting. Dealt with at Item 2 (iv).

xiii) CWAC: Invitation to contribute to internal debrief following recent Major Incident: Flooding.

Noted as circulated. No response had been made due to extremely short timescale of request.

11. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Loose pavement by the church (by post box) and a trip hazard had previously been reported but still unattended to.

Resolved: Clerk to report again.

ii)Gully clearing: Requested Bruera to Saughton on left hand side. Potholes had also formed around gullies.

Resolved: Clerk to report.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

i) Defibrillator at Saughton Village Hall: Confirmation was sought that the defibrillator continued to be maintained by the Village Hall Committee as the custodians and that all checks were being carried out to ensure 24/7 readiness for use should it be required. Pads and battery had a limited life, and it was thought the manual might refer to an annual check in addition to the regular frequent checks.

Resolved: Clerk to email the Village Hall Chairman in the first instance to seek some assurance.

13. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: 12 MAY 2021 AT 7.15PM. THIS MAY BE A VIRTUAL MEETING PENDING COVID 19

RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME (TBC). THIS WILL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

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