

HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE WORKING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2021
USING THE ZOOM PLATFORM

This meeting is a Parish Council Working Group Meeting as the Council is currently operating under Delegated Authority to the Clerk.

PRESENT

Cllrs. Hilary Wells (Chairman), Nigel Johnson, David Mamwell, Karen Mamwell, Rosemary Thomas.

The Clerk. No members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Rory Lea, Jon Moseley.

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

The approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th May 2021 will be considered at the next formal business meeting of the Parish Council.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Currently there is no provision for formal meetings to be held online, therefore in order to meet statutory obligations the Parish Council needs to meet in person. The Council must hold an in person meeting before 5th November to avoid the 6 month rule for disqualification of councillors. Providing the meeting is quorate Councillors can formally approve the extension for those who feel they cannot attend does appear to meet the requirements.

5. HIGHWAYS

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

Update:-

CWac has advised the Council that monitoring for Handley has been scheduled for 27 September. The data is due 4-6 weeks after this. The Clerk is to follow up the results.

5.2 Verges in Milton Green:-

No update.

5.3 A41 Working Group:-

With regards to the request for an extension of the 40mph speed limit at Golborne Bridge, CWac have confirmed that they are currently in the process of reviewing all existing speed limits on the A41 between Christleton and Broxton roundabout, which includes the section at Golborne bridge.

This is being undertaken as part of the average speed camera assessment, although there is no confirmation at this stage irrespective of any proposals for an average speed camera system along the A41.

CWac will still continue to review all its existing speed limits on the A41.

All traffic monitoring has been completed and CWaC are now currently in the process of analysing the data. Following this, they will contact the Council of any recommended changes.

The Council has written to request that they do not wish their specific request for what they believe is a low cost local solution to improve safety on and around the Golborne Bridge to get "lost" in the system. The Clerk is to follow up the request and results of the data.

Concerns were raised regarding the damaged grids on the A41 at Milton Green and before Golborne Bridge. These have been previously reported to CWaC and the work remains outstanding. The Council are to send photos and follow up the request with Highways, CWaC.

Concerns were raised regarding the structure of Golborne Bridge.

5.4 Golborne Bridge:-

With regards to Golborne bridge, CWaC's lead Bridge Engineer has advised that Golborne Bridge is likely to require works in the forthcoming years to repair / widen the existing road bridge, which will be subject to Listed Building Consent.

6. FORMER CCP DEPOT

CWaC advised that they are working towards an agreement with Engie, the development partner, on the overall details of the transaction before they commit and submit the application. It is hoped this will be agreed shortly

7. FINANCE

7.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-

The Council received the accounts to date.

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 27th August 2021:- £ 14,556.59.

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 1st April 2021:- £5,503.95.

7.2 To accept and approve the following payments:-

There was no consideration of this item.

8. VILLAGE APPEARANCE

8.1 Litter Bins:-

Cllr Johnson and the Clerk are to meet with CWaC regarding the request for litter bins in Chapel Lane, Handley and Tickeridge House Layby. Photographs of the litter at the sites have been sent to CWaC to back up the request.

8.2 Dog Waste Litter Bins:-

The Council no longer provide dog waste litter bins. Dog waste can be disposed of in any ordinary litter bin.

9. VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGN

Cllr D Mamwell is to prepare a report to request a village boundary sign for the parish of Golborne David.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Planning Applications Received:-

Planning Register circulated.

10.2 Planning Updates:-

There were no planning updates.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.
- 11.2 Bus Route:- Concerns were raised regarding the changes to the A41 bus route as the buses are not stopping at the Milton Green bus stop. Cllr Johnson agreed to look into this and report back.
- 11.3 Lamppost Poppies:- The poppies have arrived; the Clerk is to pass them to Cllr Johnson to arrange attaching the poppies to lampposts in the parish.

Date of next meeting:- TBC