

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 7.15pm on **THURSDAY 2ND**
SEPTEMBER 2021 at Saighton Village Hall.

1.PRESENT

Present: Cllr M Davies (Chair), Cllr N Goodwin (Vice Chair), Cllr B Roscoe, Cllr J Roscoe, Cllr D Weaver, Cllr A Cotton, Cllr L Humphries.

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P Roberts, A Farbon (Grosvenor Estate) and 2 members of the public.

2.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr K Jones.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

3.CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR.

Liz Humphries was formally co-opted to the position of Councillor representing Aldford following a members vote.

Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Members Interests forms were completed.

4.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

5.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The following concerns were raised:

Proposed extension of Saighton Primary school: Concerns were raised regarding the issues of increased traffic/congestion and the impact of any extension on the capacity of current sewerage works (detail below). A request was made for information regarding the current occupancy/pupil capacity rate at Huntington Primary. Transport of additional pupils would need to be addressed.

The Estate representative expressed disappointment with CWACs response to their request for feedback following a meeting with them about the expansion (sewage issue had also been raised at this meeting). It was their understanding that Central Government was leading the need for the school expansion. From the Estates perspective while they support educational opportunities in the right locations it was important to them to preserve the school as a rural primary school. CWAC needed

Estate land to progress any expansion but were yet to consult them regarding their plans.

Resolved: Cllr Roberts agreed to ask CWAC again for information/further clarification re points raised. He had advised CWAC that if they were to agree to the expansion it must be accompanied by a travel plan.

Welsh Water Sewage issues: Issues being experienced with pollution/contamination of farmland and businesses on surrounding land. Capacity of works also overburdened with rain water and any expansion of the school would be an added burden. Resident had reported the issue to Welsh Water.

Resolved: Resident to forward correspondence to the Clerk should it be necessary for the PC to report further to Welsh Water. If Welsh Water do not respond in a satisfactory manner Cllr Roberts suggested contacting the Consumer Council for Water.

Speed Aware: A resident/member of the Saughton speed aware group had asked the police if the group could send out advisory letters to anyone caught speeding but they had been advised that only approved police personnel could do so. However, the police were in the process of recruiting to a post that would focus on this. The group had also made Edward Timpson MP aware who had said that he would monitor the situation. A request was made for clarification as to when face to face speed gun training would be resumed by CWAC. A request was also made for the 20mph limit around the school to be extended to take in the area past the new car park. Concern also raised that HGV traffic was speeding past The Smithy with HGV restrictions Bruera to Saughton.

Resolved: Clerk to ask for clarification regarding in person training resuming.

Cllr Roberts to ask Highways if it would be possible to extend the 20mph zone.

6.POLICE UPDATE.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

Further discussed:

i)Community Speed Gun: Resolved: Clerk to ask CWAC when in person training can be resumed. Speed gun data collected to be used to establish if monitoring cables across the road are warranted.

Resolved: Noted.

7.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

i) 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.

Resolved: Not to progress.

ii) Saughton School extension proposal: Discussed at Item 5.
Resolved: Noted.

8.MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 May 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

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

9.MATTERS ARISING.

Nothing not already raised elsewhere on the agenda.

10. ACCOUNTS.

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 M Davies **Seconded:** Cllr N Goodwin

11.PLANNING.

Applications received by the Parish Council since the last meeting and decisions received all circulated to members as and when received.

Resolved: Noted.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i) Notification of MBNA Chester Marathon and Metric Marathon 3 October 2021.

Resolved: Noted

ii) River Dee Water Safety Week Event 25 August 2021.

Resolved: Noted that the Clerk and Cllr Goodwin had attended this online event.

iii) UK City Images: website renewal.

Resolved: To be renewed.

13.STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Chapel Lane/on bridge reported as wet.

Resolved: Clerk to report.

ii) Mud reported on approach to Aldford Bridge.

Resolved: Clerk to report.

iii) PROWs reported as overgrown in parts.

Resolved: Cllr Roberts to liaise with PROW Officer over current situation re strimming as previously advised that the activity had been paused due to the pandemic.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

i)Grosvenor Estate advised that BT acting on an order for broadband at The Smithy, Bruera had intended installing an overhead line. The Estate had indicated that they would prefer to install an underground connection and had requested the order be cancelled. Should anyone see BT carrying out works overhead it should be reported to the Estate.

Resolved: Noted.

15. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: 2 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.15PM AT ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL.