

Minutes of the Ordinary May meeting held on 27th May 2021 at 8.15pm at Coddington Parish Rooms.

Present: Cllrs R. Sadler, J. Bellis, P. Overmeer, M Leigh, S. Johnson, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1.Apologies: None received. Absent: Cllr C Cottrell.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3.Public speaking time limited to 15 minutes.

A member of the public raised the possibility of looking into the Community Garden Scheme in Clutton to use as allotments.

Resolved: Cllr Sadler to do a Land Registry search.

A member of the public attended as part of a request to shadow Cllr P Roberts.

Resolved: They would undertake some works on rural/local broadband provision to help Cllr Roberts.

4. Community Safety.

No police presence.

Resolved: Clerk to ask PCSO McKevitt for some additional selecta DNA initiative signage. Some additional marker kits to be brought to September meeting.

5. Borough Councillors Report.

Noted: Cllr Roberts had circulated a report prior to the meeting.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2021.

Proposed

Seconded

Cllr. P. Overmeer

Cllr. S. Johnson

7. Matters Arising.

i)Traffic in Barton: Cllr Overmeer updated. He had met with Highways onsite but had yet to receive any response to the issues discussed. There had been agreement that the signage at the exit opposite The Cock O Barton needed improving.

Resolved: Cllr Overmeer to wait a further week for a response from Highways and then to let Cllr Roberts know to chase a response. Clerk to forward email address for Adele Mayer, CWAC, to Cllr Overmeer.

ii)Vacancy for Clutton Councillor: The vacancy had been advertised giving electors the option to exercise their right to call an election. No election had been called by

the 26 March 2021 deadline and the Clerk had therefore now advertised the vacancy (with a closing date of 11 June 2021) for co-option to the Council. Following the closing date any expressions of interest would be forwarded to all members to vote on an appointment for formal co-option at the September meeting.

8.Clutton Play Area/MUGA Update:

Cllr Johnson, having replaced Cllr Mitchell on the Play Area Committee, reported: Quotes for the play surface in the play area were currently being sourced. Cost anticipated to be in the region of £1500 for a temporary repair and up to £6000 to completely resurface. The inspector had said it was potentially a hazard but not a hazard at the moment. Some immediate repairs were needed to the fencing posts at a cost of approximately £180 plus materials. Funding initiatives were currently being looked at as there was no obligation on the school to provide any funding.

9. Planning

New Applications or existing still awaiting a decision:

20/04481/FUL Holywell Holywell Lane Clutton Demolition of existing barn and erection of new dwelling.

21/00913/S73 Millwood House Stretton Mill Lane Carden Removal of condition 4 (agricultural occupancy) on planning permission 6/8762 and condition 2 (agricultural occupancy) on planning permission 6/11995.

21/01328/FUL Hilbre 2 Rock Cottages Barton Road Malpas. Tree works.

21/01037/FUL 3 Beachin Lane Coddington Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and alteration of existing single storey kitchen to provide a single storey kitchen/family room to the rear elevation.

21/01768/FUL Crooke Farm Aldersey Lane Dairy cow milking parlour building and associated facilities.

21/02041/CAT Land (opposite Rose Farm) At Mill Lane Coddington. Tree works.

Approvals:

20/04668/FUL Park House Carden Lane Carden Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a replacement dwelling and outbuildings and associated works including landscaping scheme.

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Resolved: Noted.

10. Highway Matters

Nothing raised not already discussed elsewhere on the agenda.

11. Receive/Respond to any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Nothing not already discussed elsewhere on the agenda.

12. Finance Matters.

i) General: Balance £15378.45.

ii)Noted: Internal audit concluded.

iii) Approved: Annual Statement of Accounts (Section 1).

iv) Approved: Annual Statement of Accounts (Section 2).

Both Section 1 and 2, in that order, authorised and signed off by the Chairman Cllr Sadler.

v) Declared: Smaller Authorities Exemption from external audit.

The Council declared that it is an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. An exemption certificate was approved and signed by the Chairman.

vi) Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2021/2022.

Noted: that the 2020/2021 internal audit had been carried out by Hacker Young.

Agreed: to reappoint Hacker Young for the year 2021/2022.

All Proposed by Cllr P Overmeer and seconded by Cllr M Leigh.

13. Annual Insurance renewal.

Review of Insurance: **Agreed:** to renew with Aviva through BHIB with effect 1 June 2021.

Insurance renewal. Due 1 June 2021. Premium acceptable and a cheque was raised in payment for £321.43.

14. Correspondence and Invitations.

i)MHCLG: Electronic Communications Infrastructure Consultation:

Resolved: Noted.

ii)DCMS: Rural Broadband Consultation:

Resolved: Noted. Cllr Roberts advised that CWAC were being urged to coordinate the approach to Broadband providers to offer an improved service to communities that were struggling with connectivity issues.

iii)Chalc: High Court ruling confirming cessation of virtual meetings with effect from 7 May 2021.Resolved: Noted.

iv)Defibrillator: Tattenhall First Responders had offered a second-hand defibrillator to the Parish. Cllr Overmeer had made some enquiries and the Cock O Barton had agreed to site it externally at their premises and pay for ongoing electricity supply.

Resolved: PC to fund the purchase (from CIL monies received) of a heated cabinet and consumables (Cllr Overmeer to liaise with the COB and purchase). The Cock O Barton to be the custodian of the defibrillator. Ongoing cost of consumables to be determined.

15. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 16 September 2021.