

Minutes of the Ordinary May meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 8.15pm at Coddington Parish Rooms.

**Present:** Cllrs R. Sadler (Chair), J. Bellis, C Lawton, M Leigh, S. Johnson, the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr P Overmeer.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None.

**3. Public speaking time limited to 15 minutes.**

i) Farndon United Charities Trustees: A request had been received to speak at public speaking time but the speaker was unable to attend. The Charity was looking for two additional trustees from within the parish. **Resolved:** Cllrs Overmeer and Lawton to volunteer.

**4. Community Safety.**

No police presence. Monthly report circulated prior to meeting

Speed gun: Training had been delivered and the gun had been used by volunteers.

The Clerk brought a small quantity of additional/spare Operation Shield marker kits to the meeting which some members availed themselves of.

Cllr Roberts reported that he had spoken recently with the Rural Beat Manager and that the PCSO would not attend meetings in the future unless there was a specific need to do so.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**5. Borough Councillors Report.**

Cllr Roberts had circulated a report prior to the meeting.

Barton Stocks: The situation looked promising regarding the potential relocation but the initiative had to go through Cheshire Heritage Society etc. There was a cost involved but Cllr Roberts was optimistic that grant money/members budget/PC could easily cover it and that funding shouldn't be a major barrier.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**6. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2022.**

Proposed

Seconded

Cllr. M. Leigh

Cllr. C. Lawton

**7. Matters Arising.**

i) Platinum Jubilee: A request was made for a donation towards the planned celebrations in Clutton. There was a suggestion of planting a tree and potentially siting a bench on land behind the school. **Resolved:** Cllr Johnson to ascertain ownership of the land. Parish Council to donate £100.

ii) Defibrillators: Cllr Johnson reported that the charity had withdrawn their offer of training for the defibrillator sited at the school but he had a professional training video which could be circulated online if wanted. Cllr Overmeer not in attendance to report on the defibrillator at Cock O Barton.

Cllrs reminded to keep check on consumable expiry dates.

**Resolved:** Noted.

### **8. Clutton Play Area/MUGA Update:**

Cllr Johnson reported: The Samara Trust were going to fit new replacement lockable gates.

**Resolved:** Noted.

### **9. Planning.**

#### **New Applications or existing still awaiting a decision:**

21/02632/FUL Coddington Mill, Mill Lane Coddington Single storey extension and alterations to existing garage for use as annex accommodation.

21/04681/FUL Land off Barton Road Barton Conversion and extension of stable block to dwelling.

21/04998/FUL Clutton Grange Holywell Lane Clutton CH3 9ET Installation of sun tunnel Velux windows, alteration to windows and doors, extension to patio area.

Approved:

21/03465/LBC The Barn Stretton Hall Lane Stretton Change of use of single storey farm barn into residential accommodation (Retrospective).

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Withdrawn:

21/03050/FUL Carden Smithy Barton Road Clutton Detached double garage.

Refused:

21/04045/S73 Sandstone Barn Holywell Lane Clutton Chester Removal of Condition 4 of 00/00924/FUL (Alternative design for approved change of use to dwelling house amending first floor plan and elevational details).

**Resolved:** Noted.

### **10. Correspondence and Invitations.**

Nothing not already discussed elsewhere on the agenda.

### **11. Finance Matters.**

i) General: Balance £14836.82.

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 2022/2023.

**Noted:** that the 2021/2022 internal audit had been carried out by Hacker Young.

**Agreed:** to reappoint Hacker Young for the year 2022/2023.

All Proposed by Cllr S Johnson and seconded by Cllr M Leigh.

**12. Annual Insurance renewal.**

Review of Insurance: **Agreed:** to renew through BHIB with effect 1 June 2022.

Premium acceptable and a cheque was raised in payment for £321.43.

Proposed: Cllr J Bellis Seconded: Cllr C Lawton.

**13. Highway Matters.**

Nothing raised not already discussed elsewhere on the agenda.

**14. Date of next meeting:**

**8 September 2022 tbc.**