

NEWHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the above Council

held on Monday 14th December 2015 at Aston Chapel at 7.30 p.m.

Present: J. Batho (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), E. Forshaw, Mrs J. Fenton, Mrs J. Sweeney, J.G. Parkin, R. Hibbert. and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** C. Lloyd, Ms R. Spalding and Councillor R. Bailey
2. **Declaration of Interest** – if a member is present at a meeting of the authority, and they have a disclosable pecuniary in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, they cannot take part in any discussion of the matter at the meeting or vote on it. They should disclose the interest to the meeting and follow the Council's Code of Conduct.
3. **Minutes** of Parish Council held 28th September were confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of J.G Parkin, sec., R. Hibbert.
4. **Matters arising** from last minutes:-
 - a. **Poppy Wreaths**, reported that J. Batho attended the Wrenbury Service with J. Barker doing likewise at Aston, both went very well and took place in generally good weather conditions with an excellent turnout.
 - b. **Neighbourhood Plan:** no further report
 - c. **Community Speed Watch:** further to previous meeting, the Clerk reported that the scheme is up and running and speed checks are taking place at various locations throughout the two parishes. There has been no report back to either Parish Council re how the scheme is progressing.
Mike Hartland has emailed to say:-
The training for the 10 volunteers has now been completed by Nick Jarvis and a rota sorted up until Christmas. There are 5 teams of 2 people, each team operates for a 2 week slot and the team itself determines when and where to CSW.
There are 4 police approved sites - A530 Layby next to Sound school one direction from Whitchurch A530. Warwick Gate one direction from Nantwich Wrenbury Road The Mill both directions Sheppenhall Lane both directions.
CSW has operated for two months and on all 4 sites. 134 letters of speeding have been sent to motorists and this represents 4% of the traffic passing through during the period of the CSW checks.
5. **Highway matters:**
 - a. **Sheppenhall Grove** – reported that further to the last meeting the Clerk has re-contacted Cheshire East re the overgrowing hedge and J. Dodd has replied re this
"I will get the hedge inspected and get the necessaries undertaken. We may have to serve Notice on the Land Owner in the first instance.
 - b. Road by Kennelwood House – still no progress on repairs.
 - c. Crossroads – further accident – meeting asked if signage can be looked to see if it is satisfactory, and/or can be improved.
 - d. The Gables, Wrenbury Road – two accidents on this junction. The meeting asked the feasibility of continuing the 30mph speed limit from Aston to Wrenbury.
 - e. Flooding at the vicinity of Moor Hall is causing an issue/concern
6. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Cheshire East Council:** none

b. Councillors:

1. R. Hibbert:-

“My interest is in the benefits to the parish due from the proceeds of the development funding Combermere Abbey. The question being have we an audit trail to prove receipt of the benefits and, if not, may I approach Peter to set that up?

Details as follows;

Section 106 agreement.

These include completion of the Abbey work, a £30,000 contribution to local education provision, opening the Abbey for 40 days a year for public guided tours, and six days a year opening public access to gardens.

It will also include allowing Newhall Parish Council and Dodcottcum-Wilkesley Parish Council to hold local events in the Abbey or gardens each year, a £10,000 grant towards recreation facilities for Aston and Wrenbury, and £8,000 towards a speed reduction scheme on the A530 through Aston”.

On the prop., J. Batho, sec., Mrs J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed, R. Hibbert offered to follow this matter up and report back.

c. Parishioners: none

d. Other:

1. Clerks & Councils Direct – November
2. Mid Cheshire Footpath Soc – Walks Programme
3. ChALC News

7. Accounts

I. Income received since last Meeting: none

II. Accounts paid since last meeting: None

III. Accounts to pay at meeting:

1.	Chq. No. 000402 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – Oct - Dec 2015	£371.87
2.	Chq. No. 000403 HMRC – Oct - Dec 2014	£93.00
3.	Chq. No. 000404 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – Oct - Dec 2015	£40.28
4.	Chq. No. 000405 Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreaths	£50.00

The above accounts were unanimously approved for payment on the prop., of J. Batho, sec., Mrs J. Sweeney

IV. Dispensation: Further to the Minutes of the Precept Meeting 2012:- the following was re-minuted for reference:-

The Clerk reported that the Localism Act 2011 means that the Parish Council must grant a dispensation to members to allow them to discuss and vote on the setting of the Annual Precept. It can grant this dispensation if

- a. Without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business – YES

it was unanimously agreed to grant the full Council and co-opted members a general dispensation to undertake the setting of the Precept for Newhall Parish Council under the Local Government Finance Act, also for an allowance, payment or indemnity given to members, and any ceremonial honour given to members for a period of 4 years – December 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

V. Precept 2016/17

An estimated budget for the Financial Year 2016/17 was presented to the Meeting by the Clerk/RFO as follows:-

Room Hire	220.00	
Audlem Burial Board	00.00	
Aston Cemetery Fund	150.00	
Insurance	350.00	
Annual Audit	00.00	
Internal Audit	140.00	
Poppy Wreaths	50.00	
Mid Cheshire Footpath Soc	10.00	
Audlem First Responders	100.00	
Assoc of Parish Councils	210.00	
Crewe/Shrewsbury Passenger Assoc	25.00	
Clerk Salary: National Assoc of Local Councils LC1/SPC23	1859.50	(based on 2015/16 +any increase agreed)
Clerk Expenses	400.00	
Total	£3,514.50	

= same as 2015/16

Further, it was reported

1st December 2015 – Bank Balances = £1958.84

- u/c cheques
- Chq No 000091 £25
- 371.87 (Clerk Salary)
- 93.00 (HMRC)
- 40.28 (Expenses)
- 50.00 (Poppy Wreaths)

Therefore = cleared Bank Balance of **£1428.69**

Still to pay (estimated):-

Clerks Salary	371.87
HMRC	93.00
Clerks Expenses	60.00
= £524.87	

Therefore = c/f on 31st March 2016 approx. of £903.82

of which £100 is being held for Training Costs for Clerks & Councillors.

This figure is less than the c/f given in the previous year due to a reduced Precept figure for 2015/16, which was set to reduce the c/f figure.

Therefore:-

- £100 (Training Costs) held in funds = **c/f on 31st March 2016 approx. of £803.82**

To summarise:- estimated in Bank (31/3/16) £803.82, costs estimated @ £3514.50
= shortfall of **£2710.68**

(Also for information, 2015/16 Precept was £2500)

The Clerk declared an interest with respect to the Clerks Salary & Expenses and this was duly recorded.

Further:-

The Meeting was asked if they had any other items of expenditure which they would like to see included in the budget, and on the prop., J. Batho sec., E. Forshaw, it was agreed that no other expenditure be budgeted for

Therefore on the prop., of J.G. Parkin, sec., Mrs J. Fenton, it was unanimously agreed that Newhall Parish Council should Precept for £3500 for the Financial Year 2016/17, a figure which will cover the estimated expenditure and reduce the c/f figure at the end of the next financial year.

VI. Internal Audit: The Clerk/RFO reported that this has been undertaken by JDH Business Services for some years, and the meeting, on the prop., J. Batho, sec., E. Forshaw agreed to continue with their services

VII. Pensions Scheme update: the Clerk/RFP reported that he has set arrangements up with The People's Pension, which for Newhall Parish Council has a staging date of 1st May 2017.

VIII. Council Tax Support Grant: from Cheshire East Council:-
"As you know from previous correspondence, Cheshire East Council issued its Pre-Budget Report on 28th October 2015 with draft budget proposals for the next financial year.

This addressed the financial challenges facing the Council and included the proposal to remove payment of the Council Tax Support Grant to Town and Parish Councils from 1st April 2016.

The recommendation will now be to phase the reduction in Council Tax Support Grant over two years; this would mean a 50% reduction for 2016/17 and no payment in 2017/18.

The final amount of grant payable to Newhall Parish Council is therefore expected to be **£64.00**

You should expect to receive payment in April 2016".

8. Planning Applications:

I. Applications received since last meeting: none

II. Results of previous applications:

a.

15/3857N **approved with conditions** 22-Oct-2015 **Audlem (2011)**

Applicant Bakkavor New Primebake WHITCHURCH ROAD, NEWHALL, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE, CW5 8DL

Agent Mr Tony Rigby, RIGBY & PARTNERS LLP 18 ST.THOMAS'S ROAD, CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE, PR7 1HR

Location New Primebake Limited, WHITCHURCH ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DL

Proposal Remodelling of HGV south entrance and new perimeter security fencing

b.

15/3946N **refused** 21-Oct-2015 **Audlem (2011)**

Applicant P J Huntbach Heywood Farm, HEYWOOD LANE, AUDLEM

Agent Mr M Ellis, Markden Ltd GREEN LANE HOUSE, GREEN LANE, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE, CW3 0ES

Location HOLLIN GREEN FARM, HOLLINGREEN LANE, NEWHALL, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE, CW5 8AZ

Proposal Prior Approval for change of use of Agricultural Building to 3 no. Dwellings

c.
14/5814N **Withdrawn** 27-Oct-2015 **Audlem (2011)**

Applicant Shaun McCarthy, Elan Homes Ltd OAK HOUSE, LLOYD DRIVE, CHESHIRE
 OAKS BUSINESS PARK, ELLESMERE PORT, CHESHIRE, CH65 9HQ

Agent
Location THE WOODLANDS, WHITCHURCH ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DB

Proposal Erection of 29no. dwellings with associated garages, car-parking, landscaping,
 means of access and site infrastructure (including below ground LPG storage
 tank), plus construction of replacement garage for existing bungalow. (re-
 submission of refused application 14/3053N)

III. Applications/Planning matters before this meeting:

a.
Application No: **15/5262N**
Proposal: **Demolition of existing dwellings, and building of one new dwelling.**
Location: **The Flower Patch and East View , WHITCHURCH ROAD, ASTON, CW5**
 8DN
National Grid Ref: **360767 345216**

The meeting on the prop., of J. Batho, sec., J.G. Parkin, unanimously agreed to support this application.

b.
Application No: **15/5409N**
Proposal: **New extension to the rear of property, internal layout of the new**
 building rearranged and garage conversion.
Location: **Saratoga, WRENBURY ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DQ**
National Grid Ref: **361026 346851**

The meeting on the prop., of J. Batho, sec., E. Forshaw, unanimously agreed to offer no representation for this application.

c.
Application No: **15/5531N**
Proposal: **Proposed erection of two detached dwellings**
Location: **ROSEDENE, WHITCHURCH ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DB**
National Grid Ref: **361315 346581**

The meeting on the prop., of R. Hibbert, sec., E. Forshaw, and unanimously agreed, wishes the following points to be submitted in relation to this application;-

1. Does the visibility onto the A530 meet the required criteria.
2. The application will further increase pressure on the viability of Aston Cricket Club, the only recreational amenity in the Parish, and as such the applicant should discuss the implications of such a development with the Cricket Club, and should include measures, satisfactory to both parties, within the application to support the justification for this.

d.
Aston Cricket Club/The Woodlands development:
The Clerk declared an interest in this item and left the meeting for the duration of item **8/III/d**

Further to the last meetings notes:-

"The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council act as a mediator between the Cricket Club and Elan Homes to find a solution to the problems generated. Elan Homes are happy to meet the Parish Council to discuss all the options necessary to maintain and further improve a thriving facility in the village. The Chairman offered to make this representation and to sit in on any such meeting, along with R. Hibbert from the Parish Council, in order to achieve this goal. The meeting felt this was a positive step and the Chairman to make such arrangements".

The Chairman reported that Elan Homes and the Cricket Club are meeting themselves to discuss this, however the offer of the Parish Council to act as an intermediary still exists.

Also, the Parish Council have received a letter from Wrenbury Recreational Trust, which was set up to provide sporting facilities for the enjoyment of residents of Wrenbury, Newhall, Aston, Marbury and the surrounding areas. To be more specific you can look at the constitution.

There is space at the sports club which hosts a bowling club and tennis club which are both regularly used. The majority of space is taken up by the football pitches, which are obviously not utilised at all times.

The club house also is licenced and has changing facilities and a small function room. There is substantial parking and it is in a very central location behind Wrenbury Medical Centre.

Ian Hope is the treasurer of the trust and I believe he would welcome discussion with the Cricket Club. If they were to make their home at the trust, they would not be disappointed.

9. Police Matters:- J. Batho reported that the next meeting will be in January.

10. Next scheduled Meeting of Parish Council – Monday 8th February 2016

Meeting closed.