

NEWHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the above Council
held on Monday 28th September 2015 at Aston Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

Present: J. Batho (Chairman), J.G. Parkin (Vice Chairman),
R. Hibbert, Mrs J. Fenton, Mrs J. Sweeney, J. Barker, and 1 member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all present, with a special welcome to Carol Hill, Cheshire East Council Partnership & Communities who will outline 'Neighbourhood Plans'. He opened the Meeting to all present and looked forward to an informative and productive discussion on this matter. After a very productive question and answer session it was agreed that the matter be considered further and if enough interest then look to see how it may proceed.

The Chairman then opened the Parish Council meeting.

1. **Apologies:** A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), E. Forshaw, Ms R. Spalding, 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 12th August and 15th September 2015 were confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., Mrs J. Sweeney, sec., J.G. Parkin
4. **Matters arising** from last minutes:-
 - a. **Community Speed Watch:** further to previous meeting, the Chairman reported that we have purchased the Speed Gun and vehicle counter – jointly with Sound Parish Council. This had been collected by M. Hartland and he had advised that he has 10 volunteers from Sound and Newhall parishes, they will work in couples for a two week period before passing on to the next couple. Training starts tonight, 28th September and once complete speed checks will take place. Three areas have currently been identified by the Police as meeting requirements within Newhall – outside Warwick Gate, the junction of Sheppenhall Grove/Sheppenhall Lane and outside HJ Lea Oakes.
 - b. Waste Bin – Wrenbury Road. The Chairman reported that this had not been emptied – he has reported this, the bin is now emptied regularly on the schedule collection round.
 - c. **Poppy Wreaths:-** on the prop., J. Batho, sec., J.G. Parkin it was unanimously agreed for the Clerk to arrange for two Poppy Wreaths to be ordered – one for Aston and one for Wrenbury. Chairman to lay the one at Wrenbury and J. Barker to check on his availability to lay the one at Aston. Mrs J. Sweeney was thanked for many years of undertaking this role at Aston.
5. **Highway matters:**
 - a. **Sheppenhall Grove** – reported problems with road, footpaths and overgrowing hedges. This has been submitted by the Clerk to Cheshire East Highways, as per minutes of last meeting. J. Barker reported that some patching of the roadway has been undertaken, letters have been sent out about overgrowing hedges – some have been trimmed.
 - b. **A530** it was reported that the road surface just after Kennelwood House is in a dreadful state of repair, Clerk to report.

6. Correspondence

a. Cheshire East Council: none

b. Councillors:

1. **R. Hibbert:-**

"Aston Cricket Club inform me they intend to wind down the club due to the new development adjacent to them.

The club want the Parish to combine forces to find a resolution and I have agreed to take that role as previously proposed.

Debate must be around how we organise to help them and avoid the committee and members stepping away. I am sure there will be an answer to be found without drama - and without confusing the issue with the planning permission that has now been granted".

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.

c. Parishioners:

1. **Mr C. Britton, Silverdale, Sheppenhall Lane.** Reported that the Chairman has received a letter from Mr Britton, after the August Meeting with the following points, he rang Mr Britton and went through the points raised:-
 - Community Speed Watch:- can the Parish Council advise where the sites for these are, and will parishioners be advised of this.
Locations and implementation as are per Minutes
 - Neighbourhood Plan – does not see how beneficial this will be to the Parish.
Meeting held this evening for Parishioners to determine the merits or otherwise of such a scheme.
 - Solar Panel Site – disappointed that the parish Council turned down the offer of a presentation from developers.
Once an actual planning application was received a meeting was arranged to included such a question and answer session
 - Council Minutes still not on a website, despite the Transparency Code implications.
Mr Britton was searching on Cheshire East Website when he should have been looking at Newhall Parish Council's own website. The Clerk has also placed a notice on both Notice Boards to advise Parishioners of where to find this information.
 - Parish Council Minutes – felt should be displayed on the Notice Boards regardless of a website.
If we wish to use the boards for various information there is not room to display an average of 5 pages of Minutes per meeting. Copies are, as previous, always available for viewing by appointment with the Clerk and at £1 per sheet copy if required.
2. **First Aid notification:-** A public access defibrillator provided by HJ Lea Oakes is located on the front wall of Aston Mill and is now live with the NWAS. This means that should anyone need to call 999 due to a cardiac arrest, they will be given the code to unlock the cabinet and access the defibrillator. The defibrillator is really easy to use and speaks instructions to the user as soon as the case is opened. It will not shock a person unless a shock is required. You cannot harm anyone by using this life saving piece of equipment!
Should any members of the village wish to attend a first aid course to learn how to do CPR and used an AED, a class to be run by NWAS subject to numbers, can be arranged. One is being arranged at The Bhurtpore for the staff there, anyone who is interested in attending the course can email astoncpr@gmail.com to register their interest and indicate preferred times/days.
If anyone wants further information and has access to Facebook, they can go to the Defibs 4 BL6 page.

d. Other:

1. Clerks and Councils Direct
2. Cheshire Rural Touring Arts
3. Glasdon Guide

7. Accounts

I. Income received since last Meeting:

Cheshire East Precept – 2nd instalment £1250.00

II. Accounts paid since last meeting: None

III. Accounts to pay at meeting:

1. Chq No 000399
AG Lawrence – Clerk Salary – July – September 2015 £371.89
2. Chq No 000400
AG Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – July – September 2015 £110.74
3. Chq No 000401
HMRC – July – September 2015 £93.00

The above account(s) were unanimously approved for payment on the prop., of J. Batho sec., Mrs J. Sweeney

IV. Annual Audit: the Clerk/R.F.O. reported as per previous Minutes that the Annual Return and supporting documentation has been returned. The Audit have replied as follows:-

“on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met” – BDO LLP, Southampton

In addition and on the prop., J. Batho, sec., J. Barker the meeting unanimously approved and accepted the above, and also agreed that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit/Annual return to be displayed on Notice Boards and Website. This will state that copies of the Annual Return can be obtained by electors @ £1 per copy

8. Planning Applications:

I. Applications received since last meeting: none

II. Results of previous applications: none

III. Applications/Planning matters before this meeting: none

9. Police Matters:- the Chairman reported:-

- next meeting will be October
- recent 'Police Surgery' in the village

10. Next scheduled Meeting of Parish Council – Monday 14th December

Meeting closed.