

NEWHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Virtual Meeting of the above Council
Held on Wednesday 16th December 2020

Councillors: J. Batho (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), Mrs J. Fenton, C. Britton, R. Hibbert, P. Schofield, E. Forshaw, Councillor R. Bailey and one member of the public

1. **Apologies:** J.G. Parkin (Vice Chairman), Ms R. Spalding,
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 14th October 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of P. Schofield, sec., E. Forshaw
4. **Matters arising** from last minutes:-
 - a. Extra Litter Bin in the Village – Woodcott Hill Lane and possibly Sheppenhall Lane/Junction A530. Clerk reported he has a quote of £386.40 + VAT per bin. Agreed to discuss further with R. Hibbert and see if any NNP budget would be available.
 - b. Village Notice Board – await quotes from R. Hibbert
 - c. Phone Box – need to decide what is the best option for this – painting a priority. Again need to look if any NNP budget available. Suggestion to replace notice board by using the kiosk to be considered.

Items 4/A/B/C have been deferred until NNP Financial Balances are concluded

- d. **Poppy Wreaths**, reported that J. Batho attended the Wrenbury Service with J. Barker doing likewise at Aston.

5. Highway matters:

a. Report as follows from R. Hibbert:-

I want to start with a sincere thank you to Rachel for arranging the meeting and for arriving despite the weather! Rachel - I don't have Sean's email address - would you please pass on my thanks for his time on the Parish's behalf?

We met Sean from Cheshire highways and has an excellent debate focused upon the risk associated with the crossroads on the A530, Sheppenhall Lane and Wrenbury Road. The traffic served us well with numerous examples of HGV scale, volume of A530 and crossing traffic, with numerous examples of how aggressive turning HGV's are to the surface area. Equally it served to demonstrate how exposed one can feel standing at the crossroads.

Conversation followed three subject areas;

- 1 Maintenance
- 2 Safety improvement
- 3 Condition

Maintenance focussed upon hedge rows and signs. Both can be improved. For properties where hedges are growing across boundary lines and impairing clear sight for motorists as well as creating less space for pedestrians, Sean proposed the normal process of request, warning then direct action. I proposed we (the Parish) make the first step asking the relevant property owner to cut back - or assisting as we have volunteers who can do so. Any failure can be followed up by Cheshire Highways direct request.

Safety focussed upon lines in the first instance. Clearly condition is poor and warning value very low (give way lines etc.). Sean offered a practical solution whereby reflective cats eyes can be installed - coloured - making the

junction clear in all conditions. Second he proposed improvement to the signs on the junction and finally, further management of hedgerows and banks.

Condition - the road surface will need improvement to accommodate the changes above and also to eliminate the flooding that is evident.

All of the above needs a) a plan b) approval c) funding. Having written that, probably in reverse order! Funds are available, the trick is to get them assigned. Here I see Rachel as our best advisor and sponsor - hopefully we can secure action in the near future.

Overall a very good meeting despite the conditions. I hope we can see positive improvements soon.

b. Road Closure

CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
S14 (2) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cheshire East Borough Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers issues this notice temporarily to prohibit traffic in the following length of road:-

Dodds Green Lane, Audlem Ward, Nantwich, SY13 4 from the junction with Whitchurch Road to the junction with Salesbrook Lane.

Location Map - <https://one.network/?tm=120031851>

The closure is necessary to enable Cheshire East Highways to carry out jetting works.

It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Tuesday 15th December
AND

Dodds Green Lane, Audlem Ward, Nantwich, SY13 4 from the junction with Whitchurch Road to outside Blue Bache Farm.

The alternative route will be via the following streets: - Whitchurch Road, Dodds Green Lane

Location Map - <https://one.network/?tm=120106678>

The closure is necessary to enable BT to carry out cabling works.

It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Monday 8th February 2021 to Tuesday 9th February 2021.

- c. E. Forshaw reports:- large pothole in the centre of Wrenbury Road Aston, at the junction of Wrenbury Road and Sandy Lane. I have reported it the Cheshire East Highways, Ref 3412263.
R. Hibbert reported that the site had been inspected today by CE Highways.
- d. Flood on Sheppenhall Lane outside a bungalow on the righthand side, just before the turning on the left to Sheppenhall Grove. It appears every time it rains heavily in the winter, floods the verge, hedge and extends part way up the drive. The lady who lives there, is 95 and no longer drives. The flood is often too deep for her to wade through even her wellies, effectively trapping her in her property. Clerk to report to Cheshire East as a matter of urgency, highlighting the Isolation of the resident and CEC responsibility for caring for the vulnerable
Other floods in Sheppenhall Lane seem to be improved as does the centre of the village. However very bad flooding too in Wrenbury Road by The Ponderosa and Plantation.
- e. Footpath on Junction of Sandy Lane and Wrenbury Roar is in a terrible condition. CEC are committed to walking for residents but terrible maintenance record.

6. Correspondence

a. Cheshire East Council:

- i. Covid19 Updates
- ii. Pre-Budget Consultation for 2021 to 2025.

b. Councillors: none

c. Parishioners: none

d. Other:

- i. Clerks and Councils Direct
- ii. Audlem & District Community Action - New Lunch Club at Aston Chapel

I am writing to confirm arrangements about the above new lunch club which ADCA aims to start in early January 2021 each Monday between 11.30am – 2 pm. This new club is funded through a Covid Recovery Grant from Cheshire East Council. The start has been delayed because of the second lockdown. We are now working on a publicity leaflet which we will send to you shortly for circulation locally.

We are also working in partnership with Wrenbury Together and will be providing transport via volunteer drivers and the local Wheelybus. If you know of any local people who would wish to volunteer as drivers, please let us know on the above contact details.

The lunch club will be Covid-Secure and will provide for 9 people each week. We aim to provide attendance each fortnight for up to 18 isolated older people who may live alone and need company and support. Members will be asked for a £10 contribution for what will be a hot two course meal prepared by one of our paid cooks with coffee/tea on arrival.

We are now looking for referrals of people who may want to come along for what will be a booked service. Please let us know of anyone who you think may be interested, with their permission, on the above phone number. Our Coordinator, Tracey Humphries, will then follow up people with a visit or phone call

As discussed, we have funding for up to 6 months from Cheshire East Council but will be looking for further funding into the future if the club is a success. Could we ask if your Parish Council would consider a grant towards the running of the club during the financial year from April 2021.

We will be also looking to undertake charitable fund raising in partnership with the Methodist Chapel and Wrenbury Together.

I hope this information is helpful.

Roger Millns
ADCA Chair

J. Batho reported that they are fully funded until June but not after that date. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support them with £100 donation if their requirements needed support.

7. Accounts

I. Income received since last Meeting:

1.	Cheshire East Precept - Comm Infrastructure Levy	£2,400.00
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II. Accounts paid since last meeting: None

III. Accounts to pay at meeting:

1.	Chq. No. 000533	Purchase Order 21	
	A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – Oct - Dec 2020		£378.95
2.	Chq. No. 000534	Purchase Order 22	
	HMRC – Oct - Dec 2020		£94.80
3.	Chq. No. 000535	Purchase Order 23	
	A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – Oct - Dec 2020		£8.03

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

V. Precept 2021/22

An estimated budget for the Financial Year 2021/22 was presented to the Meeting by the Clerk/RFO as follows:-

Room Hire	220.00
Aston Cemetery Fund	150.00
Insurance	350.00
Internal Audit	210.00
Poppy Wreaths	50.00
Mid Cheshire Footpath Soc	10.00
Audlem First Responders	100.00
Cheshire Comm Action Membership	20.00
Information Commissioners Office	40.00
Assoc of Parish Councils	270.00
Clerk Salary: National Assoc of Local Councils LC1/SPC16	1932.84

Clerk Expenses	400.00
Website	<u>350.00</u>
Total	£4102.84

Further, it was reported before payment of 7/III above
 12th December 2020 – Bank Balances = Current A/c £5610.35
 + Business Reserve £501.90
= £6112.25

- u/c cheques
000532 British Legion £50
£50
- Neighbourhood Plan balance remaining
£1307.50
- Community Infrastructure Levy £2,400.00
(expenditure of this to be discussed at a future meeting)

Therefore = cleared Parish Council Bank Balance of £2354.75

Still to pay (estimated) before 31/3/21:-
 Clerks Salary 758.00
 HMRC 190.00
 Clerks Expenses 100.00
 Information Commissioners Office 40.00
= £1088

Therefore = c/f on 31st March 2021 approx. of £1266.75

+ NNP Funds of £1307.50
 + Community Infrastructure Levy £2,400
 Which are separate to annual working precept.

This figure is very similar to the c/f given in the previous year due to a Precept figure for 2020/21, which was set to cover the estimated expenditure.

Therefore:-

To summarise:- estimated in Bank (31/3/21) = £1266.75 (+Neighbourhood Plan funds, estimated @ £1307.50 +Community Infrastructure Levy £2400)
 = shortfall for Parish Council, against estimated expenditure above of **£2836.09** (Also for information, 2020/21 Precept was £4000)

The Clerk declared an interest with respect to the Clerks Salary & Expenses and this was duly recorded. Clerks Salary @ LC1/SPC16 is equivalent grade within new grading structure and this will rise to SPC17 in subsequent years. Figures as National Joint Council for Local Govt Services new pay scales – was agreed on the prop., J. Batho., sec, E. Forshaw.
 – Minutes 17th December 2018

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., R. Hibbert. It was agreed by a majority of 5 for and one against, to include a further £100 for Audlem & District Community Action, and £1,500 for refurbishment of the Phone Box

Therefore on the prop., J. Batho., sec., Mrs J. Fenton, it was agreed by a majority of 5 for and one against, that Newhall Parish Council should Precept for £5,500 for the Financial Year 2021/22, a figure which will cover the estimated expenditure and see the c/f figure at the end of the next financial year remain approx., the same as this year.

VI. Internal Audit: The Clerk/RFO reported that JDH Business Services unanimously agreed to continue with their services as per approval at meeting 14/10/20

8. Planning Applications:

I. Applications received since last meeting: None

II. Results of previous applications:

a.
20/2691N
HOLLIN GREEN FARM, HOLLIN GREEN LANE, NEWHALL, NANTWICH, CW5 8AZ
Construction of a slurry lagoon 43.51m x 43.51m x 3.15m deep including the 750mm freeboard and hardstanding area (re-submission of application 19/2641N)
approved with conditions
b.
20/3677N
The Crofts, WRENBURY ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DQ
Certificate of lawful proposed development of stables
positive certificate
c.
20/2808N
Moorhall, Dodds Green Lane, ASTON, Aston, CW5 8DP
Prior approval for change of use from agricultural building to indoor sport training facility.
Determination - approval with conditions stage 2
d.
20/2676N
ASTON MILL, WRENBURY ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DH
To construct a steel framed building extension on part of the existing mill building roof, the penthouse extension is on the eastern side of the existing roof at Aston mill.
approved with conditions
e.
20/1612N
Wrenbury Wastewater Treatment Works, WOODCOTT HILL LANE, WRENBURY HEATH, CW5 8EH
3 new control kiosks
approved with conditions

III. Applications/Planning matters before this meeting:

a.

Application No: **20/4822N**

Proposal: **Variation of condition 2 on 19/5004N - The proposed development of 8 dwellings with associated access, and demolition of stable building and partial demolition of garage.**

Location: **Plas Tirion, SHEPPENHALL LANE, ASTON, CW5 8DE**

National Grid Ref: **361237.6629 346379.1485**

After reviewing the application it was agreed on the prop., C. Britton, sec., P. Schofield, to offer No Representation.

b.

The Revised Publication Draft Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) includes non-strategic planning policies and site allocations. It has been prepared to support the strategic policies of the Local Plan Strategy. Following the previous consultation in 2019, the draft SADPD has been amended and the council has now published the Revised Publication Draft SADPD to invite further representations before it is submitted for examination by a planning inspector. Full details of the consultation are set out in the updated 'Statement of the Representations Procedure' which is also attached to this email. The deadline for representations is now 5:00pm on Wednesday 23 December.

c. **Station Yard, Wrenbury – update on application for concrete works.** On the prop., J. Batho, sec., R. Hibbert, Nigel Spicer was invited to outline latest situation, as follows :-

- a group has been formed to liaise a joint and concerted approach to CEC
- the MP has been contacted requested his support
- request that a full use of all resources is used when looking at the application
- 150 objections to date
- CEC Planning Officer has been very helpful in guidance in relation to the application, and a good relationship has been established.
- Work has been completed on the project prior to the application being considered, and enforcement re this matter is of great concern. Wrenbury Parish Council (in their Parish) have raised a complaint that no enforcement has to date been issued.
- No contamination or environmental reports have been submitted.
- Highways is a major concern. Meeting with CEC Officer highlighting these concerns and especially the 24 vehicle limit. When over 100 vehicle movements are often recorded in one day.
- Further issues of vehicles reversing onto the highway was highlighted and reported to Police.
- Road is in a very bad state of repair and needs to be dealt with separate to the application.
- Discussions with Network Rail have taken place.
- Decision by the Case Officer likely in early January and subject to Committee on 4th February.

Next steps:-

- all comments should be directed through the formed group
- Group would like to ensure the continued support of the Parish Council
- Collection of data in relation to vehicle movements and state of the road a priority.

Thanks recorded to Councillor Bailey who has given great help and support in relation to the matter.

IV. **Neighbourhood Plan update:-** R. Hibbert reported:-

- Teamed with other parish councils re Highway matters. This will enable issues to be shared as one.

9. **Police Matters:-** J. Batho reported that vigilance is needed with a spate of Shed and outbuilding robberies reported.

10. **Next scheduled Meeting** of Parish Council – Early February

Meeting closed.