

NEWHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Extended Notes - Meeting of the above Council
Held on Monday 20th December 2021

Councillors: J. Batho (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), Mrs J. Fenton, C. Britton, R. Hibbert, E. Forshaw, I. Wilkinson, and two members of the public

Tribute to John Parkin, past member and Vice Chairman of Newhall Parish Council, was given by J. Batho and the meeting observed a minutes silence in his memory.

10. minutes allocated time for public matters :-

a. **Emma Sedgwick**, Highfield House, Wrenbury Road, Aston

Reported that the Chairman has replied re this matter, as per last minutes. A response to his reply has been circulated to Parish Councillors, and a further Wrenbury Road Traffic notes likewise distributed and outlined by Emma Sedgwick.

The meeting agreed that a representation to extend the 30 mph limit to the Aston Boundary signs should be made. NNP is very clear on road safety and the matter should be raised also at the Joint Highways Group, and by the Chairman in his meeting with Police – on the prop., E. Forshaw, sec., I. Wilkinson agreed that the Chairman to ascertain whether a joint meeting of Parish Council/ Highways/Police can be arranged to discuss this matter.

Further the clerk to submit to the CE Speed Management Review

b. **Nigel Spicer** re Graham Heath Site. Update to this has been circulated to Parish Councillors. The meeting on the prop., Mrs J. Fenton, sec., E. Forshaw agreed for the Clerk to write to D. Malcolm, CE Head of Planning to ask why the application decision has been postponed again until February, this is unreasonable from both a residents and business perspective.

1. **Apologies:** P. Schofield, J. Barker 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 2021 were confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of E. Forshaw, sec., R. Hibbert

4. **Matters arising** from last minutes:-

a. **Co-option to Parish Council:** I. Wilkinson was given all relevant paperwork to be completed and Clerk will ensure this is filed on completion.

b. **Poppy Wreaths**, reported that J. Batho attended the Wrenbury Service with J. Barker doing likewise at Aston. J. Batho reported a very disappointing Service at Wrenbury

5. **Highway matters:**

a. Winter gritting routes: great concern was expressed re the removal of Coole Lane from the gritting routes and the spate of accidents which have since occurred. Clerk advised that the matter can be reviewed but the matter would have to go back to Council which will take some time.

Similarly the condition of the road on Coole Lane is appallingly bad.

On the prop., J. Batho, sec., C. Britton it as unanimously agreed the Clerk should write the Chief Executive of CE, and cc Edward Timpson MP to ask:-

- CE are ignoring their statutory duty on road safety in removing Coole Lane from the Winter Gritting Route.
- Newhall Parish Council advise that no responsibility for any accidents and subsequent actions can be levelled at the Parish Council.

- It has resulted in children being unable to get to and from school in the recent bad weather which is totally unacceptable
 - Can the Parish Council be advised where the £2,000,000 taken from the Highway Budget has been allocated.
 - Can the Parish Council be advised what is the minimum basic standard required for road condition of Coole Lane, and please justify how Coole Lane meets this standard
 - Coole Lane is regularly used as a diversion when CE are undertaking other road repairs. The Parish Council ask that this road be removed from any diversion route until, the above matters have been addressed.
- b.** Two gullies block in Salesbrook Lane and this is resulting in water running for at least 200yds until the road floods and excess gets into the brook – Clerk to report
- c.** Flooding remains an issue outside Maida Vale in Sheppenhall Lane – Clerk to report

6. Correspondence

a. Cheshire East Council:

Bus Service:- from Chris Taylor | Transport Planner | Cheshire East Council | Strategic Transport

Launch of a new Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service on the 4th October 2021 named 'go-too'. This service will operate within the rural area south and west of Nantwich.

Information on how to book the service and which areas are included etc., can be found on the go-too service's website at: <http://www.go-too.co.uk>

As we continue to develop our Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) solutions such as Demand Responsive Transport are continuing to be considered. This pilot scheme is a good opportunity to test the ability of DRT to serve rural communities in the future.

Reported that the new service is working well

d. Councillors: none

e. Parishioners: none

f. Other:

- i. Clerks and Councils Direct
- ii. The Audlem Burial Committee - Ralph Warburton, Clerk/Manager

With the very sad loss of John Parkin – a member of the committee for so many years – more than 25 and having been chairman too, we need a new member to represent Newhall.

As such a member of the council would attend the quarterly meetings in the Public Hall Committee Room in Audlem.

On the prop., J. Batho, sec., I. Wilkinson, it was agreed that the Newhall representative would be E. Forshaw.

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. 000537	Purchase Order 45	
	A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – Oct - Dec 2021		£386.65
2.	Chq. No. 000538	Purchase Order 46	
	HMRC – Oct - Dec 2021		£96.60

3.	Chq. No. 000539 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – Oct - Dec 2021	Purchase Order 47	£6.80
4.	Chq. No. 000540 Audlem First Responders	Purchase Order 48	£100.00

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

V. Precept 2022/23

An estimated budget for the Financial Year 2022/23 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	250.00
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	360.00
Website	350.00
Total	£4102.84

Further, it was reported before payment of 7/III above
12th December 2021 – Bank Balances = Current A/c £11431.51
+ Business Reserve £501.97
= £11933.48

- u/c cheques
000532 British Legion £50
000635 Materials for Notice Board £27.36
And
expenditure as above 7/III

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£667.41

- Neighbourhood Plan balance
£1007.50
- Community Infrastructure Levy
£6986.40

Therefore = cleared Parish Council Bank Balance of £3272.17

Still to pay (estimated) before 31/3/22:-

Clerks Salary	386.00
HMRC	96.60
Clerks Expenses	40.00
Information Commissioners Office	40.00
=	£562.60

Therefore = c/f on 31st March 2022 approx. of £2709.57

+ NNP Funds of £1007.50

+ Community Infrastructure Levy £6986.40
Which are separate to annual working precept.

This figure is more than the c/f given in the previous year due to a Precept figure for 2021/22, which was set to cover the estimated expenditure, including additional money for refurbishment of phone box which is still ongoing.

Therefore:-

To summarise:- estimated in Bank (31/3/22) = £2709.57 (+Neighbourhood Plan funds, estimated @ £1007.50 +Community Infrastructure Levy £6986.40)
= shortfall - Parish Council c/f £270.57, against estimated expenditure £4102.84 above = minus approx. **£1393.27** (Also for information, 2021/22 Precept was £5500)

Further:-

The Meeting was asked if they had any other items of expenditure which they would like to see included in the budget – consideration should be given to painting of phone box, and refurbishment of notice board in Sheppenhall Lane

Therefore on the prop., R. Hibbert, sec., J. Batho
it was agreed that Newhall Parish Council should Precept for £3,400
To maintain an estimated c/f of approx. £2,000 for the Financial Year 2022/23

With regard to Phone Box, Notice Board in Sheppenhall Lane and Street sign for Sheppenhall Grove it was agreed all are of a matter of urgency and a timescale of the end of July should be set to achieve a solution to these matters.

VI. Internal Audit: JDH Business Services - unanimously agreed to continue with their services as per engagement letter

8. Planning Applications:

I. Applications received since last meeting:

a.

Application No: **21/3230N**
Proposal: **Change the use of Cherry Tree Barn from 2 holiday lets to a single domestic dwelling.**
Location: **Cherry Tree Barn, COOLE LANE, AUDLEM, CW3 0ER**

No representation

b.

Application No: **21/5302N**
Proposal: **Single storey extension to the first floor and a detached garage**
Location: **MEADOWBANK, WRENBURY ROAD, ASTON, CHESHIRE, CW5 8DQ**
National Grid Ref: **360611.2802**
346968.7202

No representation

II. Results of previous applications:

a.
21/0867N
Wrenbury Wastewater Treatment Works, WOODCOTT HILL LANE, WRENBURY HEATH, CW5 8EH

Installation of 1 control kiosk
approved with conditions
b.
21/3039N
The Crofts, WRENBURY ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DQ
Proposed Manege 40 x 20m with 1.2m ht timber post rail fence and gates to manege perimeter
approved with conditions
c.
21/2914N
The Crofts, WRENBURY ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DQ
Certificate of lawful proposed development of detached single storey garage and detached single storey gym
positive certificate
d.
21/4542N
ROYALS VIEW, Newhall Mill Farm, WHITCHURCH ROAD, NEWHALL, CW5 8DN
Prior approval for change of use of an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3)
and associated operational development.
Determination - approval with conds stg2
e.
21/5677N
3, Maiden Estate, WHITCHURCH ROAD, NEWHALL, CW5 8DN
Non-material amendment on approval 18/6391N - Two storey extension(s) to the rear of No's 3 & 4, The Maiden Estate to
create larger kitchen/family room(s) to the ground floor and additional bedroom space to the first floor
approved with conditions

III. Applications/Planning matters before this meeting:

a.

Application No: **21/5235N**

Proposal: **Full planning approval for the erection of a single-storey extension to provide changing facilities, toilet accommodation and a formal entrance area. Additionally, significantly improve the parking area which will further enhance the site.**

Location: **Moor Hall, Dodds Green Lane, ASTON, Aston, CW5 8DP**

National Grid Ref: **361061**
345191

On the prop., E. Forshaw, sec., Mrs J. Fenton it was agreed to object to the application:- the facility is not yet up and running and it is therefore a speculative application, and it's need cannot be evaluated at this time, and it could disadvantage local residents.

R. Hibbert offered to meet the applicant to discuss proposals for this site if necessary.

Further:-

Letter below sent to E. Forshaw from T. Robinson in relation to this application which he has asked be circulated to Parish Councillors

Dear Ed,

Unfortunately I am contacting you again regarding Moorhall planning, as this application 21/5235N is not straightforward and has the potential to mislead Cheshire East Planning Authority, Parish Councillors and Local residents.

The attached Objection letter lays out the concerns, and is factual, accurate and truthful.

So, if you are able to read the attached design statement, and then the attached Objection attached letter, what am I asking?

I'm asking for Parish Councillors to:

- Please read Moorhall objection letter, and the Planning Application Design Statement, and below attached picture to understand what's been going on
- Councillors to Imagine themselves in local close residents' shoes
- Not to alienate, but fairly represent those residents who are effected by a belligerent anti-authoritarian styled building behaviour (As it states in the Neighbourhood Plan)
- Show strong and decent leadership to discourage this and other future breaches.
- Don't hide. If Councillors are not going to follow the Neighbourhood plan wording, tell the Parishioners who voted for it why you are not following it.

I'll be honest Ed, my expectations are not high, so far I feel the Parish Council has taken a hands off approach with local residents left to defend themselves.

Please let me know if the Parish Council are interested enough to help resolve this local issue.

Picture below of Moorhall Building 7 taken in June 2018, Its easy enough to see the road Diesel tanks and how the building has structurally changed and increased in size by circa 50% (All done by present owners without any planning permission)

R. Hibbert advised that the NNP Policies are being adhered to and he had written an extensive letter to Mr Robinson, on behalf of the Parish Council, outlining these matters.

Re the above, the Clerk on the prop., E. Forshaw, sec., Mrs J. Fenton was asked to contact CE to see what their comments are in relation to the above.

b.

Application No: **21/6073N**
Proposal: **Proposed rear extension**
Location: **THE PINES, SANDY LANE, ASTON, CW5 8DG**
National Grid Ref: **361343.4127 346733.5592**

On the prop., E. Forshaw, sec., R. Hibbert it was agreed to support the application

c.

Application No: **21/5918N**
Proposal: **Conversion of existing two storey, brick built, tiled barn into a residential dwelling**
Location: **Grandford Farm, GRANDFORD LANE, ASTON, CW5 8DD**
National Grid Ref: **361839.7 346750.1**

On the prop., E. Forshaw, sec., I. Wilkinson it was agreed, by a majority, to support the application

IV. **Neighbourhood Plan update:-** reported:- good group of volunteers has been established.

9. **Police Matters:-** J. Batho reported several examples of violence – domestic, have taken place at a property within the parish. Speeding on the A530 remains an issue. There has been an increased Police presence in the area in light of previous issues.

10. **Next scheduled Meeting** of Parish Council – 7th February

Meeting closed.