

NEWHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of the above Council
Monday 8th August 2022 at Aston Chapel at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors: J. Batho (Chairman), E. Forshaw, (Vice Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), Mrs J. Fenton, J. Barker, I. Wilkinson, C. Britton, R. Hibbert, Emma Sedgwick, Clr R. Bailey

1. **Apologies:** P. Schofield, PCSO N. Jarvis
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 13th June 2022 were confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of J. Barker, sec., Emma Sedgwick
4. **Matters arising** from last minutes:-
 - a. CE Housing contribution spend/Neighbourhood Portion CIL update report- R. Hibbert, I. Wilkinson, J. Batho. Several suggestions have been put forward and a survey is suggested. Will report back with outcome.
 - b. Phone Box update: r. Hibbert reported that he is still trying to resolve the removing of the electric issue, siting of the box etc with the developer of the barn nd will report back
5. **Highway matters:**
 - a. 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:-
Wrenbury Road, Audlem Ward, Nantwich, CW5 8 from the junction of Woodcott Hill Lane to outside Aston House Farm.
The alternative route will be via the following streets: - Wrenbury Road, Station Road, Nantwich Road, Wrenbury Heath Road, Sound Lane, Whitchurch Road
Location Map - <https://one.network/?tm=129367619>
Pedestrian / cyclist access to any premises situated within the temporary closure will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents where possible
The closure is necessary for works to be carried out by Scottish Power.
It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Thursday 25th August 2022.
This notice will become operative on Thursday 25th August 2022 for a period of 5 days or for such less time as is necessary to enable the works to be completed.
 - b. CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
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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:-
Sandy Lane, Audlem Ward, Nantwich, CW5 8 for its full extent.
The alternative route will be via the following streets: - Wrenbury Road, Whitchurch Road
Location Map - <https://one.network/?tm=129406895>
Pedestrian / cyclist access to any premises situated within the temporary closure will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents where possible
The closure is necessary for works to be carried out by Scottish Power.
It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Tuesday 23rd August 2022.

This notice will become operative on Tuesday 23rd August 2022 for a period of 5 days or for such less time as is necessary to enable the works to be completed.

c. Winter Gritting routes: letter from Tom Shuttleworth | Interim Head of Highways to Clr R. Bailey:

Many thanks for attending the recent calls with my colleagues Matt and Simon which was held as part of the annual winter review.

You raised a number of points during the calls, most of which you had recorded in an email dated 9th March 2022 following a site meeting with Andrea Bickerton and Simon. I will try to answer each of these points in turn and apologise in advance for what is a lengthy email:

1. The demographic of Coole Lane has changed, with the redevelopment of farm buildings to residential accommodation. You provided details of the properties converted and an estimate of the increase in residents on Coole Lane.
- a. It is accepted that this is the case but such redevelopment has occurred widely. The extent of the redevelopment is probably greater on Coole Lane than in other locations but this is not considered to be a risk factor when assessing the need for inclusion on gritting routes. This is the case for any residential properties, whether in rural locations such as this or on urban residential estates. Consequently this doesn't attract a score.
 2. You referred to residents feeling isolated and frightened due to the number of accidents on the lane. There was a discussion about where the risks of driving on Coole Lane might be and the need to drive to the conditions
 3. Diversification of business and increase in leisure facilities
- a. You provided a list of locations including Overwater Marina, which includes a café and caravan park, Willows Caravan Park and Stables, Sunnyside Caravan Park and Coole Acres Fishery. Again the diversification of rural businesses has occurred widely across the area but it is the case that there is a concentration on and adjacent to Coole Lane. None of these facilities are identified individually as risk factors and don't attract a score. We will review the risk assessment methodology, risk factors and scores as part of the next annual review and changes may be made in the future to reflect some of the facilities you describe, or more likely the concentration of such facilities.
4. Access to the Secret Bunker
- a. The Secret Bunker is a signed tourist attraction . Such attractions are not separately identified as a risk factor. Again, it would be appropriate to include this in the next review, with the number of visitors determining a risk score.
5. Church House Farmhouse is a care home for the vulnerable and elderly.
- a. Care homes are a risk factor included in the assessment. This care home was identified and scored as part of the assessment
6. Coole Lane is CE Home to School Transport Route
- a. Only service bus routes where the passenger numbers exceed a defined threshold (60,000 pa) are included on gritting routes. School bus services are not included as routes change with demand. Recent and forthcoming changes to bus routes will require a reassessment as part of the annual review following the 2022/23 winter season.
7. High volumes of standing water, road degradation and potholes
- a. There are many locations along the lane where water flows onto the road. This is due to a number of factors including poor maintenance of land drainage and roadside ditches, limited resource for routine maintenance and the legacy from recent flood events. This has resulted in the accelerated deterioration of the surface and structure of the road, creating a poor road surface and potholes. These defects are repaired as appropriate but the effectiveness of repair is impacted by the presence of water. We discussed the work being carried out through a partnership of parish councils and the highways team in the area which is a positive approach to addressing these issues
8. You raised the question of why the risk assessment for Coole Lane was split into sections and why the risk scores were not aggregated

- a. As you pointed out, Coole Lane runs through a number of parishes. The risk assessment process for the whole was carried out using the defined road sections contained in the adopted road gazetteer. This splits the road network into identifiable sections with similar characteristics. This was determined to be the most effective way of managing this process.
9. There was a general discussion on road classification, de-priming and whether we could influence information provided by sat navs. These issues are not relevant to this process as all roads are assessed against the defined criteria. The higher road categories are included by default but Coole Lane is correctly classified as a secondary distributor road.
10. Finally, there was a general discussion about the use of the road as a through route or 'rat run'. It was stated that motorists should be encouraged to use the treated network for such journeys and not to expect all such routes to be treated. This has been the accepted advice for many years and should continue to be so

I can however now also bring you up to speed on the annual operational review undertaken in parallel with the Member engagement. Part of this review looks at accident statistics and identification of any trends across the highway network.

Based on the data we have available and having taken professional advice both from the Road Safety and Legal teams around our duties as the Highway Authority it has been identified that there is a small but noticeable trend within the data for Coole Lane.

Summary: therefore having given due consideration to the above it is proposed to re-introduce the full length of Coole Lane back in to the gritting network for the 2022/23 winter season, based on the accident trends observed. This will be included as part of the recommendations in the related report scheduled for the 21st July Highways and Transport Committee.

I trust that the above comes as good news and demonstrates that the evidence based annual review process that we have put in place as part of the Winter Policy works effectively.

Thanks to Cllr Bailey for all her word re this matter, and she advised that the support of the parish Council had been equally important.

d. Letter from - Tom Shuttleworth | Interim Head of Highways - Cheshire East Council:-
Further to my email below you will be aware that a theme from the feedback received from the recent Highways Satisfaction Survey is that the processes for making reports or contacting the service can be inconsistent and there is a need to reconnect and strengthen our relationships at a local level.

The purpose of this communication is to commence the process of "relaunching the Local Highways Service" and to ensure that you have the most up to date information available on how best to get in touch with Cheshire East Council's Highways Service.

Local Highways - Relaunch

Enclosed below are various pieces of useful reference information, but firstly we invite you to complete a short survey which is attached and is intended to capture key highway maintenance priorities from each Town or Parish Council. Guidance notes are included. Formal written feedback will be offered on the priorities raised, including how and when these could be addressed and where appropriate feeding these prioritised lists in to future Highways work programme development,

I would ask that you return the completed responses to iandh@cheshireeast.gov.uk by no later than 5pm on Friday 2nd September 2022.

Reporting of Issues

If your council would like to bring any highway matters to the attention of Cheshire East Highways, in the first instance it is politely requested that these are channelled via yourself as Clerk. This will help the teams to understand and target the most important priorities for your parish or town and avoid any potential mixed messages. To ensure all issues are managed and allocated appropriately, we also ask that initial contact is made by one of the following methods:

- For all routine service requests such as to report a pothole or a street light that is out of service, online is the most efficient method of reporting and easily allows for supporting photographs to be attached to help demonstrate the issue: [Report a pothole or other road issue](#)
- To report any issues that present an immediate danger, call us on 0300 123 5020 during working hours or out of working hours on 0300 123 5025. You can also call 0300 123 5020 to report other highway matters

Once you have logged a service request or issue through any of the above methods, it will be directed to the most appropriate officer within the highways team who will look to provide a response as soon as possible within the given timeframes of 20 working days for all routine service requests. For service requests logged on line or via telephone as above, the response may take the form of an automated response, or email/telephone if necessary, depending on each situation.

With continuing pressures on resources and the many competing priorities throughout Cheshire East, it will not always be possible to carry out each and every element of maintenance or improvement works identified by your council. However, the team will always fully evaluate requests for service, do their utmost to consider for inclusion within future work programmes and at the same time provide you with a timely response to the matters you raise.

Sources of Information

Information on the services provided by Cheshire East Highways, including programmes of work, grass cutting, winter service, gully emptying, details of road closures, etc. is available on the Cheshire East Council [website](#). Social-networking site, Twitter, is also used to provide daily updates and general highways information. Please follow the team on Twitter @CECHighways.

Key Contacts

Finally, if you find that after following the above processes and looking at the available information, you need further assistance or help with any highway matters whatsoever, then please contact the SHO Officer working in your area, who will be happy to assist.

Local Highway Officer – Roy Cook

Contact telephone number – 07912 072487. If the officer is unavailable please leave a message and they will return your call at the earliest opportunity.

Email – roy.cook@cheshireeasthighways.org

As a further commitment and in direct response to the survey feedback we are now in process of recruiting a further Local Highways Officer for the southern region. An update will be issued in due course on this subject.

On the prop., Mrs J. Fenton, sec., J. Batho it was agreed that this information should be displayed on the Notice Boards

6. Correspondence

- a. Cheshire East:** none
- b. Councillors:** none
- c. Parishioners:** none
- d. Other:**
 - i. Clerks and Councils Direct
 - ii. ChALC's e-bulletin

7. Accounts

a. *Income received since last Meeting:* none

b. *Accounts paid since last meeting:* none

c. *Accounts to pay at meeting:*

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| 1. Chq No 000576 | Purchase Order 64 | |
| St Andrews Methodist Church – Room Hire | | £120.00 |
| 2. Chq No 000577 | Purchase Order 65 | |
| St Andrews Methodist Church – Cemetery Fund | | £150.00 |

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

8. Planning Applications

I. Applications received since last meeting:

a.

Application No: **22/2371N**
Proposal: **Private use stables for horses and private use menage as per enclosed drawings**
Location: **MULBERRY HOUSE, Combermere View, DODDS GREEN LANE, ASTON, CW5 8DP**
National Grid Ref: **361220.7242 344424.4928**
No representation
and
As per 8/III below

II. Results of previous applications:

a.
22/1215T
Maida Vale, SHEPPENHALL LANE, ASTON, CW5 8DE
Works to trees
Consent for wrks in TPO with conditions
b.
22/0077N
WELL COTTAGE, WRENBURY ROAD, WRENBURY, CW5 8HA
Single storey rear garden room extension.
approved with conditions
c.
21/5235N
Moor Hall, Dodds Green Lane, ASTON, Aston, CW5 8DP
Operational development associated with the change of use of building to an indoor sports training facility, including alterations to building, and erection of single storey extension and a formalised car park
approved with conditions

III. Applications/Planning matters before this meeting:

a.

Application No: **22/2403N**
Proposal: **Remodelling of hatchery ponds to create a new lake, use of land for the siting of 19 no. holiday lodges, 2 no. mobile camping pods, warden's lodge, accessways, parking & ancillary works**
Location: **Coole Acres Fishery And Leisure Park, COOLE LANE, NEWHALL, CW5 8AY**
National Grid Ref: **364714.7072 345551.6396**

On the prop., I. Wilkinson, sec., R. Hibbert and unanimously agreed to Support the application as it meets the NNP for Leisure, tourism, accommodation

b.

Application No: **22/1549N**
Proposal: **Outline permission for 5 dwellings with all matters reserved.**
Location: **Land off Wrenbury Road, ASTON, NANTWICH CW5 8DJ**
National Grid Ref: **361114.3359 346530.9268**

On the prop., J. Batho, sec., E. Forshaw it was unanimously agreed to object to the application:-

The application is outside the infill boundary of the village

Previous application already refused by Cheshire East and Appeal and there is nothing materially different to the previous application

Exact wording, in line with NNP to be circulated to all Councillors before submission

c. It was reported that sewage is being moved daily from the treatment site and it was agreed that Utd Utilities should be asked the capacity of the site, and whether it is already at over capacity for its catchment area.

9. Neighbourhood Plan/Community Group:

10. Police report from PCSO N. Jervis:- incidents in parish and surrounding area

1/7/22. VIOLENCE: Sound Heath, argument between horse rider and car driver.

16/7/22. HIGHWAY DISRUPTION: Sound Lane, cows in the road.

30/7/22. WILDLIFE: Report of two peacocks in a garden on Wrenbury Heath Road

9/7/22. SUSPICIOUS PERSON: Delivery of two mobile phones to a property on Wrenbury Road Aston.
Phones not ordered.

11/7/22. SUSPICIOUS PERSON: Report of identity fraud Wrenbury Road Aston.

26/7/22. CRIMINAL DAMAGE: Whitchurch Road Aston.

29/7/22. DOMESTIC INCIDENT: Aston.

9/7/22. CONCERN FOR SAFETY: Distressed female found in a field off Coole Lane.

10/7/22. DRINK DRIVER: Whitchurch Road Newhall.

11. Next scheduled meetings of the Parish Council – 3rd October; 12th December 2022

Meeting Closed