

NEWHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes - Meeting of the above Council
Monday 25th September 2023 at Aston Chapel at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors: J. Batho (Chairman), E. Forshaw, (Vice Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk),
Emma Sedgwick, R. Hibbert, I. Wilkinson, Clr Bailey and 4 members of the public

Opportunity for Parishioners to speak – max 10mins and max 3m per parishioner

Wrenbury Road – Kathryn Newman spoke re this matter highlighting:-

Speed & number of vehicles

The effects of this on residents & properties

State of the road and constant flooding

Constant machinery noise from HJ Lea Oakes

This is as per item 6/c/b

1. **Apologies:** Mrs J. Fenton
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 20th July 2023 were confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of E. Forshaw, sec., R. Hibbert.
4. **Matters arising** from last minutes:-
 - a. Phone Box: reported this is working well primarily as a book exchange at the moment. The donation system to Wingate Centre has proved problematic.
 - b. Loose Dogs Woodcott Hill Lane Area, Clerk reported the following reply re this matter from Nick Jarvis 20438 – Police Community Support Officer (Nantwich Rural) following a further complaint:- PC Sarah Marson from the Rural Crime Team went to the farm and spoke to the Brother of the dog owners as they were not at home. She has seen all 3 dogs when she was there, she has been committed with other incidents, but she did say she would update Mr Forshaw.
Further reported that the dogs do not appear to be loose at the moment so hopefully this issue has been resolved.
 - c. Bench Seat in Cemetery – a new seat has been sourced by R. Hibbert and this is now in place to replace the broken bench. Thanks recorded to Richard for sorting this matter.
 - d. Bus Service – comments from joint Newhall, Audlem and Sound PC
There seems to be little point in providing a service for the over 80's and then isolate all other groups (assuming this is a strategy to discontinue GoToo), instead of embracing GoToo for "all" in the rural community, with all the benefits of joining the communities/businesses.

By adding FlexBus, they will be essentially doubling up on services now (GoToo has to be the collateral damage for this initiative), I don't know the business model costing for these services, but another bus doing something similar, picking up fewer people is going to cost the tax payer more, the natural conclusion of this seems to be:

Promote GoToo expand its popularity to all-not if they are introducing Flexbus
FlexBus & GoToo working in the same environment makes little sense, cost prohibitive (or should be)

FlexBus seems to be the pseudo replacement for GoToo, operating for a very limited group of people, missing the opportunity to connect everyone, and miss the opportunity to claw back costs by getting people to pay for the service (O-80's mostly being pensioners who will travel for free) others would pay if promoted correctly.

In summary, the GoToo bus service can be promoted to all, build it to a zero sum gain/loss proposition to the Council, benefiting ALL the rural & urban communities, terminate the idea of a limited supply service (FlexBus), as this has zero chance of wiping its own face financially equalling cost to the Council/taxpayer. It really wouldn't take much to cover the costs of the GoToo service, it would just have to be promoted correctly, this really is a non risk/dynamic proposition.

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:-

Sheppenhall Grove, Audlem Ward, Nantwich, CW5 8DE for its full extent

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 Cheshire East Highways to carry out Slurry Seal works

It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Wednesday 21st February 2024 to Wednesday 27th February 2024.

This notice will become operative on Wednesday 21st February 2024 for a period of 5 days or for such less time as is necessary to enable the works to be completed.

Notice Date: 5th September 2023

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:-

Wrenbury Road, Audlem Ward, Nantwich, CW5 8DG from the junction of Whitchurch Road to the junction of Sandy Lane

The alternative route will be via the following streets: - Whitchurch Road, Cock Lane, Wrenbury Heath Road, Sound Lane, Nantwich Road, Station Road, Wrenbury Road

Location Map - <https://one.network/?tm=135498115>

Pedestrian access to any premises situated within the temporary closure will be maintained at all times. Cyclists will be required to dismount in order for access to be maintained. Vehicular access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents where possible.

The closure is necessary for works to be carried out by Openreach

It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023.

This notice will become operative on Monday 30th October 2023 for a period of 5 days or for such less time as is necessary to enable the works to be completed.

Notice Date: 8th September 2023

c. Footpath Wrenbury Road – reported the design where the pavement enters Wrenbury Road is wrong and dangerous if left as is.

The contractor will now be required to rectify the work before completion. Likely to be when the new sewer connection is undertaken.

d. Station Road – reported that the recent works have seen pipe work fixed and core samples taken down to 12m and hopefully the repair work can now be done asap.

6. Correspondence

a. Cheshire East:

- i. On 27 July, Cheshire East Council's environment and communities committee approved the implementation details of a green waste subscription service, which is one of the initiatives included in the council's adopted medium-term financial strategy 2023-27.

Residents will be able to sign up to the council's green waste collection scheme in early October 2023, and the paid for collections will then commence from 15 January 2024 (dependent on their scheduled collection date).

Until January, residents should continue to dispose of their waste in the normal way. Collections will continue as normal.

By opting-in to the green waste recycling scheme, residents can continue using their garden bin to recycle their green waste and will pay an annual subscription fee of £56 for it to be collected.

If residents choose to subscribe, they will continue to receive green waste collections on their usual scheduled collection day, which takes place fortnightly.

We recognise that residents may be contacting you with specific questions about the subscription service, and the answers to many of these are likely to be found on our website – [Garden bin subscription \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/garden-bin-subscription)

To assist you, I have also provided the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions below.

A full communications campaign will launch imminently. The first stage of this campaign will be to create awareness among residents that their garden bin collection service is changing. This will run alongside ongoing waste prevention work.

The council's waste strategy encourages residents to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste as much as they possibly can, so that less waste needs to be disposed of.

This includes encouraging people to try home composting and to minimise food waste through the 'love food hate waste' programme.

More information about home composting [Home composting \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/home-composting) and food waste reduction [Reducing household waste \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/reducing-household-waste) is available on our website.

We will be in touch with you again before subscriptions launch in October, to provide you with further information about the service.

Tom Shuttleworth - Interim Director Environment and Neighbourhoods

It was discussed that in the future Community Garden Waste composting may be a solution.

- ii. Final Draft Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document (SuDS SPD) consultation.
- iii. Live Well – poster has been displayed.
- iv. Sent on behalf of Cheshire East Council Parking Services - Following our request for initial feedback from Town and Parish Councils in August 2023, we can confirm that the statutory public consultation for the parking review will run from Wednesday 20th September 2023 to Wednesday 1st November 2023. The proposals will be on display at each car park as well as in local newspapers, and on the council's website. The proposals will also be available to view in local libraries and further information will be provided as part of press releases issued to the local media and promoted by the council. During the six-week statutory public consultation period, every ward councillor, town and parish council will be invited to make representations, alongside other stakeholders and the wider public.

b. Councillors: none

c. Parishioners:

a. S. Berry complaint over the disappearance of the layby on A530 by new development and knock on effect of vehicles pulling up at Newhall was raised by E. Forshaw and discussed along with 6/c/b below

b. Wrenbury Road – following has been received from Kathryn Newman
I'm a new resident in Aston. I need your help to do something about a serious traffic issue with the number and speed of HGVs passing my home.
I live at Oakmoore, Wrenbury Rd. I have complained to the council but nothing has been done apart from one chap who said he agreed with the problem and he said he would discuss with you. I cannot recall his name but it was many months ago.

I am desperate.

Two roads surround my house - Sandy Lane and Wrenbury Rd. HGVs speed down both of these narrow lanes at speed and at all times of the day and night. My home and ornaments and my bed shake and vibrate. I've lived here for 9 months and have not had one decent night's sleep. I paid nearly a million pounds for my home and now feel I have to sell it again.

There are no pavements and when out at my front I've narrowly avoided being killed several times. I fear for the safety of the elderly and school children. I'm 62. I bought this house for retirement but have to move again. This issue coupled with the constant 24 hours a day noise from Aston Mill are affecting my health and well-being seriously.

Please come and visit for yourself. This cannot go on. We have Mill traffic but also Graham Heath's business traffic - they speed, crash down into potholes, rattle and create immense noise apart from the speeds.

Please help. We need reduced speed limits and restricted access from these vehicles that could easily go through Wrenbury where the roads are wider.

- Coments raised for consideration:-
- NNP does have road and pedestrian safety as a priority
- Police will do further speed checks in Wrenbury Road
- Mobile SID could be considered for purchase
- 20mph in heart, as Wrenbury, maybe a solution on lampposts
- Traffic Survey by Cheshire East
- Commercial vehicle contractors could be reminded of their responsibility and to advise staff.
- Missing SID on A530 has been raised with CE
- Layby A530 was discussed and while the safety aspect of the possible replacement layby is strictly a matter for Cheshire East Highways to decide and then for us to comment upon, the Parish Council are concerned that the indicated cost of £65,000 which the developer was paying towards the layby, has been lost to the Council and saved by the developer and which could have been used for safety measures.
R. Hibbert is preparing a response to Cheshire East Council asking for an explanation on behalf of the PC.
- Extending the footpath on A530 towards Longmans Shop is currently under discussion by the Community Group.
- Fix My Street – should be used extensively on all matters
- Fly Tipping – reported that CE removed waste from Woodcott Hill Lane within hours of being reported – an excellent response.

d. Other:

- i. Clerks and Councils Direct
- ii. ChALC's e-bulletin

- iii. Nantwich Town Council - Nantwich Food Bank supporting those facing hardship and requesting financial support.
- iv. The Mayor, Cllr Rod Fletcher is holding his civic service on Sunday 5th November; he would be delighted to see representatives of our Parish Councils attend.

7. Accounts

a. Income received since last Meeting:

- 1. Precept – half year £1875.00

b. Accounts paid since last meeting: none

c. Accounts to pay at meeting:

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- 1. Chq No 000607 Purchase Order 95
A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – July - September 2023 £498.75

- 2. Chq No 000608 Purchase Order 96
HMRC – July - September 2023 £123.94

- 3. Chq No 000609 Purchase Order 97
A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – July - September 2023 £25.10

- 4. Chq No 000610 Purchase Order 98
Royal British Legion £50.00

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

- 5. Chq No 000611 Purchase Order 99
Park Bench for Cemetery £180.00

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

Also re Poppy Wreaths it was confirmed that J. Batho will undertake this at Wrenbury Remembrance and J. Barker likewise at Aston

8. Planning Applications

I. Applications received since last meeting:

a.

Application No: **23/3013N**
Proposal: **Proposed construction of one commercial buildings (B8 & workshop) on an existing site with consent for an agricultural building.**
Location: **The Royals, WHITCHURCH ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DJ**
National Grid Ref: **360900.8152 345880.8226**

No representation

II. Results of previous applications:

a.
23/1542D
Coole Acres Fishery And Leisure Park, COOLE LANE, NEWHALL, CW5 8AY
Discharge of Conditions 3, 5, 10, 11, 15 & 19 on 22/2403N - 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, accessways, parking & ancillary works
Part approved/part refused
b.
23/1329N
ASTON MILL, WRENBURY ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DH
Construction of steel framed building containing raw material bins and new intake
approved with conditions
c.
17/2920N
ASTON MILL, WRENBURY ROAD, ASTON, CW5 8DH
Retrospective planning permission to upgrade external lighting with new lamp posts
and floodlights in line with HSE requirements
approved with conditions

III. Applications/Planning matters before this meeting:

- a. 23/1366N – Station Yard, Wrenbury update was given by N. Spicer:-
The application was unanimously refused by Councillors despite CE Officers recommendation of approval and thanks given to them for listening to the objections which had been submitted and coming to their decision. There will now be a period of time when an appeal could be lodged or a new application submitted.
A vote of thanks was given by the Parish Council to all those who have worked so hard in relation to this matter

9. **Neighbourhood Plan/Community Group:** R. Hibbert reported that the group have continued to trim trees and hedges and cut grass. Also in the pipeline are:-
- working with HJ Lea Oakes to establish a community area on the land off Wrenbury Road
 - asking Aston CC what is their latest position in relation to the ground
 - asking the new owners of the Bhurtpore if a small play area could be established on the site
 - working with the Methodist Chapel re replacement carpets and their energy costs

10. Police report for Newhall/Sound

Nick Jarvis 20438 – Police Community Support Officer (Nantwich Rural)

Incidents in parish and surrounding area - Crime data:-

July

7/7. Concern For safety: French Lane.

9/7. Concern For safety: Baddington lane.

10/7. Violence: Oaks Close Aston.

10/7. Concern For Safety: French Lane.

10/7. Burglary Dwelling. Sheppenhall Lane Aston.

12/7. Warrant: Austerson.

12/7. Concern For Safety: French Lane.

14/7. Violence: Oaks Close Aston.

19/7. Theft Of Motor Vehicle: Sound, vehicle found in Nantwich.

20/7. Abandoned 999 call: Sound Heath.

20/7. RTC: Whitchurch Road Newhall, no injuries.

22/7. ASB: Hollin Lane, dog related.

23/7. Road Related Offence: A530 Broomhall.

26/7. RTC: Sheppenhall Lane, no injuries.

27/7. Missing Person: Newhall, found safe and well.

28/7. Animals Domestic: French Lane.

30/7. Road Related Offence: Baddington.

30/7. Concern For Safety: Baddington

August:

2/8. Animal/Domestic. A530 Baddington, sheep in the road.

6/8. Missing Person. Newhall, found safe and well.

12/8. Theft from Motor Vehicle. Sound Lane.

13/8. Missing Person. Overwater Marina, found safe and well.

14/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound Lane.

17/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound Lane.

17/8. ASB. Baddington Lane. Laser pointed at helicopter.

17/8. Violence. Sound Lane.

17/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound Lane.

19/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound Lane.

19/8. Stop and Search. A530 Baddington.

19/8. Highway Disruption. A530 Broomhall, sheep in the road.

20/8. Violence. Sound Lane.

23/8. Animals/Domestic. Slaughter House Lane, dog related.

25/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound lane.

26/8. Road Related Offence. A530 Newhall, possible drink driver.

29/8. Theft of Motor Vehicle. Wrenbury Road Aston. Flatbed truck stolen. Found on Audlem Car Park.

30/8. Vulnerable Person. Aston.

11. Next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council – Monday 4th December

Meeting Closed