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MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held ONLINE

14th July 2020

AGENDA PART A

1. ATTENDANCE

Present	AS (Chair), AB, PD, CT, SR, HS,
Apologies	SF, Cllr K Parkinson (CEC)
Police	Nil (the PCSO is unable to join Zoom sessions)
Public	11 members of the public for most of the meeting

2. MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the meeting of 2nd June and 19th June 2020 were agreed and the Chair authorised to sign them, with the amendments to the 2nd June Minutes described by the Clerk.

2.2 Matters arising from Minutes – Nil

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Nil

4. PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 Questions or comments from members of the public – The Clerk summarised comments submitted by a member of the public in relation to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. The comments had been circulated in full to councillors in advance of the meeting. The Clerk noted that the Council had not yet formally decided to proceed with preparation of such a plan. The resident also had suggestions in respect of how the Council might handle any further visitor problems at the lake, seeking a “more positive long-term approach”.

The Chair asked that members take into account these comments in further discussing the visitor issues later in this meeting.

4.2 Report from PCSO – no report had been received.

5. REPORT FROM CEC CLLR K PARKINSON – Cllr Parkinson could not attend this meeting as it clashed with a parish council meeting elsewhere.

6. FINANCE

- 6.1 Monthly financial summary** – the summary was noted.
- 6.2 New payments** – the schedule of payments was approved.
- 6.3 Public inspection of accounts 2019-20** – The Chair made particular reference to ChALC’s advice as to this issue. CT received confirmation from the Clerk that there were no outstanding queries on the accounts. Members noted the position with regard to the difficulties of arranging physical inspection of the Council accounts for 2019-20 due to the Covid crisis, and confirmed the unavailability of the Village Hall for this purpose unless and until appropriate procedures relating to such use of the Hall have been implemented.
- 7. PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE** – the schedule was noted.
- 8. REPORTS FROM CLERK AND FROM COUNCILLORS**
- 8.1 Community Infrastructure Levy payment** – members welcomed receipt of the payment, made reference to the examples mentioned in the report, but agreed to make no decision for the present on how the moneys might be spent.
- 8.2 Play Area Annual Inspection 2020** – the Inspection report had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. SR noted that the content of the report reflected the ageing of the play area and its equipment and the wear and tear that has occurred. However no items required urgent attention. The report was noted.
- 8.3 Possible reopening of Village Hall and Play area** – there was discussion of the Hall and play area in particular. The Chair was concerned at the amount of work potentially involved in reopening either the Hall or the play area, but there was an opposing view expressed that the play area could be opened with minimal work. Following discussion the following were resolved:
- That the Village Hall should remain closed for the present.
 - That the Pavilion should remain closed for the present.
 - That the play area should remain closed for the present (3 votes for closure, none against, 2 abstentions).
- 8.4 Review - Problems relating to visitors to the lake** – the Clerk summarised the Council’s achievement in securing a dialogue with appropriate officers of Cheshire East Council (CEC) (despite the lack of contact information provided by CEC elected leaders) about considerations relating to:
- The maintenance of highway yellow lines.
 - The possible extension of parking restrictions in the village.
 - The policing of existing yellow lines.
 - Dealing with anti-social behaviour.
 - The management of public footpaths.

Various avenues were being explored, including the possibility of the Parish Council being able to attend the multi-agency officer working groups that consider highway expenditure, and anti-social behaviour issues. The Chair stressed the need to access CEC's funding process for any highway works (including refreshing faded yellow lines, or providing new yellow lines), and also the need for CEC Cllr K Parkinson's explicit support for any requests that the PC makes. In respect of the comment about a scheme for the possible extension of yellow lines in the village, it was emphasised that any initial draft of a scheme would be brought back to Council before any decision is made as to whether to request CEC to pursue the Traffic Regulation Order process. The Chair pointed out that CEC's TRO process involves considerable consultation with affected residents at various stages.

The Council resolved:

- to note the report and record the Council's thanks to the officers of the organisations concerned for their help and the advice that has been given.
- That the potential for Council representation on the two working groups referred to be pursued.
- That discussions continue with CEC in respect of the extension of (a) Traffic Regulation Order(s) in the village, that the Chair in association with the Clerk be authorised to pursue the design of initial proposals, and that such proposals be brought back for consideration by Council before they are formally taken up by CEC.
- That the Clerk request Cllr Parkinson's explicit support for any CEC works that might be requested by the Parish Council.
- That the contact details of the various Police and CEC officers be kept by the Clerk on behalf of the Council and that no authority be given to disseminate such details to others without the agreement of the Chair.

8.5 Security at the IROS parking spaces – the report was noted, together with the apparent fact that a member of the public had taken it upon himself to cut back some of the vegetation overhanging the lower parking spaces. Following discussion of the reasons for the gates being closed, and the continuing relevance of this policy, members resolved that authority be given for the Clerk to secure the removal of some of the vegetation in this area, and to investigate the possibility of securing CCTV coverage and lighting of the area. Members then voted by a majority to maintain the black gates closed for the present time.

8.6 Public Forum – On the basis of the decision earlier in the meeting not to reopen the Village Hall for the present, the discussion considered the form of the Public Forum part of Council meeting agendas on the basis of such meetings remaining online. There was discussion about the merits of the identity of public observers of Council meetings being visible. Council resolved that the general format of the Public Forum section of online Council meetings should remain as it is. Members went on to resolve by a majority:

- That the identity of members of the public submitting a comment or question for the Public Forum section of a meeting should be circulated to councillors (though this was not requiring that such members of the public be visible if they observed the meeting), and

- That members of the public observing council meetings should be asked to permit their names to be displayed during the course of the meetings.

8.7 Date of next and subsequent meetings – Members resolved that the next proposed meeting of the Council be held on 8 September, with subsequent meetings on 6 October, 3 November, 1 December 2020, 2 February, 2 March, and 6 April 2021.

AGENDA PART B – CONFIDENTIAL

The Council resolved that members of the public should be asked to leave the meeting at this point to enable discussion of confidential matters.

9. RECEIPT OF QUOTATIONS

9.1 PAYE services – the meeting agreed to accept the quotation provided by the Buxton Partnership and to commission that company to undertake the Council's PAYE responsibilities at the cost indicated.

9.2 Removal of vegetation – the quotation referred to had not been received before the meeting. Members resolved to authorise the Clerk in association with the Chair to commission the works described within a figure of £500.