

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT  
NORLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Deryn O'Connor (Chair), Terry Harvey, Ken Fayle, Ian Stockton, Sally Cornelissen and Tony Duff

Councillors Charles Fifield and Gillian Edwards – Ward Councillors – Cheshire West and Chester Council

Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

There were five members of the public in attendance.

Welcome and Introductions

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Jon Wild and Ann Crawford  
Councillor Paul Williams - Ward Councillor – Cheshire West and Chester Council

**2. CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 Parish Elections, there were 3 Parish Councillor vacancies. Sally Cornelissen and Tony Duff had both expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. It was proposed and seconded that Sally and Tony both be co-opted as Norley Parish Councillors. This was unanimously agreed. Sally and Tony accepted the positions of a Norley Parish Councillor and were welcomed to the meeting.

**Action - Councillors Duff and Cornelissen to confirm with the Clerk if they are able to attend a Chalc training course on the Introduction to Local Councils for Clerks and Councillors course on 16<sup>th</sup> October 6- 9pm at Tarvin Community Centre or 26<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-4.30 pm at Holmes Chapel Community Centre.**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Cornelissen declared an interest in application number 19/03409/S73 on the grounds that she is a neighbour.

**4. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM**

It was reported that some of the signs need cleaning and some overgrown hedges need cutting back that are growing onto the signs.

There was a question about whether white lines with 30 mph markings could be painted onto the road near to the new 30 mph signs on Blakemere Lane as it was felt that they would be more noticeable than the signs.

**Action – Clerk to report the signs that need to be cleaned and cleared of overgrown vegetation and to ask CW&C what the criteria is for white markings on the road.**

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

- A list of all the 2019/20 Parish Council meetings have been displayed on all three noticeboards.
- Following the last PC meeting, the Parish Council are continuing to liaise with CW&C Highways about the installation of the Speed Indicator Devices and are following up the ordering of the devices.

- A response is awaited about the grants that maybe available for Speed Indicator Devices from the Police and Crime Commissioner which Councillor O'Connor has been following up.

**Action – Councillor O'Connor to continue to follow up**

- Following the assessment of the four-year programme to introduce 20 mph speed limits, CW&C are proposing to introduce a scheme within Norley which includes School Bank, Pytchleys Hollow and Hamblett's Hollow.

The proposed speed limits will be advertised during the week commencing 21 October and the period of consultation will end on Friday 15 November.

- Councillor Edwards has followed up the legacy money and the promised funding for a Speed Indicator Device for the village from Partner Construction and reported that a cheque is to be sent to the PC.
- School Lane has now been monitored, for consideration of a reduction in the speed limit, but the data has not yet been processed. CW&C Highways are concentrating on the 20mph programme at the moment.

**Action - Councillor O'Connor to follow up with David Reeves in November.**

- The PC are continuing to follow up the installation of the light on the side wall of the village hall where the defibrillator is located and are following up a replacement heated cabinet box for the defibrillator with North West Ambulance.

**Action - Councillor Wild to liaise with the Village Hall Committee regarding the requirement of electricity to the defibrillator box.**

- The PC are continuing to follow up the possibility of bylaws for wild swimming at Hatchmere due to their concerns about the behaviour of users and parking in the area. They would like to see rules established against picnics, barbeques, music and putting items such as inflatables into the water.

**Action – Councillor Fifield to continue to follow up the responsibility of setting byelaws for anti-social behaviour with CW&C.**

- Peter Hosker has been offered the post of Chair of JNCOT and the PC will receive confirmation of his acceptance following the JNCOT Annual General Meeting to be held in October.

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY WREATH**

7. The PC agreed that they should lay a wreath at St John's Church on Remembrance Sunday and approved the purchase.

**Action – Clerk to arrange to purchase the poppy wreath on behalf of the PC.**

#### **8. NORLEY HOUSING SURVEY**

Martin Bell, the Chair of Norley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has now completed the grant application for £3500 for the Norley Housing Needs study. The last survey was arranged by the NNP Steering Group and Cheshire Community Action carried it out on behalf of the PC. There was discussion about the other options for scrutinising the questions to be included in the Norley Housing Needs survey and analysing the results. It was agreed that 4 quotations should be obtained for the Norley Housing Needs Survey.

**Action – Councillor O'Connor to follow up the quotations and Clerk to contact Cuddington Parish Council to find out what arrangements they made for the completion of their housing survey and analysis of the results. Councillor O'Connor will circulate the last Housing Needs Survey carried out in 2014 and the proposed questionnaire of the 2019 survey.**

#### **9. HEDGE CUTTING/FOOTPATHS**

The overgrown hedges on Maddocks Hill and School Lane have now been cut back. The overgrown hedge on Cow Lane has been reported and the overgrown grass which is encroaching onto the Norley Road footpath, opposite Norley Hall is to be reported.

It was agreed that a reminder about cutting back overgrown hedges should be put in the next Norley News

**Action – Clerk to report the overgrown grass onto the path on Norley Road and to arrange for a notice about cutting back overgrown hedges to be put in Norley News.**

#### 10. NORLEY SIGN

The licence for the 'Norley' sign to be located at the junction of Town Farm Lane with Norley Road is awaited from CW&C.

**Action – Councillor O'Connor to continue to chase.**

#### 11. PLANNING

##### Applications

The following planning applications had been received for consideration since the 4<sup>th</sup> September meeting:

- **19/03452/FUL** - Beckleigh School Lane Norley Northwich Cheshire WA6 6LG: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling – There were no PC comments.
- **19/03409/S73** - Town Farm Quarry Mill Lane Kingsley Frodsham WA6 8HU: Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 7 (access road) and 61 (grading) on planning permission 14/01676/S73 – Draft comments to be circulated following the meeting as further information about the application was requested from the PC.
- **19/03574/FUL** - Fourways Stud Cheese Hill Lane Norley Northwich Cheshire WA6 8LF: Norley Parish Council object to this planning application as the change of use is completely inappropriate for the location. The combination of stabling and light industrial does not sit well together. As far as the PC know, there is no industrial manufacturing in Norley currently and it's not a precedent they would want to set. However, the neighbourhood plan does support small-scale reuse of agricultural buildings to create employment, which this may do. The Parish Council are open to persuasion whether this would benefit the local community.

##### Decisions

- **19/00850/FUL**- Land to Rear of Red Lodge Cow Lane Norley: Change of use to equestrian purposes, new stable block, associated yard area and new ménage with retractable lighting - **Approved**
- **19/02160/FUL** - Brown Moss Farm Norley Road Norley Northwich Cheshire WA6 6LJ: Single storey rear extension and alterations – **Approved**
- **18/04945/FUL** - Greenslade Cottage Norley Road Norley Northwich Cheshire WA6 6LH: Demolition of existing attached garage and porch and erection of two storey side extension, single storey front and detached garage/workshop – **Approved**

#### 12. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the following:

- CW&C have confirmed that a payment relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is due to the PC, which can be spent on:
  - (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
  - (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

The PC agreed to follow up other potential funding from the Members' Budget and any other schemes for match funding.

**Action – Councillor O’Connor to recontact CW&C regarding the Section 106 money available for play and open spaces in the village.**

- An enquiry had been received from a charity ‘Scope’ about possible locations in Norley for a clothes bank, where the public could donate their old clothes. Currently there is one in the car park at the school. After discussion it was agreed that there are no other suitable locations in Norley for another clothes bank. It was agreed that a reminder about the clothes recycling bank at the school should be put in the Norley News.

**Action – Clerk to arrange for a note about the recycling bank at the school to be put in the next Norley News.**

- The daffodil bulbs application for the primary school has now been submitted and the Clerk is liaising with Fiona Dunning from CW&C.
- The communication from CW&C about the Remembrance Sunday changes was received and noted.

### **13. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

A financial report and a budgetary monitoring report had been circulated to PC members with the agenda prior to the meeting which had been received and noted. The Clerk reported on the following:

The PC account balance on the current account as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 was £50,376.63 and the balance on the Business Reserve Account at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 was £6253.25.

### **14. VILLAGE SHOP**

Following the village meeting that was held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, there was a proposal that another meeting be arranged sometime in the autumn, which is to be followed up by Councillors Fayle and Wild. There was a suggestion about liaising with the community shop in Ashton, installing a ‘Shop’ sign, putting an article in the Norley News, and also an article about the village of Norley in Cheshire Life.

**Action – Councillor Fayle and Wild to liaise about arranging the next meeting.**

Following the successful submission of the community assets application, the PC is awaiting the paperwork from CW&C relating to this.

### **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items reported.

### **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 7.00 pm at Norley Primary School**

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm