

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
12TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM AT THE NCK CENTRE, NORLEY**

PRESENT AT THE MEETING: Councillors: Deryn O'Connor (Chair), Anne Crawford, Tony Duff,
and Ian Stockton

Councillors Charles Fifield and Paul Williams – Ward Councillors – Cheshire West and Chester Council

PCSO Deborah Netherton (for part of the meeting)

Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

There were 3 members of the public in attendance who were welcomed to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cheshire West and Chester Council Ward Councillor Gillian Edwards and Norley Parish Councillors Ken Fayle, Sally Cornelissen, Terry Harvey and Jon Wild.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM

The new owner of the building The Stores is located in, was in attendance to answer any questions relating to the recent purchase of The Stores, which was discussed under Agenda item 6 – The Stores.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021

- **Meeting with representatives from Delamere Forest**

The Clerk had invited a representative from the Forestry Commission to tonight's meeting to provide an update on the Forestry Commission's plans for Delamere Forest, but there was no one available to attend. The Recreation Manager is to send the PC a written update and if there are any specific questions, a more detailed response can then be provided to the PC.

Action – Clerk to circulate the update from the Forestry Commission once received.

Councillor Edwards is continuing to follow up the possibility of having additional signage around Delamere Forest in relation to parking.

Action – Councillor Edwards to continue to follow up the possibility of additional signage.

- **Former Car Park in Delamere Forest**

Councillor Fifield has received confirmation that Forestry England is responsible for the car park at Hatchmere.

The residents in Hatchmere are continuing to have issues of nuisance car parking caused by people using Delamere Forest and the community is keen to find a solution. The re-opening of the car park could reduce the pressure on the car parking facilities within the forest itself and help relieve some of the parking issues that residents face.

Action – Councillor Fifield to continue to follow up.

- **Speeding Issues Consultation - Police and Crime Commissioner**

Following the information that had been received from Chalc relating to a Speeding Issues Consultation, the Police and Crime Commissioner is proposing an initial pilot scheme where average speed cameras could be installed in parishes. This may be of interest to the PC and agreed that further information about the pilot and the annual cost to the PC should be obtained.

Action – Clerk to obtain further information about the pilot.

- **Cheshire Railings**

Councillor Cornelissen has met with a representative from Flintshire Fabrications to look at the Cheshire railings. The run behind the Norley sign needs completely replacing, but the others can be repaired or just painted. The quotations for this work are awaited.

Phil Gifford has kindly agreed to plant early flowering wildflowers around the 'Norley' sign so that the grass can be mown from late May/June onwards. The immediate area around the sign will also be kept mown.

Action – Councillor Cornelissen to continue to follow up the quotes for the Cheshire Railings.

- **Speed limit on School Lane, Norley**

The proposed notice, draft order and statement of reasons for a reduction of the speed limit on School Lane to 30mph, has now been received. A date for the change to take place has not yet been received from Highways.

Action – Councillor Edwards to follow up with CW&C Highways.

- **Norley Lane**

Councillor Edwards is liaising with CW&C Highways to arrange a site meeting for the PC to discuss several highway issues in Norley, including possible solutions to try and address two residents' concerns relating to Norley Lane.

Action – Councillor Edwards to continue to follow up.

- **Noticeboards**

The notice boards at the Tigers Head and Hatchmere are to be installed very soon. The Clerk has notified the licensee at the Tigers Head.

The work on the replacement posts around the boarder and a new chain in the green opposite the Tigers Head is due to commence soon.

- **Speed Indicator Devices**

The PC is liaising with CW&C Highways about a possible location on Blakemere lane for a speed indicator device. There is a pole already in place where a 'School' sign used to be. This location is suitable; however, Councillor O'Connor is checking with CW&C Highways if the PC require another licence for the location.

The PC is continuing to look at possible locations on Ashton Road, away from the high-pressure water pipes. As a suitable location has not yet been found and Highways said they would not approve the one proposed, it was agreed that the PC should contact Ian Lovatt, CW&C Highways to seek his guidance on where it could be located.

Action – The PC to continue to liaise with CW&C Highways and TWM Traffic and Councillor O'Connor to contact Ian Lovatt for advice on a suitable location on Ashton Road

- **Footpaths and Bridleways**

There has been no update about the meeting that is to be arranged with CW&C Public Rights of Way Officer to discuss the bridleway and the footpath enquiries and the direction sign around the heath at Hatchmere.

Action – Councillor Cornelissen to continue to follow up.

- **Flooding – Breech Moss**

There has been no further update on progress with the flooding on Breech Moss.

- **Hondslough Lane**

The PC's draft response objecting to this application to have a public right of way recorded over Hondslough Lane has been prepared and circulated.

Action – Clerk to submit the final PC response to Adele Meyer when finalised and requested.

- **Pytchleys Hollow**

The issues on Pytchleys Hollow are to be mentioned at the CW&C meeting that is to be arranged to discuss several Norley Highways issues.

- **Cheese Hill junction**

The PC is continuing to liaise with CW&C Highways about arranging a site visit to look at the issues at the junction of Cheese Hill.

Since the July PC meeting, Councillors Edwards and Williams have met with CW&C Highways on site to look at the problems at this junction and to consider several options and solutions. The possibility of moving the signs is being looked at.

Action – Councillors Edwards and Williams to continue to follow up with CW&C.

- In accordance with the requirements of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities and Localism Act 2011, the PC website has now been updated to include a table detailing the 2020/21 items of expenditure over £100 and the PC members Register of Interests forms. The draft PC minutes of meetings are to be published on the website within a month of meetings.

- The fundraising to deal with damp and dry rot at St John The Evangelist Church, is to be carried forward to the November PC meeting. Councillor Fayle is liaising with the church about fundraising and grant applications.

Councillor Crawford reported on the success of the recent sponsored Norley fundraising walk, which was well supported by the Church.

Action – Councillor Fayle to liaise with Churchwardens and Clerk to note as an item for the

November PC agenda.

- **Speeding Petition**

- Following the September PC meeting, when the traffic issues around Blakemere Lane were mentioned by members of the public, Councillor Edwards is continuing to follow up the possibility of obtaining 'Smiley SIDs' to put along this stretch of the road. The Clerk is following up the possibility of having a pedestrian crossing near to the Hatchmere bus stop.
- The information gathering on the community speed management is ongoing. An article on the speeding petition is to be put in the Norley News asking for community group volunteers and a co-ordinator to form a speed management group for the village. Any expressions of interest about joining the group can also be left in an envelope at The Stores.
PCSO Netherton has recently carried out speeding enforcement on Blakemere Lane. The highest detected vehicle speed was 39mph. PCSO Netherton mentioned that the volunteers for a community speed management group could be from different wards – not just from the Norley area.
- The data that is obtained from the Speed Indicator Devices in the village is to be published on the PC website.
- Councillor Stockton asked whether it would be possible to have the type of speed camera signs in Norley that are fixed to lamp posts or poles that are already sited on grass verges. This is to be followed up and the PC agreed to check with CW&C Highways whether there is a code that could be used when carrying out speeding checks with a TruCAM.

Action – Councillor O'Connor to follow up the speed camera signs with Steven Bentley, CW&C Highways

Action - Councillor Fayle to continue to obtain the data from the Speed Indicator Devices for the PC website.

Action - Councillor Edwards to continue to follow up Smiley SIDS for use on Blakemere Lane

Action – Clerk to provide additional information to CW&C Highways about the possible location of a pedestrian crossing on Delamere Road near to the bus stop.

- **The Waste – West View Road**

Councillor O'Connor had informed Phil Gifford of the PC's support for the proposed framework for the plan at West View Road.

6. **NORLEY STORES**

The planning application for a new shop and cafe next to the Village Hall has been drawn up and ready for submission to CW&C. The application is being submitted by the PC (50% reduction in planning cost). Peter Hosker, chair of JNCOT had requested a meeting with Councillors O'Connor and Councillor Wild along with other JNCOT members to discuss the application prior to submission. At a previous JNCOT meeting JNCOT had asked for the plans to be rotated 90 degrees from the original Plan B to Plan C. There is another JNCOT meeting to be held on Thursday 21st October when there is a paper proposing it should be moved back to the original plan - Plan B. Councillor O'Connor had requested a copy of the plans from the architect but they had not been received in time for the meeting.

The Shop is to be discussed at the November PC meeting, when the decision on whether the JNCOT decision on the plans (B or C) will have been agreed.

The new owner of The Stores was in attendance at the meeting to outline and provide additional information about the plans for the current shop.

It was agreed that this should be discussed further at the November PC meeting, when JNCOT will have met and there should be a further update on the planning application and a decision can be made regarding submitting the plans.

Action – Clerk to note as a November agenda item.

7. **POPPY WREATH FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

As agreed outside the meeting, the Clerk had purchased a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

8. **DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING AND PADS**

Councillor O'Connor reported that to register the defibrillator with the North West Ambulance Service, training needs to be undertaken. Councillor Cornelissen had previously agreed to arrange training on behalf of the PC if required.

It was agreed that as other groups in the village may want to arrange training, an article should be put in the Norley News. The equipment required for training is stored at the Village Hall.

The PC approved the purchase of a spare electrode pad for the defibrillator.

Action – Councillor O'Connor to purchase an additional pad for the defibrillator.

9. PLANNING

- No planning applications had been received for consideration since the September 2021 meeting.
- Notification of Decision - 21/03353/PAA – Rivington – **Prior Approval Required and Refused** – received and noted.

10. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following had been received and circulated since the September meeting:

CW&C Circulars

- Dog control rules extended by Council Cabinet
- Pupils urged to get cycling during Bike to School Week
- Waste and Recycling: Extended Collections
- Frodsham Recycling Centre given planning permission to continue service
- Businesses set to benefit from additional Covid-19 recovery support
- Growth Track 360 welcomes UK Government's response to parliamentary committee's recommendations
- Chester welcomes the festival of Diwali on Saturday 23 October

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- Bulletins, Member Briefings and training dates
- Training Course - Induction for Clerks and Councillors 12th October at 6pm – Councillor Cornelissen to attend
- Cheshire West and Chester Council - Master-planning & Community Regeneration Workshop
- NALC Star Council Awards 8th October at 12pm - How to view
- Speeding Issues Consultation - Further Update and Offer
- Free online training for CCA members on neighbourhood planning
- ChALC Survey - Impact of Covid on Council Business
- NALC Funding and Grants Bulletin
- Andrea Pellegram Ltd: Planning Training Sessions in November and December
- National Assembly and NALC direct elections

Police & Crime Commissioner - Yellow Cards for Criminals in Cheshire

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Review current Financial Position

The PC account balance on the current account as at 1st October 2021 was £37,791.45 and £6262.39 on the Business Reserve account.

The following was approved for payment and cheques were signed:

- Updates to Website – Rabbit Digital - £28.00
- Reimbursement to Mrs G Hawthornthwaite – Payment of Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday - £17.00

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Councillor Crawford mentioned that she had planted daffodil bulbs in the green area opposite the Tigers Head. The daffodil bulbs have been given out to residents visiting the shop.
- There was a report of weed spraying that had taken place in some areas where bulbs had been planted.
Action – Clerk to follow up with Mark Brazil.
- Councillor Fifield referred to the new calendar of the waste collections that had been sent to residents and the CW&C consultation on licensing policy for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 7 pm** at the NCK Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm