

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT THE NCK CENTRE, NORLEY**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING:** Councillors: Deryn O'Connor (Chair), Steve Bakewell, Sally Cornelissen, Ann Crawford, Tony Duff, Terry Harvey and Jon Wild

Councillor Gillian Edwards and Paul Williams (for part of the meeting) – Ward Councillors – Cheshire West and Chester Council

Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

There were eight 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 Charles Fifield and Norley Parish Councillors Ken Fayle and Ian Stockton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Cornelissen declared a personal interest in application: 22/02256/FUL - Townfield House Town Farm Lane Norley Northwich Cheshire WA6 8NH

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

The Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator gave an update on the Community Speed Watch, which had focused on, Blakemere Lane and Delamere Road during September.

Following a request in the Norley News for more helpers with the Community Speed Watch, there were further offers of help and 20 people are now trained in using the mobile SID.

A meeting was held with the local PCSO and one of the speed watch volunteers has spoken to local residents and they have given their thoughts and suggestions on what they would like to have installed to slow down vehicles and to make Blakemere Lane safer. This list was forwarded onto the Parish Council. The feasibility of these suggestions is now being followed up with CW&C Highways. A response is awaited.

Prior to the meeting, the PC had received and noted the Speed indicator device recordings for September.

The Community Speed Watch volunteers were thanked for all their assistance with the Community Speed Watch.

**Action – Councillor O'Connor to continue to follow up with CW&C Highways and to update Councillor Williams once a response has been received.**

**4. MIKE DUGINE, CW&C – UPDATE FIBRE BROADBAND**

Mike Dugine, from CW&C provided information relating to Ultrafast fibre broadband connectivity to rural areas and how networks made from fibre cables allow for a much faster connection. The fibre cables would replace the copper cables and would provide a more secure and reliable broadband connection, reaching speeds of up to 1,000 Mbps. The fibre cables would go into houses rather than the copper cables from the cabinets as most of Norley is currently. There are a range of packages that are available and residents can register their interest at [factco.co.uk/projects/crowton-and-kingsley](http://factco.co.uk/projects/crowton-and-kingsley).

Mike said he would be willing to attend a meeting in Norley to speak to residents. Councillor Wild will put some information about the project in Norley News.

**Action – Clerk to contact Mike Dugine for suitable dates for a Village Meeting.**

**Action – Councillor Wild to add an information piece for Norley News.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

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

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

- **Car Parking - Delamere Forest**

Councillor Edwards is awaiting confirmation from Andrew Rees about a meeting date for an update on the car parking problems in Norley, particularly the Delamere Forest area.

- **Cheshire Railings**

The arrangements for the repair and painting of the railings and funding for this work is ongoing.

Councillor Cornelissen has identified several stretches that are in very poor condition and could be a potential hazard to people using the footpaths alongside. This information has been sent to CW&C Highways and they are going to arrange for a Network Steward to inspect and report back.

The PC are looking at options of a partnership arrangement with CW&C whereby the Council supply the paint for the railings in fairly good repair and the Parish appoint a contractor to carry out the work. Councillor Edwards has kindly offered to arrange an on-site meeting to discuss this proposal.

Councillor Cornelissen is following up whether the Norley Scouts who are fundraising to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea could assist with the painting of the Cheshire Railings that require painting in Norley.

- **Speed Indicator Devices**

The PC are continuing to follow up the installation of the speed indicator device on Blakemere Lane with United Utilities.

The device on Ashton Road has now been installed and the Speed Indicator Device on School Lane has been repaired.

- **Footpaths and Bridleways**

Following a meeting with the Public Rights of Way Officer to discuss the possibility of a permissive link on Norley BR1, Councillor Edwards is compiling a letter to send to the landowner requesting that the link is opened.

**Action – Councillor Edwards to continue to follow up.**

- **Hondslough Lane**

This application is awaiting consideration. 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 and will be submitted when requested by CW&C.

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

- **Defibrillator Training**

The defibrillator training that had been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> September was postponed and has been re-arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> November at the NCK Centre.

Councillor O'Connor is continuing to liaise with Marston's about the proposed installation, ownership and maintenance of defibrillators at the Tigers Head and the Carriers Inn.

- Councillor Edwards is awaiting a response from Mike Amesbury regarding an article that was in Cheshire Live about the Delamere Forest Lodges and that they may be sold.
- An update is awaited from Councillor Edwards about the filling of the potholes on Blakemere Lane.
- Councillor O'Connor is continuing to liaise with Roger Goulding, CW&C about the reports of a pipe with soapy water that is being discharged into the pond on Common Land of West View Road.
- Councillor Bakewell attended a meeting with the CW&C Wildflower Team who have approved Norley PC's application for the Spring 2023 Programme and will rotate and prepare the ground so that the seeds can be sown in the spring. The cost of the seed mix provided by Boston Seeds will be £450 for 3kgs of seed. The PC and Ward Councillors

have agreed to contribute towards the cost of the seeds. Councillor Cornelissen is continuing to liaise with the Wildflower Group about wildflower areas in the village.

- Following the results of the consultation that was sent to residents and landowners who would potentially be affected by the installation of a one-way road with entry only from the Tigers Head, the Clerk had provided a written update to Pytchleys Hollow residents and landowners.
- The Clerk had purchased the poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

**7. UNITED UTILITIES – HATCHMERE**

Councillor O'Connor reported that she is liaising with United Utilities about the installation of the speed indicator device on Blakemere Lane, particularly at the entry point from the forest. All the water pipes along this area are being checked by United Utilities.

There are 3 main water pipes which run along Blakemere Lane. These were constructed in 1800, 1900 and 1930's. Due to the poor water quality in the area, discoloured water and deposits, there is a requirement to clean the pipes out. In the Blakemere Lane area this work is scheduled to commence in Spring 2023. There will be traffic lights along sections of the road for the duration of the work. The equipment is to be stored in the car park that is currently closed on Delamere Road. Work on re-lining the pipes on Blakemere Lane is to commence sometime in 2025 and this will require Blakemere Lane to be closed.

United Utilities are to continue to liaise with the Parish Council and could attend a Parish Council meeting to provide updates, if required.

**Action – Councillor O'Connor to continue to liaise with United Utilities.**

**8. UPDATE ON SHOP PLANNING APPLICATION AT VILLAGE HALL**

It was agreed that this item should be discussed further at the next meeting whilst further information relating to the requirements of a Neighbourhood Plan review is obtained. Councillor O'Connor understood the Neighbourhood Plan was current for 15 years, until 2030. The housing needs survey was carried out every 5 years.

**Action – Councillor Edwards to follow up the requirements of a Neighbourhood Plan review.**

**Action – Councillor O'Connor to contact Martin Bell about the Neighbourhood Plan.**

**9. NORLEY BOWLING CLUB**

Following an enquiry about financial assistance received from a member of Norley Bowling Club, it was agreed that before making a decision about a financial contribution, the PC required further information from the Bowling Club about the amount of financial assistance that is required.

**Action – To be carried forward to the November meeting.**

**Action – Councillor O'Connor to contact the Secretary of the Bowling for further information.**

**10. NEW BENCHES IN NORLEY**

Progress is continuing on finding suitable locations for benches in the village. It is proposed that one will be located at West View. The Parish Council agreed in principle to fund a number of benches in the village.

**11. WARM SPACES AND FOOD IN NORLEY**

Councillor O'Connor is liaising with Norley Methodist Church about their proposals for re-starting the hot lunches/coffee mornings at the Church.

**Action – To be carried forward to the November meeting.**

**12. PLANNING**

The following application had been received since the September meeting:

- **22/02256/FUL** - Townfield House Town Farm Lane Norley Northwich Cheshire WA6 8NH:  
Extension to existing garage to create office and garden room/gym, single storey rear extension to dwelling – Any PC comments to the Clerk by 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**13. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Following information that had been received from a resident who had researched the history of Norley Bank and had produced a booklet, it was agreed that the Parish Council should acquire a copy for the village which residents can borrow.

**Action – Councillor O'Connor to notify the resident.**

## **CW&C Circulars**

- Council Submits Expression of Interest for Investment Zone
- Cheshire West Crowd can help bring your ideas to life
- Cheshire West and Chester Council Property strategy
- Extra support for Ukrainian refugees thanks to residents' fundraising
- Council's stray dogs service achieves gold standard for eleventh year
- Ukrainian welcome events to take place in Chester and Northwich
- Trading Standards issue energy rebate scam warning
- Applications reopen for Community Action Fund
- Help people live independently in the community by donating equipment

## **Chalc**

- Bulletins and training dates
- ChALC Annual Meeting 27th October 2022 from 6pm
- Centre for Sustainable Energy Planning Support - PLACE Project
- Andrea Pellegram - Virtual Planning Training sessions
- Community Orchard promotion for Parish and Town Council
- Manchester Airport Future Airspace project
- Police and Crime Commissioner - Refreshing the Police and Crime Plan
- Have your say on policing and crime in Cheshire

## **14. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Review Current Financial Position**

Prior to the meeting, a financial report had been circulated with details of the PC account balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022, which was £42,686.51 on the current account and £6266.40 on the Business Reserve account.

### **Community Infrastructure Levy**

The PC are in the process of considering, outside of the meeting, items that the Community Infrastructure Levy payment (£6989.48) could be used for. Once agreed and allocated, Clerk to notify CW&C.

The PC had received notification that a further CIL payment of £2444.56 was due from Cheshire West and Chester Council on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The Clerk referred to the latest edition of the Arnold Baker publication relating to parish and community council law that is available to purchase at a discounted price of £131.99. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase the book to replace the out-of-date version that the PC currently has.

The following were approved for payment and cheques were signed:

- Payroll for staff for the last 3 months - £57.60 – Rose Rowland and Co Limited
- Repainting the writing on the memorial stone at the foot of the Tommy at St Johns Church is wearing away due to the weather - £120 - Blackwell's Stonecraft Ltd
- Tree Pruning and Grass Cutting - £120 – Mr J R Dimelow
- Salary Arrears Clerk's Salary for July, August, September and October (£18 x 4 months) totalling - £72.00 and Reimbursement of Poppy Wreath (£17.00), totalling £89.00

It was noted that the Clerk had made a payment of £155.80 to HMRC on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for the tax due on the Clerk's salary for Quarter 2.

## **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Councillor Bakewell reported that as part of the Wildflower Programme, work is continuing on finding an area that would be suitable for a community orchard.
- Councillor O'Connor had followed up the possibility of having a Christmas Tree with lights at the Village Green and confirmed that solar would not be suitable, but battery-operated

lights could be. Councillor Cornelissen explained she could obtain a 15-foot Christmas tree and the requisite number of suitable battery-operated lights for the tree at cost price. The PC agreed to this and it was proposed to have a Village Christmas Tree Light Switch on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, and inviting pupils from the primary school to make decorations for the tree.

**Action - Councillor Cornelissen to follow up the purchase of the tree and battery-operated lights for the tree.**

**Action - Councillor O'Connor to contact the Head Teacher about the proposed event.**

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 7.00 pm at the NCK Centre.** Councillor Harvey submitted his apologies for the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm