

## MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF NORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 AT NORLEY NCK CENTRE

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Deryn O'Connor (Chair), Steve Bakewell, Sally Cornelissen,  
Ann Crawford, Tony Duff, Ken Fayle and Jon Wild

Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

This meeting had been called to discuss the Planning Application for a Shop and Café at the Village Hall Site.

### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Norley Parish Councillors Terry Harvey and Ian Stockton and Gillian Edwards – Ward Councillor – Cheshire West and Chester Council

### 2. **Planning Application for a Shop and Cafe at the Village Hall Site**

The PC considered and discussed the current proposals for the application submitted in 2021 for a shop and café by the Village Hall.

A recent online meeting was held between Parish Councillors Wild, O'Connor, and Ward Councillor Edwards with Planning Officer Lizzie Townsend (CW&C) and Kathryn Murgatroyd (CW&C). Lizzie explained that the proposed land at the Village Hall, which the planning application referred to, was classed as 'Open Space' in the Norley Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore it could not be built on or developed due to this.

The PC agreed there is a need and requirement for a shop in the village.

However, due to the current owners stating they wanted to retain the shop in their building, the risk to the shop had abated.

The following actions were agreed:

- that the planning application be allowed to go through the planning process  
**Action – Councillor Wild to inform Lizzie Townsend at CW&C Planning.**
- to arrange a meeting with the current shop premises owners  
**Action – Councillor O'Connor to arrange.**
- to consider alternative sites around the village should it be necessary.