

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd JULY 2022 AT 5.00PM AT HUXLEY VILLAGE HALL

In Attendance – Cllr J Windsor - Chairman
Cllr S Martin
Cllr M Roscoe
Cllr S Ratledge
Cllr S Hyden

Cllr L Sackett
Cllr M Pilkington
Cllr O de Braekeleer
Members of the Public: 3

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Bird due to family bereavement. The Parish Councillors wished to offer condolences to Cllr Bird and his family at this sad time.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS – No declarations of interests were received.

PUBLIC SESSION

Huxley Primary School - Gail Webb, Chair of Interim Executive Board of Huxley Primary School attended the meeting and reported following the recent OFSTED report, that the Board of Governors had been replaced by an Interim Executive Board appointed by CWaC. The IEB is looking to meet on a three-weekly basis. Following the OFSTED report the regional schools commission have given the IEB one year (until Summer 2023) with the view that the school should explore becoming a member of a Multi Academy Trust, still maintaining their flexi-school status or alternatively there is the possibility that should a multi-academy trust not wish to take on the school, then closure may be explored.

One resident left the meeting.

Following reports in the Down Our Way Newsletter that the local footpaths had been improved Malcolm Smart reported that Footpath 11 which had a stile in the corner of the field behind Mr Smart's residence was in disrepair and a bridge across a ditch was rotten. Mr Smart undertook to provide pictures so this could be reported to CWaC.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 22/016 that the Chairman signs, as a true and correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2022 proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Ratledge.

BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Huxley Primary School – covered earlier in the meeting, it was agreed to invite Ms Webb to future meetings.

Footpaths – It was reported that the stile and bridge have been replaced towards Hargrave. It was also reported that a restricted byway off Hoofield Lane had been reported to CWaC for maintenance work due to the byway being overgrown and impassable. CWaC confirmed that the byway was on their list of annual maintenance and had scheduled this work with their contractor, but work would not take place until autumn.

Cllr Pilkington had received an email from Richard Ankers which stated that it was the responsibility of the landowner to maintain stiles and bridges on their land.

ACTION: find out who has access to a restricted byway.

Village Gates – Following the installation of the Village Gates, it was reported that long grass around the gates meant that they were not as effective as they could be. Cllr De Braekeleer reported that he had received a quote of between £90 & £100 to buy a plastic tub then soil and plants would need to be purchased and maintained. Cllr Windsor proposed that daffodil bulbs and possibly bluebells be planted in front of the Village Gates for the spring. This was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Cllr de Braekeleer to find out if his gardener could strim both sides (if not Cllr Hyden & Cllr Martin were willing to undertake this).

Daffodil Planting – it was agreed to purchase in total 2 x 25Kg sacks of daffodils for Hargrave and Huxley.

Review of Condition and Safety of Assets – It was reported that the noticeboard had been received since the last meeting. Cllr Martin would erect the new noticeboard but it would require more help. Cllrs Ratledge and Hyden offered to assist. Also, the Huxley Village sign had been sandblasted the sign is back up and Cllr Pilkington was now working on repainting the backing plate.

Mr Smart reported that he would undertake the refurbishment of the wooden Golden Jubilee carvings in Huxley and Hargrave.

Community Litter Picking - It was agreed that the next Community Litter Picking Event would take place on 8th October 2022 at Hargrave and 15th October 2022 at Huxley between 10.00am - 12.00 noon. This is to be advertised in the parish newsletter asking for volunteers.

Speed Monitoring – It was reported that Cllr Sackett had contacted CWaC to seek the loan of the SID machine and sought volunteers to undertake SID Speed Monitoring in September.

Defibrillator Huxley – it was reported that the Clerk had ordered the replacements defib pads but these were currently out of stock and awaiting delivery. Additionally, it was agreed that Cllr Martin would re-register the Defib Machine with “The Circuit” following receipt of the replacement defib pads that have been ordered and undertake weekly checks with Cllr Ratledge as back-up should Cllr Martin not be able to undertake the checks. The Clerk had circulated to Cllr Martin and Cllr Ratledge a form that they could complete on a weekly basis to confirm checks had been undertaken.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

Following the successful Jubilee Event, the Parish Council wished to thank the organisers of the event. The Beacon lighting was well attended and then a picnic on the Sunday was organised and even though the weather was not ideal everyone who attended felt the event had been a success.

Mr Smart reported that the Jubilee Beacon would look to be erected in a permanent prominent position and then the Jubilee Committee would request if the Parish Council would take on the asset.

ACTION: Clerk to check with insurance company to see if the Parish Council could insure it if it was erected on private land.

Highways – A report on the current highways issues was circulated and actions since the last meeting were noted.

The following Highways work had been completed:-

- SS391685748 – overhanging hedge outside of the Old Post Office, Chapel Lane.
- HW301860272 – blockage outside of the Croft.

The following Highways work was on-going

HW389727334 – Damaged Sign at Junction of Red Lane, Huxley and Huxley Lane had been passed to contractor

HW364056532 – Missing Church Lane sign between Bridge House and Swallow Farm had been passed to contractor. The parish council would continue to monitor the outstanding issues.

The following item was reported at the meeting to the Parish Council and to be logged with CWaC following the meeting:-

SS434134763 - Overgrown hedge restricting view on Long Lane before junction with Mill Lane on bend. Land belongs to Higher Huxley Barn CH39BZ

Speed Assessment – Following residents contacting the Parish Council asking for support to request a Speed Assessment through Hargrave and along Long Lane, CWaC have responded to say that they would undertake a speed assessment survey in Huxley and along Long Lane and report back.

One resident left the meeting.

Tarporley War Memorial Hospital – following the recent email correspondence from the Business Manager at Tarporley War Memorial Hospital asking if the Parish Council would be interested in a Trustee attending and providing an update to a Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that a Trustee be invited to the September meeting to provide a short report. Concern was raised by the Parish Council that respite beds had been removed and the hospital would be run as clinics only.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Business Manager to request that someone attends the next meeting.

Police and Crime Commission – Rural Crime Survey- recent correspondence from John Dwyer regarding a Rural Crime Survey was circulated and the Parish Council, agreed that all individuals should be encouraged to respond to the survey.

PLANNING

The Planning Register dated 23/06/2022 was accepted and changes to the planning register from last meeting were noted.

It was reported that the following applications had received a determination from Chester West and Chester Council:-

21/04298/LDC – Stone Lodge, Guy Lane – Single Storey Rear Extension – Approved.

21/05060/LDC – Land at Hoofield Lane, Huxley – Land at Hoofield Lane, Huxley – Approved.

22/00717/FUL – Orchard Cottage, Huxley Lane, Huxley – Single Storey Rear Extension - Approved

Planning Enforcement 20/02055/FUL – Removal of mobile home and septic tank from land at Hargrave. Head of the Planning Department had confirmed that this was now being handled by the Head of Enforcement and an updated enforcement notice would be issued. As an enforcement notice had already been issued, albeit incorrectly by CWaC, the 4 year tenure immunity on dwellings would not be applicable in this case.

22/01178/FUL – The Waveney, Leadgate Lane, Clotton CH3 9BT – No objections but the Parish Council requested that the use of solar panels should be encouraged.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Accounts for payment

RESOLVED 22/017 Year to date cashbook dated 25/06/2022 was approved as a true and correct record.

Bank Reconciliation against Cashbook YTD – **RESOLVED 22/018** – that Cllr Sackett signs the Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statements.

Subscription to Local Councils Update – it was **RESOLVED 22/019** that the Parish Council would financially contribute the Clerk's subscription to the Local Council's update to a total of £20 (Total cost of subscription was £100 split between five Parish Councils).

Purchase of Poppy Wreath – it was **RESOLVED 22/020** to purchase a wreath from Royal British Legion for Remembrance Sunday in November at a cost of £22.25.

Income received since the last meeting:-

£0.13 & £0.12 in Bank Interest

Payments made/received since last meeting:-

Clerk Pay	Tax Point 3	£243.01
Clerk Pay	Tax Point 4	£243.01
Clerk's Expenses		£59.02
Mrs C Nicholls	Contribution towards Jubilee Event	£240.49
Huxley PTA	Jubilee Event – Coins/Medals	£50.00
Mrs C Nicholls	Contribution towards Jubilee Event	£40.95
Defib Store	Replacement Defib Pads	£56.39
Marmax	Noticeboard	£2,086.80

RESOLVED 22/021 to accept the income and payments since the last meeting for approval.

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

A number of residents have questioned if the bus will ever come back via Hargrave – it was suggested that residents be encouraged to write to the MP.

ACTION: Write to Edward Timpson

It was reported that No 1 Church Lane (CH3 7RN) next to Wayside Cottage, had an over grown hedge protruding onto the footpath making it impossible to use.

ACTION: Clerk to report to CWaC - SS434220387

NEXT MEETING

Sunday 4th September 2022 at 5pm at Hargrave Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 18:16

Signed:.....

Dated:.....