

DUNHAM HILL & HAPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 6th July 2021, at 7.30pm, at Dunham Hill Village Hall.

MINUTES

Present:	Cllr K Bradley - Chair	Cllr K Holmes
	Cllr C Green	Cllr E Gibson
	Cllr R Johnson	
Clerk:	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	Members of the public: 1

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – No apologies were received by Cllr S Willett and Cllr S Hanson.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Johnson, Cllr Green & Cllr Bradley declared an interest in planning application 21/02288/S73 due to proximity of the property to their residents.
Cllr Holmes highlighted that his spouse was also on the Village Hall Committee which was next door to the planning application.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Nothing raised.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 21/017- that the Chair signs, as a correct record the circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th May 2021.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Correspondence from Rev Green – it was reported that a letter had been received from Rev Green from St Luke's Church following the planting of the trees on the ground in front of the Wheatsheaf. Following this a letter had been sent from the Parish Council in response. Also a meeting has been requested by Stuart Bateman from CWaC Highways Department to see if a solution could be found.

VAS and Missing Signs – it was reported that with regards to the VAS - CWaC were still awaiting signs from manufacturer, and this typically takes 3 weeks – last update was received on 14th June. It was also reported that the missing Manley Mere Sign was due to be installed within two weeks from the 14th June.
Cllr Hanson highlighted that the Cash Lane Sign was still not installed.

Edward Timpson - it was reported that the Parish Council had received correspondence from Mr Timpson MP in relation to the litter picking undertaken by the residents of the parish over Easter. Mr Timpson commended the residents for their efforts.

Cllr Bradley confirmed he had also written to Mr Timpson seeking his views in relation to the proposed CO2 pipeline.

Road Accident on Chester Road - it was reported that following a recent accident on Chester Road that the Parish Council had contacted the Police and CWaC to ask if the road speed could be reduced. Cllr Bradley confirmed that CWaC had reported that to extending the 40 would not be appropriate and may increase non-compliance in the existing 40 mph limit. However, CWaC Road Safety team are due to undertake a traffic survey, they will then share the data with the police asking for enforcement if the data shows it is required. The monitoring is unlikely to be carried out until after the school summer break. This is because

during the recent lockdowns monitoring was suspended because of the effects on traffic flows, monitoring resumed three weeks ago and there is a huge backlog of monitoring requests to complete.

In addition to this CWaC have agreed to arrange an inspection of the current speed limit signage to see if improvements can be made.

Cllr Bradley confirmed he had requested figures from the PCSO with regards to speed limits in the area. Cllr Holmes confirmed he had received the following figures:-

Following a recent fatal collision on the A56 at Dunham-on-the-Hill - speed enforcement was completed today.

24/6/21 - Speed Enforcement - 16.40 >18.02

586 vehicles passed

x 33 exceeding 40mph

50+ = 11 (3 local keepers)

Total local keepers = 11

Top speed = 62mph

Cllr Bradley reported that following the request to change the speed limit through Dunham Hill Village to 20mph CWaC has confirmed back as follows:-

In January 2016 Cheshire West and Chester cabinet voted to introduce borough wide 20mph speed limits. The policy agrees to introduce 20mph speed limits where the following criteria are met:

1.2.1 Residential roads where the mean speed is below 24mph.

1.2.2 Outside schools where the mean speed is below 30mph.

It was suggested that a zoom meeting be set up to discuss the possibility of 20mph throughout Dunham Hill with CWaC.

Grass cutting – Cllr Gibson raised concern about the state of the verges on the A5117 towards the M56 – As she reported that the access to the Defib was prohibited due to the overgrown state of the verge. *Following the meeting Cllr Gibson reported that this had now been rectified due to the verge being cut by CWaC.*

Bus Stop by Caravan Site following a residents from Chester Parks Caravan Site complaining regards the condition of the Bus Shelter along the Chester Road and the need for the rubbish that had accumulated to be removed Cllr Bradley confirmed he would undertake to do this.

PLANNING

- Councillors noted the Planning Register dated 26/06/2021.

21/02288/S73 - Land Adjacent Dunham Hill Village Hall Village Road Dunham On The Hill Frodsham - New 3 bedroom bungalow with associated materials, landscaping and access (variation of condition 2 on planning permission 19/00614/S73) Cllr Gibson sought clarification on the need to consult regarding this planning application as it was a variation on the original planning permission. It was agreed that Cllr Gibson and Cllr Holmes would seek comments for local residents.

ACCOUNTS

Cashbook – the council accepted the cashbook and updated budget v actual YTD dated 26-06-2021

Income & Expenditure

RESOLVED 21/018 - to accept the expenditure as circulated at the meeting:-

<u>To Whom Paid</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Clerk's Salary	Tax Point 3	£234.12
Clerk's Salary	Tax Point 4	£234.12
Clerk's Expenses		£89.05
CWaC	Printing of Newsletter	£120.00
ICO Data Protection	Annual Subscription	£35.00
HMRC PAYE	Q1 Payment	£175.60
Autela Payroll	Q1 Payment	£50.40

Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED 21/019 – to approve the bank reconciliation as circulated against the year to date cashbook.

Poppy Wreath

RESOLVED 21/020 – to approve the purchase of a Poppy Wreath for Remembrance in November together with additional Lamppost Poppies.

Clerk's Training

RESOLVED 21/021 – to approve contributing towards the Clerk's training of ILCA to CILCA costing £120 + VAT split between four Parish Council's and GDPR Training at a cost of £30 + VAT split between four Parish Council's.

Clerk's Appraisal

It was agreed that the clerk's Appraisal would be scheduled for August with Cllr Green.

WORKING GROUP

Following the Working Group Meeting that took place on 22nd June it was **RESOLVED 21/022** to proceed with the recommendations of the working group.

It was confirmed that the Mere's Edge Masterplan and Honeywell Site discussions were proceeding.

It was agreed to seek a meeting with Edward Trevor-Barnston regarding proposed ASH Site to explore further options for improving facilities for residents of Hapsford.

It was confirmed that Cllr Bradley had written to Mr Timpson MP to seek his views on the proposed CO2 Pipeline.

Neighbourhood Plan – It was agreed that Cllr Gibson and Cllr Green would look to follow-up and review the options for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk undertook to circulate Clotton Hoofield Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan and Cllr Johnson undertook to circulate Sutton Weaver's Parish Plan for review. The clerk undertook to send Cllr Gibson and Cllr Green information on applying for a grant to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for them to see if the Parish Council was eligible.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Litter Picking Update - suggest further Litter Picking in October / March / May. Cllr Gibson suggested that the Parish Council pull together a schedule of activities for the year to increase residents awareness of the voluntary work that is undertaken within the community throughout the year.

Trees for Dunham Hill and Hapsford Update - Cllr Green confirmed the next opportunity for ordering is November to allow the Parish Council to order more trees for the Hapsford area. It was also suggested that 'Go Wild for Wildflowers' be explored for along A5117 from the motorway into Hapsford. Cllr Johnson to take location pictures in Hapsford and along Chester Road for review by CWaC.

Hapsford Woods & Ponds – nothing to update.

Footpaths and Bridleways within the Parish – Cllr Holmes reported that there is a bridleway from Hapsford towards Wheatsheaf – it was suggested that CWaC be asked to review where the bridleway starts and should finish.

It was reported that the stile by Square House Farm was in poor condition – a resident to take pictures and forward to Cllr Holmes.

Village Green – Development Cllr Green reported that it was agreed that the village green required the hedge tidying and the pump painting in August. It was agreed that this would be undertaken first week of August. Cllr Green also asked for a decision about the lights and confirmation on what tree to be included on the Agenda for September. Cllr Bradley sought volunteers to help with the village green development. Cllr Gibson sought confirmation if the centre of Hapsford could be renovated and tidied up – it was agreed that the views of the residents be sought via the next newsletter to see what they would like to happen to the seated area in Hapsford.

It was reported that the benches had been painted and this was an improvement. The resident who undertook this was thanked by the Parish Council for undertaking this.

Gowy Landfill – It was reported that the Gowy Landfill site would be stopping taking waste in October 2022, however following this it is expected to take between 12 – 18 months to bring earth onto the site and cap it. Therefore, there would still be lorry movements carrying earth rather than waste.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

It was reported that there was still three vacancies on Dunham Hill and Hapsford Parish Council (as there are ten places in total on the Parish Council) and a number of residents had shown interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council. It was therefore agreed to invite them to the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Gibson highlighted concern that currently there were three Parish Councillors all from the same area and thought representation from other areas should be sought. However, the Parish Council felt that it was better to have a full Parish Council with Councillors willing and able to help than have vacancies due to non-representation of areas.

Cllr Bradley proposed to co-opted Mr L Wales until 2023, this was unanimously **RESOLVED 21/023**.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Dunham Hill Village Hall. Explore possibility of allotments for Dunham Hill and Hapsford.

The meeting closed at 20.38

Signed:..... Dated:.....

Mrs T Ryall-Harvey 06/07/2021