

## BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

#### PRESENT

Councillor W Brown, Chairman; Councillors J Batchelor, L Barber, J Bradley, B Colclough, T Gardiner, A Sweeney and S Hollinshead

Ralph Bason, Clerk;  
Cheshire East Councillor J Wray

Apologies: R Moss

#### 1. CHAIRMAN

Councillor Brown was elected Chairman for 2018-19

#### 2. VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Batchelor was elected Chairman for 2018-19

#### 3. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2018 as a correct record.

#### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman reported on the activity of the Parish Council during the previous 12 months and invited electors of the Parish to speak on apposite matters. This formed the basis of the Annual Parish Meeting for which due public notice had been published.

Following comments from members of the public attending, the Council undertook to look into the overgrown hedges in Hassall Green, apparent speeding traffic through the village and the delapidation of the playground on the site of the old school in Hassall Green.

#### 5. COMMITTEE AND FORUM REPRESENTATIVES

It was agreed that the following appointments be made:

Police – Councillor Moss

Planning – Councillor Bradley

Litter – Councillor Gardiner

Footpaths – Councillor Colclough

Almshouses – Councillor Hollinshead

Website and Social Media – Councillor Sweeney

Newsletter – Councillor Barber

#### 6. FINANCE

##### 6.1 Audit

The Council approved the Parish Council's accounts and governance statement for 2016-17 for submission for Audit.

6.2 Expenditure

The Council approved the following items of expenditure

Clerk's Salary – 2 months @ £120.11 = £240.22

Clerk's expenses - Travel - £ 48.00 (to visit auditor (x2), to post notices and to attend meeting; Postage £2.36:

Cheshire Community Action - £20

7. PLANNING

The Council considered the following Planning Applications which had been received for consultation purposes from Cheshire East Council:

18/2119-2125 -Service Station, M6 Junction 17 To Junction 16, Sandbach  
Construction of drive through kiosks and signage – no objections.

18/2096-7 - Romping Donkey, alterations and change of use with associated listed building consent – no objection.

17/1934C – Romping Donkey - Listed building consent for alterations and extensions to the Romping Donkey with change of use from vacant public house to dwelling – no objection.

17/1763C – 60 Betchton Road, Malkins Bank – two-storey extension – no objection.

8. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillors reported on activity in respect of Sandbach Almshouses, litter in the parish and meetings attended.

Concern was expressed regarding overgrown embankment along Newcastle Road and the continuing disrepair of the Highway.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Information Commissioner has advised that requests for information about historic decisions by the Council have been duly considered. The Commissioner asks that the Council adopts its advice regarding procedure to be followed should similar requests for information be made.

..... (Chairman)

..... (Date).