

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

PRESENT

Councillor W Brown, Chairman; Councillors J Batchelor, B Colclough, R Moss and S Hollinshead

Ralph Bason, Clerk;
Cheshire East Councillor J Wray

1. CHAIRMAN

Councillor Brown was elected Chairman for 2019-20

2. VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Batchelor was elected Chairman for 2019-20

3. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2019 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. Concerns included the operation of buses in the area and highways maintenance. This formed the basis of the Annual Parish Meeting for which due public notice had been published.

5. ELECTIONS 2019

The Council noted the Election on 4 May of Jean Batchelor, William Brown, Barbara Colclough, Sidney Hollinshead and Robert Moss who duly signed their respective acceptance of office.

6. COMMITTEE AND FORUM REPRESENTATIVES

It was agreed that the following appointments be made:

Police – Councillor Moss

Footpaths – Councillor Colclough

Almshouses – Councillor Hollinshead

7. FINANCE

7.1 Audit

The Council approved the Parish Council's accounts and governance statement for 2018-19 for submission for Audit.

7.2 Expenditure

The Council approved the following items of expenditure

Clerk's Salary – 2 months @ £123.75 = £247.50
Clerk's expenses - Travel - £ 48.00 (to visit auditor (x2), to post notices and to attend meeting; Postage £2.36 – print toner £27.00
Cheshire Community Action - £20
Chalc - £183.60
Insurance - £257.

8. PLANNING

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

19/2052C – Church House, Alsager Road, Hassall Green – Extensions. – no objection.

The Council noted the outcome of the following Planning Applications:

19/0945C – Betchton Manor, Cappers Lane - Demolition of existing building, development of MOT workshop building and associated parking
Withdrawn
19/0948C – Betchton Manor - Erection of stable block – Withdrawn.

9. 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.

Councillor Wray reported on changes to the governance of Cheshire East Council following the Council Elections on 4 May.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council accepted an offer by the developers of Arclid Quarry to attend the next meeting.

The Council accepted an offer by a representative of Cheshire East Council to attend the next meeting to explain policies regarding the maintenance of highways in the area.

..... (Chairman)

..... (Date).