

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

PRESENT

Councillor W Brown, Chairman; Councillors J Batchelor, L Barber (from minute 20), B Colclough and S Hollinshead.

Ralph Bason, Clerk
Councillor J Wray – Cheshire East Council

Apologies for absence: R Moss

19. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2019 as a correct record.

20. CO-OPTION

Lisa Barber was co-opted to be a Councillor.

21. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public present expressed their concern about flooding in Alsager Road and it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Colclough at Bank Farm regarding drainage issues.

22. FINANCE

The Council approved the following items of expenditure
Clerk's Salary – 2 months @ £123.75 = £247.50
Clerk's expenses - Travel - £ 24.00 (to post notices and to attend meeting;
Postage - £3.50

It was also Resolved that the Clerk's salary be increased on a personal basis to the national pay agreement spinal point 24.

23. BUDGET 2020-21

The Council considered its budget for 2020-21. Having resolved a dispensation for Councillors to discuss financial matters in this respect it adopted a budget (appended to these minutes) and agreed to precept Cheshire East Council in the sum of £2,314.

24. PLANNING

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

19/4372C – Thurlwood Farm, Sandbach Road, Rode Heath - Extensions, internal alterations and general refurbishment to change existing dwellings from 2no. to 3no. Dwellings – no objection.

19/4464C – Roddymoor Mill House, Roughwood Lane, Hassall Green - Planning application for a recreational children's tree house and play items within the curtilage of Roddymoor Mill House – no objection.

19/4714C – Betchton Hall Farmhouse – Love Lane, Betchton - Change of use of part of the Long Barn from disused agricultural (currently used for storage) to farm office. Works include: new window, rooflights, thermal upgrade (internal) and adding a guarding to the external stairs – no objection.

19/4794C – Malkins Bank Golfcourse - Proposed installation of new drainage, sheet piled wall, water treatment plant and ancillary works – to comment regarding concerns about the contaminated land.

(b) The Council noted the outcome of the following Planning Applications:

19/3856C - Erection of a two-storey agricultural worker's dwelling and farm office, associated access, car parking and ancillary infrastructure – Chells Hill Farm – refused.

19/3951W - South western extension to silica sand workings, along with revisions to the development programme and restoration scheme approved under permission 09/2291W – Arclid Quarry – undecided.

25. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillors advised on their activities on Council matters.

Councillor Hollinshead reported on the work at the Sandbach Almshouses and encouraged anyone who was interested to join the trust.

Councillor Brown reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils on 20 November.

Councillor Batchellor reported on her attendance of a meeting organised by Cheshire East Council of Town and Parish Councils on 20 November.

Councillor Barber reported that she had arranged a successful fundraising coffee morning at the church in Hassall Green in aid of MacMillan Nurses.

Councillor Barber also reported on a site meeting at which she accompanied a representative of the Cheshire East Highways department and where she explained the concerns of Hassall Green residents of their concerns.

Councillor Wray reported on current administrative events at Cheshire East Council.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on correspondence from Cheshire East Council informing on the cutting back of vegetation near the motorway bridge.

..... (Chairman)

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