

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

PRESENT

Councillor W Brown, Chairman; Councillors J Batchelor, L Barber, B Colclough and R Moss

Ralph Bason, Clerk

Apologies for absence: S Hollinshead

27. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2019 as a correct record.

28. CHESHIRE EAST COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Council considered the review of governance arrangements in the area commenced by Cheshire East Council.

It agreed that in the first instance it would ask that the boundary between Betchton and Church Lawton be reviewed to make more sense given recent developments subject to such changes being agreeable to residents.

The Council also agreed that in view of difficulties in recruiting members of the Council, consideration be given to a joint council be made with the Parish of Hassall, subject to neither Parish being abolished.

29. 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 - £2.40

Printer toner - £19

Website maintenance - £42.00

CPRE membership - £36.00

30. PLANNING

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

19/5636C – Land adjacent to 5 Chells Hill Cottages, Chells Hill - Variation of condition 2 on approved application 16/5010C - Variation of condition on application 15/4119C: Construction of 2no. Garages – no objection.

19/5586D - Discharge of conditions 3, 6, 7 & 8 on application 18/2613C – Manor House Farm, Dubthorn Lane – no objection.

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

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

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application for a recreational children's tree house and play items within the curtilage of Roddymoor Mill House – withdrawn.

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 – undecided.

19/4794C – Malkins Bank Golf course - Proposed installation of new drainage, sheet piled wall, water treatment plant and ancillary works – undecided and meeting proposed by Hassall Parish Council on 28 January.

31. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Clerk would ask Cheshire East Council again to give a quote to reinstate a footpath from Hassall Green to Newcastle Road in connection with Section 106 moneys.

The Clerk would ask Cheshire East Council again to reinstate appropriate signage regarding road narrowing and speed limits in Hassall Green.

32. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillors advised on their activities on Council matters.

Councillor Hollinshead in his absence reported on the work at the Sandbach Almshouses.

33. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that Br Colclough had responded by telephone regarding drainage issues at Bank Farm.

The Clerk reported on correspondence from Hassall Parish Council regarding the Planning Application at Malkins Bank and the proposed meeting to discuss issues on 28 January.

The Clerk reported that Alsager Town Council had asked for information about arrangements regarding traffic movement at Betchton Lane in connection with the development at Roughwood Lane. The Clerk reported on his response. Discussion ensued about traffic movements at the site and the Clerk agreed to ask the developers to request that suppliers ensure that deliveries abide by agreed routes.

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