

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
CHELFORD VILLAGE HALL ON 27TH MARCH 2008**

PRESENT: Councillors A. Norbury, J. Leach, Mrs J. Conquer, Mrs K. Gildon, R. Roycroft, Miss C. Andrew (MBC), S. Wilkinson (CCC) and Mrs J. Sims (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors T. Boon and B. Tyre

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th January 2008, circulated prior to the Meeting were passed and signed by Cllr Norbury.

MATTERS ARISING

Financing a PCSO. Following the visit of Inspector Morell to the last meeting regarding the subject of Chelford financing a PCSO, the Councillors agreed that they were unable to see the advantage to the Village of contributing towards a PCSO to the amount of £3,500. This sum amounted to nearly 50% of the total precept for the year. It was felt that there were not enough problems in the Village to warrant this type of expenditure on a PCSO who has no powers of arrest and can only warn wrongdoers.

Highways. On the 14th May new parking restrictions will be coming into force in the Borough when traffic wardens will take over responsibility for dealing with offenders. In Chelford one of the main parking problems is the number of cars which park on the pavement by Chelford Farm Supplies. As promised by PC Frith the Police SID was used in the Village but only for two days.

Hedge at the Village Hall. The Astle Estate has no problems in principal to selling the piece of land needed to improve the entrance to the Village Hall. However, at the moment there is a problem with the Estate and no parcels of land can be sold off without the agreement of all three trustees. Even if the sale was to go ahead in the near future it will be too late to start work until later on in the year.

Hedges in the Village. Mr Icke has provided a copy of his deeds which show that he owns the land up to the footpath. It was agreed that legal advice may be needed and it was suggested that ChALC should be approached for advice.

The Provision of Litterbins. If no reply is received from MBC Cllr Andrew to be informed.

Railway Station. Northern Rail suggested that if Marshalls didn't move the incinerator from near the edge of the platform they should be told that they could be prosecuted. The incinerator is only used for burning cardboard and broken pallets and Marshalls are looking for an alternative way to dispose of them.

The provision of a bench in memory of Tony Sullivan. Cllr Norbury said the plaque for the bench would be sorted in the following week.

Parish Plan. Cllr Gildon has recruited six volunteers from the Village to form a steering committee to drive forward the ideas adopted in the Parish Plan. The members of the group are: - Andy Gildon, Olivia Norbury, Andrew Barber, Janet Meadowcroft, David Stannard and

Victoria Rukazenkov. Bron Kerrigan will help the group and Cheshire Community Council will also be able to give advice and help.

Village Show. Geoff Willis has been approached regarding the use of the marquee. He is willing to consider the extra use of the marquee on the Friday evening provided it doesn't impact on the main event on the Saturday.

Affordable Housing. Questionnaires have been sent out to the residents of Chelford and other nearby villages regarding the need for affordable housing in the area. The results of which will be presented to MBC Planning Committee. The provision of this housing can only go ahead if there is suitable land available and at the present time the larger sites in the Village are not available. There has been some concern about the future use of the Irlam's site after the sale of the company to Stobarts. However, David Irlam is now on the board of Stobarts and he has always been in favour of the site been used for housing when it was no longer required by the company. He has been talking to a consultant to try and get permission for a housing development on the site.

Waste and Minerals Plans. There will be no further developments regarding the County Waste and Minerals plans until the new Councils take control in a year's time.

Grass and hedge cutting. A quote for grass cutting at the bungalows on Elmstead Road and hedge cutting at the Village Hall had been received. As the bungalows are now owned by Peaks and Plains it was agreed that Cllr Leach should investigate whether the Council still needed to sponsor the additional grass cutting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Audit Commission – The appointment of a new external auditor
- 2 MBC - Validation of planning applications
- 3 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School – Foundation Status
- 4 ChALC – Environmental Planning Seminar on 17.4.08
- 5 CCC – Making the link in Cheshire
- 6 MBC- Draft Budget Summary 2008-09
- 7 CCC – Adopted Cheshire Replacement Waste Local Plan
- 8 MBC – Playground Chelford Village Hall – Site Inspection 18.1.08
- 9 Cheshire Community Council – Spring Members Evening 22.4.08
- 10 Cheshire Peaks and Plains – Neighbourhood Agreements
- 11 Manchester Airport – Parish Council Meetings 2008
- 12 CCC – Local Councils 'Cluster Event': Bucklow Electoral Division 8.4.08
- 13 MBC – Local Government Re-organisation "People and Places"
- 14 MBC – Macclesfield Nature Conservation Forum 7.5.08
- 15 MBC – Training in the Licensing Act
- 16 MBC – Playground Chelford Village Hall – Site Inspection 19.2.08
- 17 Government Office for the North West – Draft North West Regional Spatial Strategy – proposed changes published for consultation
- 18 The North West Plan Partial Review – Regional Spatial Strategy
- 19 Hacker Young – Thank you letter for the Council's co-operation regarding the Annual Audit
- 20 North West Air Ambulance – A letter thanking the Council for its donation

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 07/3125P 5 Mere Court – Single storey side extension, rear conservatory and rear extension to garage. **APPROVED**
- 2 08/0046P 2 Wheat Moss – Single storey front/side, first floor front/side extensions pitched roof to flat roof dormers. **APPROVED**
- 3 08/0101P Post Office – Single storey side extension. **APPROVED**
- 4 08/0144P 26 Wheat Moss – Side first floor extension and rear two storey extension. **APPROVED**

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT

1 E.On Energy – Village lighting	26.87
2 Zurich – Insurance	582.75
3 CPRE – Subscription	27.00
4 E.On Energy – Village lighting	26.87
5 T. Icke – Village maintenance (Station)	75.00
6 H M Hammond – Village maintenance (Station)	46.87
7 A. Norbury – Printing from Post Office	24.80

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chelford School – ‘Transforming Learning Communities’. CCC has undertaken a review of the viability of some of the smaller schools in the County. Chelford School has been assessed and there is some concern as it has been announced that some of the schools may be closed. Parents have been asked to write to CCC to show support for keeping Chelford School open. However, the next options have been put on hold until the new Shadow Authority is elected in May or even until the new Authority takes over in 2009.