

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHELFORD SCHOOL ON 11th NOVEMBER 2008

PRESENT: Councillors A. Norbury, J. Leach, Mrs K. Gildon, B. Tyre, R. Roycroft, T. Boon, Miss C. Andrew (MBC), S. Wilkinson (CCC), G. Walton and Mrs J. Sims (Clerk). Four Parishioners were also present.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th September 2008, circulated prior to the meeting were passed and signed by Cllr Norbury.

Cllr Norbury opened the meeting by thanking Mrs Jane Conquer for all her hard work during her time on the Parish Council with a special mention of her work on the restoration of Mere Court Pond. He then presented Mrs Conquer with a framed aerial photograph of Chelford as a gift on her retirement from the Council.

MATTERS ARISING

Chelford School. It appears that there is not going to be a public consultation over the future of the School and any consultation will be between CCC and the Governing Body. The School Governors have queried this decision as it is felt there is still a great deal to be discussed about the feasibility of CCC's plans for the future use of Chelford School.

The Big Idea. There is to be an exhibition of the art work produced as part of the Big Idea on the 22nd November.

Hedge at the Village Hall. The terms of the agreement to purchase the strip of land by the Village Hall was confirmed at the last meeting, but there has been a delay as the Council's solicitors are still waiting to hear from the vendor's solicitors.

Hedges in the Village. Areas down Dixon Drive and the Railway Embankment do appear to be owned by the Crown. A group of resident volunteers could work in these areas to make improvements.

Footpaths along the A535. CCC has been contacted about the hedges which are overgrowing the footpaths along the A535.

Parish Plan.

1 The open meeting to present the Village Plan to the residents was held on the 1st October. The residents expressed their views on the major ideas and Cllrs Leach and Gildon along with Dr A Gildon have incorporated these into a formal document with advice from Bron Kerrigan on the best format to use. Once the document has been signed off by Cheshire Community Action it will be passed to MBC who will look at which points are relevant to the Borough Plan. Cllr Andrew said there is a move to allow Parish Councils more say in what happens in its area and there may be a budget to finance this proposal and as the new East Cheshire area will be so big this may occur fairly soon.

2 The idea that the website could be run by a group of volunteers has been considered. The Parish Plan Group has looked at the idea but their initial reaction was that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council.

3 The problem of the trees and hedges in the Village had been raised. Although it is unclear in some areas whether it is the responsibility of CCC or MBC in other areas the work is to go ahead. MBC have said that Seddons own Tarzan Valley, the tree belt and the embankment which are areas in need of work. As it is approaching the ideal time for cutting hedges and trimming trees the Council have considered doing some of the work in the disputed areas. The need for insurance was considered if the work was to go ahead. Cllr Norbury agreed to write to Mr Howlett to see if he would be willing to help with the project.

4 The Bonfire which was organised by the Parish Plan Committee and a group of volunteers was a great success. A cheaper quote for the fireworks display was chosen. The firework company also provided the bar and other products and the profit from the bar plus £100 was donated to the fund for future community events. Cllr Norbury donated a pig for the occasion and Cllr Boon made the sausages. The event made a profit of £780 and it was agreed that a bank account needed to be opened for the group to ensure that the money was kept separate from the Parish Council accounts. It was agreed that Bron Kerrigan should be asked for advice on the best way of dealing with the money for the Parish Plan Committee especially if the group is to apply for funding in the future.

Templar Housing. It was agreed that local residents should be given priority when one of the Templar Houses became vacant and that the Council should consider maintaining a register of prospective tenants. Templar Housing and Peaks and Plains have a formal agreement with many parishes which enables the Parish to nominate a tenant alternately with the housing association.

Cllr Andrew felt that there wasn't an agreement in place when permission was granted for the formation of Peaks and Plains, even though the Council was asked to nominate prospective tenants when the housing came under MBC. Cllr Tyre expressed the opinion that the Council would not have agreed to waive its nomination rights and that it may not have been one of the things offered at the time. Cllr Andrew suggested that the residual Housing Department at MBC should be contacted to enquire under what condition they would insist on nomination rights as this needed to be sorted before East Cheshire took control

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Communities – The making and enforcement of bylaws – Consultation
- 2 MBC – Site Inspection Record – September
- 3 Cheshire Community Action – Notice of AGM 19.11.08 , Agenda and Annual Accounts
- 4 Government Offices for the NW – NW of England Plan – Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021
- 5 ChALC – Macclesfield and Trafford Area Meeting – 6.11.08

- 6 ChALC – Appointment of Parish Council Representative on Cheshire East Shadow Authority
- 7 Crewe, Nantwich and Congleton – Dial a Ride
- 8 Manchester Airport – Parish Council Meetings 2008
- 9 Cheshire Police Authority – Have your say
- 10 Communities and Local Government – Communities in Control
- 11 ChALC – Notice of Planning Seminar
- 12 Cheshire Community Action – AGM 19.11.08
- 13 Dingle Bank Quarry Liaison Committee – 18.11.08
- 14 Cheshire East Parishes – Meeting at Astbury – 1.12.08
- 15 Stop the Drop – Parish Council Tool Kit

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 08/1938P Acorn Cottage, Knutsford Road – First floor rear extension. APPROVED
- 2 08/1858P Mere Hall, Peover Lane – Restoration of lake and associated works.
- 3 08/2156P Broomcroft, Peover Lane – Side/rear extensions including rear conservatory, detached double garage, new vehicular access – amendments to approval no. 07/1664P
- 4 08/2272P Chapel wood Farm – Agricultural dwelling. APPROVED

Chelford Farm Supplies – The Parish Council are to look at the plans before they are submitted to the Planning Department. Cllr Tyre stated that the company had done everything that the Council would have requested so there would be no objections to the proposed plans.

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT

1 E.On Energy – Village lighting	26.87
2 K Gildon – Printing re Parish Plan Open Evening	48.00
3 E.On Energy – Village lighting	26.87

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1 Parking on the lay-by on Elmstead Road. There are parking restrictions on and by the lay-by at the bungalows on Elmstead Road every Monday which are part of the parking restrictions brought in to prevent parking around the estate on the busiest market day. These restrictions cause problems for residents, their visitors, carers, district nurses and delivery men. There is also a problem with the parking at the Surgery adjacent to the bungalows. Parking tickets have been given to carers and nurses who come to help the elderly residents who need their attention. It was agreed that the lay-by was for parking in and that if there was a problem with the new Parking Enforcement Officers an approach should be made to a higher authority. It was also felt that there is insufficient parking for the residents and that Peaks and Plains should be required to provide more parking bays. The use of parking permits was also discussed. The problem of lifting the restrictions was also discussed as it was felt that if people knew they had been lifted they might start parking in the area again and

if there were problems residents may want them reinstated. A resident on Robin Lane who had parked his trailer on the road with the materials to redo his drive was also told to move. Cllr Norbury agreed to contact the Traffic manager and the Chief Executive to discuss the problem.

2 Village Hall Playing Field. Mr Stephen Conquer had attended the meeting to discuss the problem of dog fouling on the playing field. The Scout Leaders are becoming concerned as dog fouling is becoming an increasing problem and therefore an increasing health issue. The problem is people using the field to exercise their dogs and not clearing up after them. It was suggested that the dog warden should be contacted again regarding the problem.

3 The plaque for the bench in memory of Tony Sullivan is to be attached in the near future. It was suggested that a litterbin placed near the bench would be a good idea.

4 Parish Council. The best way to inform residents of what was happening in the village was discussed. It was suggested that the main headings of what the Parish Council was currently dealing with could be put on the website notice board. The future of the Newsletter was also discussed and the question was raised as to how many people actually read it as the majority of people now had the internet and could access the website. It was felt that a layout like the School Newsletter, which is one sheet with photographs, could be adopted.