

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CHELFORD PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT CHELFORD VILLAGE HALL ON 8TH MAY 2008**

PRESENT: Councillors A. Norbury, J. Leach, Mrs K. Gildon, B. Tyre, T. Boon, Miss C. Andrew (MBC), Mrs J. Sims (Clerk) and Mr A. Gildon.

APOLOGIES: Councillors R. Roycroft, S. Wilkinson (CCC) and G. Walton(EC).

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th March 2008, circulated prior to the Meeting were passed and signed by Cllr Norbury.

The Big Idea. Mr A Gildon was asked to explain the concept of The Big Idea to the Council. The Big Idea is a community based project bringing together sculpture, people and the landscape. The idea is to use the hills, which can be seen from Chelford, as the basis of the project. The School is to be involved and this will include two sessions with Macclesfield artist Jeff Teasdale. The idea is to encourage the residents of Chelford to join in and contribute to the project. The Big Idea will include a number of events including a village picnic and a fell run. The artwork is to include natural materials collected from the landscape and is to be displayed at an exhibition at the end of the project. The Council agreed to donate £100 towards the project and it was suggested that MBC should also be approached. It was also suggested that the local press should be contacted.

Election of Officers.

Cllr A. Norbury was elected as Chairman

Proposed by Cllr J Leach

Seconded by Cllr B Tyre

Cllr J Leach was elected as Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr B Tyre

Seconded by Cllr K Gildon

It was agreed that a vote of thanks should be given to Mrs Jane Conquer who retired from the Council at the last election. It was agreed that Cllr Roycroft should be asked to arrange to have a copy of the ariel view of Chelford framed so that a presentation can be made to Mrs Conquer to thank her for her years of service to the community.

Financing a PCSO. Following the Council's decision not to part finance a PCSO the Chairman of Mobberley Parish Council one of the proposed partners in this scheme voiced his criticism of this decision in an article in the Knutsford Guardian. Cllr Norbury wrote a letter putting forward the Council's reasons for taking this course of action which was also printed in the Knutsford Guardian.

Highways. The Police SID has once again been in use in the Village for a few days. A letter has been written to CCC regarding the offer by the Council to finance the provision of a SID on the A535 by the Church.

Hedge at the Village Hall. The Astle Estate is now in a position to proceed with the sale of a piece on land to the Council in order to improve the entrance to the Village Hall.

Hedges in the Village. Paul Edwards the Highways Engineer is of the opinion that something needs to be done regarding the overgrown hedges in the Village. The concern is about the ownership of the problem hedges and the cost of doing the work. Some of the

householders maintain the hedges around their property while others do not and this makes a solution to the problem difficult. CCC would be inclined to cut the shrubs back but this may be too much for some of the householders. It was decided that it might be advisable to write to the solicitors of both MBC and CCC with a copy of a set of deeds stating that the Council believed it to be their responsibility.

The Provision of Litterbins. Another letter has been sent to MBC regarding the provision of litter bins and a reply is awaited.

Parish Plan. A new member, Katy Grimwood, has joined the steering group. The Group are trying to contact Seddons in an effort to get the company to undertake some work on the embankment on Station Road.

Village Hall Event. The Village Hall Committee was unable to get sponsorship for a marquee for the show. This means that the idea of using the marquee for an event on the Friday evening has had to be abandoned and there will be no Dinner on the Saturday. There will be an exhibition in the Hall over the weekend and the idea of having a Church Service on Sunday Morning at 10.00 has been proposed. Cllr Norbury expressed his concern that a Service may clash with the Cricket Festival if the event continued over into the afternoon. The Cricket Club has been given permission to use the Parish Field as a car park during the Sunday afternoon. The Council had agreed to donate £500 towards the cost of the marquee and it was agreed that the donation would stand. There is to be a stall at the Centenary Event for the Steering Group and the Website.

Affordable Housing. David Irlam and his planning consultants are hoping to have a meeting with John Knight to discuss the possibility of a housing development been allowed on the Irlam's site. The site was zoned for employment in the MBC Local Plan and part of the site is in the green belt. However, MBC will have to provide a large number of new houses in the next fifteen years and this could make it an important site. The original plan proposed by Irlam's also included the Chelford Farm Supplies site, which is unavailable and would reduce the number of houses and other facilities that could be built. The recent housing survey would need to be considered and the Council are willing to undertake a consultation with Irlam's and their consultants to discuss their proposals. It was agreed that Bob Vass the Rural Housing Enabler for East Cheshire should be invited to the APM to discuss the results of the survey.

Grass and hedge cutting. It was agreed that:-

- 1 The Council no longer needed to sponsor the additional grass cutting at the bungalows on Elmstead Road as the new owners Peaks and Plains have their own contractors.
- 2 The Council would arrange to have the hedge around the Parish Field trimmed.
- 3 The grass cutting at Mere Court needed to be improved.

Chelford School. There will be no decisions made on school closures in Cheshire until the Shadow Cabinet is in operation and maybe not until the new East Cheshire Council takes over. The School is producing a newsletter to help raise its profile.

Village Website. The website has now been running for one year and the question asked was how the Council wished to proceed in the future. The website could be a source of revenue as at the present time local businesses are allowed to advertise F.O.C. and only those from outside the area are charged. It was suggested that Cllr Roycroft should be consulted to see if

there could be a link with the Parish Magazine. The Church may like to run the website along with the magazine and collect any revenue raised, this would widen the scope for collecting money for the Church.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CCC – Cancellation of the 3rd Cheshire Link Workshop
2. NALC – Conference on 20th-22nd May
3. Police Forum – 21/4/08
4. CCC – Cluster Event on 8/4/08 summary
5. Zurich – Cover – Corporate Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007
6. Zurich – Annual Health and Safety Local Council Service Seminar 2008
7. CCC – Cheshire Link Event 17/6/08
8. Twemlow Parish Council – Re: East Cheshire Unitary Council
9. Cheshire Police Authority – Newsletter
10. CPRE – Information on events and Annual Report

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 08/0452P Alderlea – Replacement timber outbuilding. **REFUSED**
- 2 08/0569P 1 Alderley Road – Two storey side extension. **APPROVED**
- 3 08/0743P Lindale House – Two storey rear extension, porch extensions to front and side, new wall and entrance gates. **APPROVED**
- 4 08/0431P Mere Hills Farm – Re-development of existing farm complex. **WITHDRAWN**

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT

1 ChALC – Affiliation Fee	246.22
2 E. On Energy – Village lighting	26.87
3 Cheshire Playing Fields Association - Subscription	14.00
4 Cheshire Community Council – Membership	50.00
5 AJN Landscapes – Village maintenance	762.76
6 Reading Agricultural Consultants – Consultation fees	536.58
7 K. Gildon – Printing costs	58.50

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minty Day has expressed concern that the 'Welcome to Chelford' booklet has not been reaching new residents. Originally it was to be distributed by the Homewatch representatives but this has not been happening. It was agreed that finding a suitable method of distribution was difficult and that the booklet may be in need of updating as it is now two years old.