

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHELFORD SCHOOL ON 8TH JANUARY 2009

PRESENT: Councillors A. Norbury, J. Leach, Mrs K. Gildon, B. Tyre, R. Roycroft, T. Boon and Mrs J. Sims (Clerk).
Two Parishioners were also present.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th November 2008, circulated prior to the meeting were passed and signed by Cllr Norbury.

MATTERS ARISING

Chelford School. The School Governors are still trying to find a solution to the problem of the buildings at the School not been used to their full capacity, other than the suggested building share with another Council Department

Hedge at the Village Hall. The purchase of the strip of land at the Village Hall is progressing. The Council's Solicitor is waiting for the contract from the vendor's solicitor.

Hedges in the Village. Some tidying up has been done around Tarzan Valley.

Parish Plan. Cllr Leach reported that the Parish Plan was nearly finished and that final checks were been made. It was felt that the finished plan would be available in the next couple of weeks. Bron Kerrigan had suggested other amendments to the plan to help reform and reshape it as it was felt that it may be underselling the Village. The plan is the document that sells the Village to sponsors and fund providers so it has to inform people from outside that Chelford is a thriving village with a good community spirit.

Templar Housing. It was agreed that some nomination rights should have been put in place as part of the original agreement when planning permission for the houses was granted. It was suggested that Templar should be approached to confirm their letting arrangements.

Parking in the Village. There have been problems with the parking restrictions in the Village especially by the bungalows on Elmstead Road. These were put in place by CCC to help avoid congestion on market days. It was suggested that the Traffic Manager, Rob Brown, should be contacted.

Village Hall. Cllr Norbury reported that he had received an E. Mail from Mr G. Willis thanking the Council for its contribution to the purchase of a new oil tank for the Village Hall. Mr Willis also stated that if the Village Hall is going to continue as a facility for the Village a number of projects will require urgent attention and asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to contribute to the cost.

These projects include the replacement of the heating boiler and the refurbishment of the kitchen. The cost of replacing the boiler to provide the heating would cost in the region of £2,400 or £3,200 for a combined heating and water boiler. Repairs could be done but the age of the boiler would make this a short term solution. It was discussed whether other methods such as solar panels, gas heating or a ground source heat pump should be investigated. It was felt that the cost was for a considerable sum of money and that maybe the kitchen update was

not essential. It was agreed that the Council may offer some support for replacing the heating system and that it may be worth looking to see if there were any relevant grants available.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Site Inspection Record – 8.10.08
- 2 Information Commissioners Office – Freedom of Information
- 3 Cheshire East Council – Customer Access Team
- 4 Slater, Heelis, Collier, Littler - Letter re Land at Yew Tree Farm
- 5 CCC – Accessibility Planning Consent – Summary Report
- 6 CCC – LTP Progress Report 2006-2008
- 7 Cheshire Constabulary – Town Carol Service
- 8 CCC – Taxi Rider
- 9 CCC – Speed Limit Review
- 10 Cheshire County Playing Fields Association- Annual Report
- 11 Cheshire East – Developmental Workshops – Local Working
- 12 Cheshire Fire and Rescue – Draft Corporate Plan and Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation
- 13 NW Air Ambulance – Appeal. It was agreed to donate a sum of £50.
- 14 ChALC – Stakeholder Event 19.1.09
- 15 Cheshire and Wirral Partnership – Engage Newsletter
- 16 Communities – Communities in Control – A Consultation
- 17 MBC – Civic Year 2008/09
- 18 Cheshire East – Licensing Consultation
- 19 NALC – Training Dates

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 08/2307P Mere Hills Farm – Redevelopment of redundant farm to replace dwelling comprising demolition of some buildings. Conversion and extension of barns and erection of garage.
- 2 08/2364P Newstead, Knutsford Road – Single storey rear extension. APPROVED
- 3 08/2473P) Wisteria Cottage, The Manor – Alterations and extensions including single storey link conservatory. WITHDRAWN
- 4 08/2591P) Wisteria Cottage, The Manor – As above. APPROVED

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT

1 Audit Commission – Audit Fee 2008	158.63
2 Chelford Nurseries – Village enhancement	1259.26
3 Zurich Insurance – Insurance for Village Bonfire	52.50
4 E.On Energy – Village lighting	26.87
5 Zurich Insurance – Annual insurance	582.75
6 NW Air Ambulance – Donation	50.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Crown Land. It was felt that to contact the Crown to request that it undertakes work on the overgrown trees in areas which it is believed it now owns would be a waste of time. It was suggested that it might be possible for volunteers to trim the trees if no actual

digging took place. The subject of insurance for this work would need to be looked into. It was decided that if the address of the Crown offices could be found a letter could be sent setting out the Council's plans for the work and how it would proceed with its plans. The letter could be sent recorded delivery and if no reply was received the Council would go ahead with the work. Cllr Tyre agreed to look for the address.

2. Pavements and highways – Cheshire East. Cllr Leach had attended a meeting about Cheshire East. From April 1st eight Local Area Partnerships will be under the ownership of one organisation.
3. Mr David Stannard has reported a problem with the reduction in the number of trains and the size of the remaining trains. It was felt that there were Health and Safety issues regarding the number of people having to stand on these smaller trains. There were also serious problems if one of the trains was cancelled. The current problems have been caused by the new timetable, the use of short units and the fact that one of the trains is an old diesel unit. It was agreed that Mr Stannard would be the best person to help compose a letter to express the Council's concern regarding Chelford's present train service.
4. An E. Mail was received from the Police Community Action Team reporting that several arrests had been made in the area. Some incidents have been noted locally:-
 - a) A person was seen in a car near Barncroft Close who claimed to belong to the NSPCC. An ID card was produced which when queried by a resident proved to be incorrect.
 - b) The theft of tractors and equipment from local farms is continuing.
 - c) Two pairs of men's underpants were found on the children's play area on mere court.
5. It was agreed that the Minutes should be put on the Village Website. It was felt that the Minutes would have to be summarised if they were also to be published in the Parish Magazine. It was reported that the hits on the Website had almost double in 2008 to 40,000.
6. Cllr Roycroft was thanked for all the work he did on the Parish Magazine in the last few years.