

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CHELFORD PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT CHELFORD VILLAGE HALL ON 13th MAY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs K. Gildon, A. Norbury, J. Leach, T. Boon, B. Tyre
R. Roycroft, G. Walton (CE) and Mrs J. Sims (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cllr E. Michell

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th March 2010 circulated prior to the meeting were passed and signed by Cllr Gildon.

Cllr Gildon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Election of Officers.

1. Chairman - Cllr K. Gildon was proposed for the position of Chairman by Cllr A. Norbury this was seconded by Cllr J. Leach. Cllr Gildon was duly elected.
2. Vice Chairman - Cllr B. Tyre was proposed for the position of Vice Chairman by Cllr K. Gildon this was seconded by Cllr R. Roycroft. Cllr Tyre was duly elected.

Cllr Gildon thanked everyone for their hard work in what has been a very busy year.

Register of Members Interests. At the request of Chris Chapman, the Monitoring Officer for Cheshire East, Cllr Gildon distributed new forms for the Registration of Member's Interests for completion by the Members of the Council. Any Councillor who has an interest in an item on the agenda must declare an interest at the start of the meeting.

Adoption of the Parish Plan. The Parish Council endorses the Parish Plan as an expression of the community's aspirations and acknowledges it as the framework for community action within the Parish.

MATTERS ARISING

Bank Account. Forms to change the signatories for the Bank Current Account have been obtained and are to be completed by all the Councillors.

Floral Displays for the Village. Cllr Norbury has still to complete the plan for the floral displays for the year.

Railway Station. The Station Volunteer Group has obtained a contribution of £300 from Stockport Borough Council towards the cost of the planters for the station platform and the Council has agreed to pay the balance. The Council has also paid for the new grass trimmer to replace the one stolen from the locked unit at the Station.

Village Website. The Village Website has been entered in the Community Pride Competition for the best website.

Street Lighting. Cllr Roycroft reported that E.On have not yet replied regarding the loss of the street lighting on the Holmes Chapel Road but other lights have been repaired.

Pavements in the Village. Some of the work to clear the overgrown pavements in the Village has been completed by the Highways Dept.

Cllr Walton explained that CE has ward lists for highway work and each year the Council has to prioritise the work to be done. Each job is costed and it is then calculated how much work can be completed within the budget for the year. Any reported problem is noted and then placed on the list. Cllr Walton said that he would report any problem on the Councils behalf to have it placed on the list and to go to the Local Area Partnership.

Oak Road. Cllr Roycroft reported that the oak tree on Oak Road has had its branches trimmed.

Village Hall Entrance. Cllr Gildon reported that the organisers of the Farmers Market moved the sign which was blocking visibility at the entrance. Unfortunately the following week someone had placed a notice back in the same position.

Crown Land. It was agreed to discuss the problem of the tree belt at the next meeting.

Notice Board by the Railway Embankment. No action has yet been taken regarding necessary repairs to the notice board.

Accounts for the year 2009/10. The accounts for the year 2009/10 were discussed and any queries were answered by the Clerk. The Accounts were passed by the Council and are to be sent to the Audit Commission for the Annual Audit.

Cllr Gildon put forward the view that money could be set aside from the annual precept for special projects. For example it is not known whether the new Council will have the money to provide the Christmas Tree for the roundabout and the Parish Council may have to provide its own tree and lights.

Housing in the Village. Cllrs Gildon and Tyre reported on the meeting with Stobarts regarding their plans for developing their site. The Council were shown the latest plans which will be shown to the residents of Chelford on Thursday 20th May. It was decided that although the plans were acceptable there were certain issues that had not been addressed.

1. There were no plans to improve the entrance into the site or plans for the provision of a pedestrian crossing.
2. The plans to provide community areas consisted of a small play area. The Council decided it would continue to press for the provision of more facilities including a community room preferably to be sited near the bowling green.
3. The problem of parking in the Village that would result from the loss of the area used by Marshalls for their overflow car park. The Council decided that it would be preferable if a larger area was devoted to a parking area for the Village.

It was commented that the affordable housing on the site did not appear to be spread across the site as promised but was placed in one area of the site. The problem of changing the designation of the land was also discussed and it was felt that an appraisal of the site taking into consideration other areas in the Village may take up to two years. The Council agreed that it would support the development that would be the most benefit to the Village.

The Council agreed that it would be willing to undertake a survey of the traffic volume of vehicles using the car parking area on the site. It was agreed that both Stobarts and Marshalls should be approached to help fund the project.

Village Plan. Improvements to the Village Hall and field were included in the Parish Plan with a view to increasing its use. Two items which were discussed were access and amenities.

1. The building of a pathway from the estate to the Hall making it safer for walkers, unaccompanied children and cyclists was discussed. The estimated cost of building the path, hedging and fencing would be £40,000.
2. Improving facilities, for example the provision of an all weather pitch, tennis courts and a bigger children's play area would cost in the region of £60,000 for the pitch, £69,000 for the tennis court and £27,000 to improve the play area.

It was agreed that the Residents should be consulted as to what facilities are required and that a feasibility study could be undertaken before any decisions were made. The Council would pay £200 towards a feasibility study for which funding is being sought from Cheshire Community Action.

The financing of the project could be financed by grants and contributions from local industry and local organisations. The Parish Council would also make a contribution. Cllr Leach felt that some of the funding should come from community fund raising and that the Parish Plan Committee should involve the residents in fund raising events with a target amount to be reached over a period of 2/3 years.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CE – Site Inspection Record for December
2. CE – Local Service Delivery
3. CE – Register of Interests
4. CE – Cluster Meeting – 28/4/10
5. Cheshire Community Action – Community Aggregates Fund
6. ChALC – Benefits of Membership
7. CE – Site Inspection Record 18/3/10
8. CE – Members Handbook and Details for Website 2010/11
9. Sibelco – Notice of Liaison Meeting – 25/5/10
10. CE – Audit of Open Space Provision

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10/0976M Mere Hills Farm – Alterations to original application.

Cllr Norbury showed the new plans for the Chelford Farm Supplies site to the Council.

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT

1. ChALC – Annual Affiliation Fee	299.69
2. CPFA – Membership fee	18.00
3. Cheshire Community Action – Membership fee	50.00
4. E.On – Street lighting	26.87

5. Village Hall – Hire of hall for meetings year 2009/10	156.00
6. E.On – Street lighting	26.87
7. Chelford Farm Supplies – Purchase of grass cutter for Railway Volunteer Group	242.05
8. AJN Landscapes – Village Maintenance	476.11

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr Norbury reported that he had received a number of complaints about the noise from the Disabled Bikers Rally held on Astle Park over the weekend. It was suggested that it may be advisable to check with CE to see if the license for the event has been renewed.
2. The owners of the Post Office have heard that there may be industrial/retail units included in the plans for the Stobarts site and have expressed concern regarding the effect on their business.
3. It has come to the notice of the Council that the owner of the Pub may be considering putting in a planning application to open a farm shop either in or next to the Pub. The Public House is partly in Chelford and partly in Marthall and concern was expressed as to where the planning Department would send copies of the plans. Ideally a copy should be sent to both Councils.
4. The ‘E Mail’ addresses of the Chairman and Clerk are to be sent to various organisations in order to speed up communication.
5. Marilyn Kerby the manager of the Local Area Partnership would like to speak to the Council. It was agreed that she should be invited to the next meeting.