

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
CHELFORD VILLAGE SCHOOL ON 12th NOVEMBER 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs K Gildon, A. Norbury, J. Leach, T. Boon, B. Tyre
E. Michell and Mrs J. Sims (Clerk).

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th September 2009 circulated prior to the meeting were passed and signed by Cllr Gildon.

Cllr Gildon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Parking in the Village. The Highways Department would be willing to support and help Peaks and Plains if they wished to increase the parking spaces at the bungalows on Elmstead Road. The increase could be done fairly easily but utilities pipes may need some reinforcement. It was suggested that the Council may consider help with funding but it was felt that this may not be appropriate as it would be on private property. Cllr Norbury proposed that a small donation could be made towards the provision of one parking space for the use of carers and district nurses, although there may be problems policing the people using it. Cllr Gildon agreed to approach Peaks and Plains for further discussions. Mr Cramer has indicated that there is to be a change in personnel with the enforcement officers and that it would be interesting to see if there are any changes regarding the way parking problems are dealt with in the village.

Peaks and Plain. Cllr Tyre Has found a document which states that Peaks and Plains should consult with rural parishes regarding vacant properties.

Crown Land. Cllr Michell has applied to the Land Registry regarding the ownership of the tree belt and is expecting confirmation of the title numbers shortly. Seddons were the original owners but they transferred ownership to another company. Nigel Bates the tree officer has been consulted regarding the trees and the householders concerned can contact him to discuss what work needs doing. The trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and there is a statutory obligation not to damage unduly any of the trees, but he will give permission for any necessary work. However, the householder will have to pay the cost for any work undertaken.

Station Embankment. The Council considered a proposal to purchase the embankment from Seddons. Cllr Tyre pointed out that the embankment was filled ground and if any problems occurred the Council would be liable if there was any damage to the bridge.

Affordable Housing.

1. Arcadia Estates is proposing to build 36 houses for rent on a site south of the A537 next to Pepper Street. Access would be off Pepper Street. Concern was expressed that the number of houses proposed may be too many if the proposal to build 15 low cost houses and retail units in Peover was to go ahead. Concern was also expressed that the houses would be built on a greenfield site. Arcadia has proposed a meeting with the Council to discuss their plans.

2. Stobarts are still trying to progress with plans to develop their site. Their property manager is talking to developers regarding the proposal and it is believed their strategy is to

go ahead with the plans and then sell the land with planning permission. The plans for the Stobart site could include properties for rent and a percentage for sale maybe under a shared ownership deal. It is unsure whether the original proposal for affordable housing would go ahead. The Council felt that this may be suitable use for the site if Stobarts closed the depot. A meeting was proposed with John Knight's replacement, Stobarts and some Councillors.

Bus Shelter. It was decided that Cheshire East should be approached regarding a replacement bus shelter.

Village Hall Car Park. Cllr Norbury met Mr Willis to discuss the possibility of putting in kerbs to prevent cars parking too close to the fence. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee would discuss the proposal.

Church Yard. Cllr Roycroft felt that the Church should undertake the work to improve the appearance of the churchyard as the Council is already paying for the grass cutting.

Carol Singing. The money collected will be shared between the Band and Village Pensioners.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CEC – Play binder Programme
2. BT – Adopt your local telephone kiosk scheme
3. CEC – Annual Town and Parish Councils Conference – 13.10.09
4. CEC – Conference Programme
5. CEC – Cheshire East Assembly – 23.10.09
6. Cheshire Police Authority – Policing Priorities
7. CEC – Town and Parish Council representation on LAP
8. Alderely Edge Parish Plan
9. ChALC – Macclesfield and Trafford Area Meeting – 27.10.09
10. Cheshire Community Action – AGM 19.11.09
11. Air Ambulance – Appeal
12. Cheshire Shared Services – Re: i-supplier
13. Cheshire County Playing Fields Association – Annual Report
14. East Cheshire – Town and Parish Councils Conference
15. Cheshire East – Site Inspection Record – September and October
16. Cheshire East – Standards Committee Leaflet – How to make a complaint
17. CPRE – AGM - 7.12.09
18. Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of CE – Draft Recommendations
19. Manchester Airport – Parish Council Notice Boards
20. Cheshire Community Actions – AGM 19.11.09

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09/3109M Garden Centre Retail Development – incorporating restaurant/cafe and farm food hall with ancillary works including car parking, access, 'greenhouse' horticultural interpretation centre, outdoor display/demonstration areas and landscaping.

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT

1. E.On – Village lighting	26.87
2. Audit Commission – Audit fee 2009	155.25
3. A D Birchall – Repair to notice board	75.50
4. E.On – Street lighting	53.74
5. K. Gildon – Contribution towards printing for School Open Day	25.00
6. Air Ambulance – Donation	50.00
7. Chelford School – Rent for use of hall	75.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was agreed that the following payments should be made:-
 - 1 A donation of £50 to the N. W. Ambulance
 - 2 A Contribution to the printing for the School Open Day
 - 3 Rental for the use of the School for meetings - £75
2. The work to clean up the Railway Embankment is been financed by:-
 - 1 £170 from the Village Shambles
 - 2 £250 from the Parish Plan Group
 - 3 £3000 can be obtained from the Cheshire Community Action Group but it was felt that it may be better to use this for a bigger project.
The Council was willing to help with the finance but would need a quote for the work.
3. The question of who owns the notice board by the Railway Embankment was raised and if it is alright to use it and if yes would it be alright to repair it. It was felt that it could be owned by either British Rail or the Market.
4. It was suggested that it would be a nice idea to have Christmas Decorations on the trees around the Village. The cost of purchasing the lights is to be looked into.
5. The Village Bonfire was a great success and raised between £1100 and £1200.