

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
CHELFORD VILLAGE HALL ON 11th MARCH 2010**

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

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th January 2010 circulated prior to the meeting were passed and signed by Cllr Gildon.

Cllr Gildon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Affordable Housing. The Parish Council has a number of core principles on the provision of affordable houses which it has agreed need to be fulfilled before it can support any development proposals. It agreed that the report on affordable housing may need some amendments before it is published. Cheshire East has been given a draft copy of the report. The Council considered the various options available at the present time:-.

Marshall's Site. It has been suggested that Marshalls may be considering moving their livestock market to another venue but retaining the machinery and Sunday markets. The loss of the Market's overflow car park would be a problem if the Stobart's site was to be developed and Marshall's may be unwilling to invest in their present site if the provision of parking was an issue. Marshall's could challenge Stobart's plans and as a local employer may have some influence with Cheshire East. Alternatively, if a replacement site could be found elsewhere they could decide to move all of their business to the new site and develop the present site. This could result in the site been more available for housing than was originally thought.

The Stobart's site is more readily available and the company is moving forward with their plans for the site. It is thought that they may have to provide employment opportunities in the plans and therefore a small block of offices may be built. Cllr Gildon has spoken to Greg Williams and Denise Emery and they had been trying to arrange a meeting with Nick Turpin from the Planning Department to discuss the latest proposals for the site. Denise Emery is also keen to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the proposals.

Nick Turpin spoke to Cllr Gildon regarding the Knutsford Road/Pepper Street site. He had spoken to Michael Rutherford (Arcadia) who felt that they would have an uphill struggle if the Parish Council did not support their proposals and that the application may have to go to appeal.

Farm Supplies will not be moving their business to another site and will be submitting new plans to the Planning Department. This means that this site will not be included in Stobart's plans for the area.

It was reported that the proposed site for affordable housing and a shop in Over Peover is going ahead.

Cllr Gildon asked PC Simon Warr if he wished to report on local policing in Chelford.

PC Warr reported that there had been a number of incidents in the local area during the past few months:-

1. The Police presence at Dixon Court. One of the cleaners had called the Police to report a domestic argument which was taking place in one of the flats. On attending the incident and gaining access to the flat an amount of cannabis intended for sale had been discovered.
2. Car Jacking. There have been a number of incidents in the area. It is believed that this may also be associated with the flats.
3. Dunvilles Farm. Two sheep and a large number of chickens have been stolen.
4. Marshall's. The alarm was disabled and the safe was broken into following the Wednesday Implement Sale. A large amount of money was stolen in the incident. It is believed an incident a few weeks earlier may have been connected.
5. Natwest Bank. There was an incident at the NatWest Bank when an attempt was made to disable the alarm on the front door while an accomplice distracted the bank clerk. Luckily the clerk was suspicious and the work on the alarm was discovered.

Cllr Gildon thanked PC Warr for his report.

Parking in the Village. There have been problems with parking at the Sunday Market. The organisers have been spoken to about putting out parking cones.

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

Notice Board by the Railway Embankment. It was decided that as it was unlikely that the owner of the notice board would be found the Council should consider paying for its repair. This would consist of renewing one of the posts and the Perspex cover.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CE – Playground Site Inspection Record
2. Cheshire Police Authority – ‘Have Your Say’ Meeting
3. Cheshire and Wirral Partnership - Engage
4. CE – Training Sessions for Councillors
5. Cheshire Training Partnerships – 2010 Dates
6. Cheshire Community Action – Community Pride Competition
7. CE – Site Inspection Record – January
8. CE – Cheshire East Planning Service
9. CE – Code of Conduct – Postponement of February Training Event
10. CE – Local List SPD Public Consultation
11. CE – Town and Parish Council Conference 2010 – 17.3.10
12. Manchester Airport – Parish Council Meeting – March 2010
13. CE – Shaping the Future of our Communities – Local Area Events
14. ChALC – Macclesfield and Trafford Area Meeting Minutes
15. Cheshire Community Action – Open Day and Members Evening – 3.3.10
16. Sibelco – Dingle Bank Community Liaison Meeting (1.12.09) Meetings
17. CE – Play Area – Report of Examination
18. CE – Cheshire East Assembly – 26.3.10 – Cllr Gildon to attend
19. Manchester Airport Community Outreach 2010-04-22
20. Sibelco – Proposed Extension of Time for Operations
21. Cheshire Police Authority – ‘Have Your Say’
22. Knutsford Local Area Partnership – 18.3.10

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09/3873M	Coach House – First floor single storey side extension. APPROVED
09/4012M	Toll Bar Cottage – Amendment of rear entrance from rear elevation to side elevation and amendment of window positions on rear elevation, one new window to side elevation and one new window to front elevation
09/4198M	Heath wood, Pepper Street – Proposed sunroom and link. APPROVED
10/0016M	The Cottage, Knutsford Road – Ground floor kitchen extension and conservatory. APPROVED

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT

1. Zurich Insurance – PC Annual Insurance	680.31
2. E. On – Village lighting	53.74
3. St John’s Church PCC – Printing – Village Draft Plan	90.00
4. CPRE – Annual Membership	29.00
5. J. Sims – Clerks Salary	1331.77
6. Slaterheelis – Investigation of Title to Land in Chelford	41.00
7. AJN Landscapes – Village Maintenance	1843.58
8. A. Gildon – Website Charges	45.74
9. AJN Landscapes – Village Maintenance	775.50
10. Reading Agricultural Consultants – Fees re Village Housing Strategy	2235.57

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was agreed that if any money received by the Parish Plan Group has to be kept separate then the Council would open a new account for the purpose. It was also agreed that the signatories for the current account would be renewed in order to include all seven Councillors.
2. It was confirmed that the Council would contribute towards the new play area at the School.
3. Cllr Norbury was asked to produce a plan for the floral displays in the Village for the coming year.
4. Railway Station. The Station Volunteer Group would like to have some planters on the platform but the Railway Company will not agree to fund the total cost. The Volunteers also reported that they have had their grass trimmer stolen from the locked unit at the Station. Although the unit is locked other railway workers also have access. The Volunteers are also in need of a new broom and rabbit netting. It was agreed that the Council would contribute an amount towards both the planters and the new equipment.
5. It was agreed that the Council would enter the Community Pride Competition for the best website.
6. Cllr Roycroft brought the Council’s attention to the loss of street lighting on the Holmes Chapel Road. Both lights by the Cricket Club were damaged when some of the trees were destroyed in a gale and the electricity supply had to be rerouted. The cost of upgrading the lights was to be considered.
7. Pavements. The condition of some of the pavements along the main roads was also discussed.
8. Oak Road. Cllr Roycroft reported that the oak tree at the corner of Oak Road has some branches that may need attention.

9. Cllr Norbury commented that people hiring the Village Hall have been putting up signs by the entrance blocking visibility and after the Council paying to improve the entrance he felt that the Village Hall Committee should be asked to ensure that this does not occur in future. 10. Meetings. It was agreed that the AGM would be held on Thursday 13th May and the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 18th May. The remaining meetings for the year 2010 are to be held on the 2nd Thursday of alternate months.