

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 5.00PM AT HARGRAVE VILLAGE HALL

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| In Attendance – Cllr J Windsor - Chairman | Cllr S Hyden             |
| Cllr S Martin                             | Cllr R Bird              |
| Cllr M Pilkington                         |                          |
| Cllr M Roscoe                             | Members of the Public: 6 |
| Cllr O de Braekeleer                      | Jonathan Hurst - PCSO    |

**APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received from Cllr L Sackett, Cllr S Ratledge.

**DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS** – No declarations of interests were received.

*Cllr Bird joined the meeting.*

**PUBLIC SESSION** - nothing raised.

*Cllr Pilkington joined the meeting.*

### MINUTES

**RESOLVED 21/019** that the Chair signs, as a true and correct record, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 proposed by Cllr O De Braekeleer and seconded by Cllr R Bird.

The Chair also signs, as a true and correct record, the minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### Huxley Primary School –

Ann Williams thanked the members of the community who have helped at the recent school fete, they were expecting 100 people to attend and actually 300 attended. Ann Williams also reported that during the summer a huge amount of work has been undertaken at the school in preparation for the new start in September.

Ann Williams reported on behalf of the headteacher that in September the school started with an inset day. There are currently 40 enrolled pupils with 7 in the process of registering, the school capacity is 52. No-one should forget that this time last year there were 5 pupils. The overall report is that the atmosphere is brilliant, pupils and staff are all happy to be there. The big influx will be on Tuesday when the flexi-school students will arrive.

The Parish Council Chair highlighted concerns that had been received about where parents of students would be parking due to the amount of people coming from out of the area. Ann Williams confirmed that in the past the school had been full and parking had been managed, however she understood the residents concerns and hoped that a long term plan would be put in place to resolve this, she confirmed that the school was fully aware of the concerns.

Footpaths – Cllr Pilkington confirmed that she has not been able to review all the maintenance issues on the footpaths due to the footpaths currently being over grown, she confirmed that there was still a stile that required repair work. Cllr Windsor confirmed that she had spoken with Mr Ankers from CWaC, she confirmed that the contractors that were appointed to undertake work had started and then left without completing the repairs.

**ACTION:** Keep on agenda – keep in touch with Mr Ankers.

Village Gates – No update from CWaC, waiting to get quote for the work.

Litter Picking – It was proposed that further litter picking event should be arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> October for Hargrave meet at 10am at the Church Hall and 16<sup>th</sup> October for Huxley, all those able to help out on these dates were encouraged to contact Cllr Windsor & Cllr Sackett.

Cllr Windsor confirmed that she had noticed that Happy Days have also organised a litter picking event and hoped to be able to liaise and work together, so that areas were not duplicated.

Cllr Bird confirmed that he had found a lot of gas bottles on Guy Lane which was a concern.

**ACTION:** Cllr Bird to put a poster on the noticeboard to say “Take your litter and dog waste home with you”.

Neighbourhood Plan- Cllr Windsor reported that the neighbourhood plan that was currently in place had worked well. She reported that there is a consultation currently being undertaken on the local plan all comments were due to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> September. It was reported that Cllr Sackett had circulated around the Parish Council the response she had compiled, this states that the Parish Council would like to retain their current Neighbourhood Plan as it was working well. It was agreed that this would be submitted to CWaC.

*Cllr Roscoe joined the meeting.*

Review of Condition and Safety of Assets – Outstanding actions required for assets:-

Noticeboard in Hargrave – Cllr Roscoe confirmed that the noticeboard had been rubbed down in preparation for varnishing.

Noticeboard in Huxley – has been sanded and varnished by Cllr Hyden.

Bench at Huxley School – Cllr Hyden has now varnished the bench but it may need another coat.

Carving in Huxley Church Yard – Cllr Hyden undertook to varnish

Village Sign in Huxley – Mike Sackett undertook to sandblast the sign & Cllr Pilkington undertook to review the painting requirements .

Towpath Proposal – no further update regarding this matter had been received.

Church Clock and Bell Repair – it was reported that the clock on St Peter’s church had now been refurbished following the generous donations, grants received and a donation from Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council. It was also announced that the new vicar Laura Rhodes would be inaugurated into the Parish by the Bishop on 13<sup>th</sup> September when the church bells will be rung to celebrate. the Parish Council welcomed her to the area.

Beeston & Tarporley Station Re-Opening – Correspondence had been received from a group looking for funding for a feasibility study to reopen the Beeston & Tarporley Station. Cllr Windsor confirmed she welcomed this initiative due to the amount of new housing being built at Beeston and surrounding areas and re-opening the station may alleviate some of the traffic through the village lanes. It was **RESOLVED 21/020** to pledge £500 to the Beeston and Tarporley Station reopening project, subject to the rest of the money being raised by the organisation - Proposed by Cllr O de Braekeleer, seconded Cllr Hyden.

Highways – A report on the current highways issues was circulated and actions since the last meeting were noted. If any members of the public report any highways issues and share the report number with the clerk of the parish council they can be added to the spreadsheet and monitored.

The following highways issues were discussed:-

Street light repair by the Primary School has now been reported and completed.

Blockage outside the Croft – On-going

Potholes outside the Primary School – these have been completed.

Drain from Doddleston Farm to Meadowcroft Hoofield – work has been done by a resident to clean the drain – closed.

#### Complaint re Little Pig Glamping Site – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021

It was reported that a resident had contacted the Parish Council in relation to a noise issue at Little Pig Glamping Site on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The owner of the Little Pig Glamping Site reported to the meeting that there have been two weddings hosted there this year. Since the complaint has been received The Little Pig Glamping Company have now turned away six requests for weddings at a substantial loss of revenue so that residents are not upset further. The Little Pig Glamping site highlighted that since opening in July 2019 – 1,926 people have stayed at the site, 818 having stayed this year and 72% of the visitors have visited the Inn at Huxley. The Little Pig Glamping feel they support local communities. Included within this support they have planted 600+ native trees, donated 3 x weekends to local charitable causes and recently they had a camp out with the new flexi-schooling families. The Little Pig Glamping are fully licenced by the Council. It was highlighted that if a resident had a query in relation to licenses these should be forwarded directly to CWaC Environmental department..

**ACTION:** The Chairman undertook to respond to the resident making the complaint.

#### **PLANNING**

The Planning Register dated 20/08/2021 was accepted and changes to the planning register from last meeting were noted.

The following planning applications had been concluded since the last meeting:-

18/04117/FUL – Greenlooms Farm, Martins Lane, Hargrave CH3 7RX - approved

21/00450/Ful - Lake House Whitchurch Road Saighton Chester CH3 9AU – approved

It was reported that the following Appeal Notice had been received:-

21/0058/ENF APPEAL – Lane adjacent to St Peters Church, Church Lane, Hargrave, Chester – Without Planning Permission the material change of use of the land from agricultural use to residential use by the siting of a mobile home - all representations must be received by 29 September 2021. The parish council will respond accordingly.

It was reported that the Planning Enforcement Officer had responded to the Parish Council's concerns in relation to 20/04806/FUL - Meadowcroft on Hoofield Lane – following the concerns raised by the Parish Council the applicant has included a note on the application to confirm that they don't intend to run this as a Livery business.

#### **FINANCIAL ITEMS**

##### Accounts for payment

**RESOLVED 21/021** Year to date cashbook dated 21/04/2021 was approved as a true and correct record. Approved Cllr Bird seconded Cllr Roscoe,

Bank Reconciliation against Cashbook YTD – **RESOLVED 21/022** – that the Chair signs the Bank Reconciliation against the Cashbook YTD

Training for Clerk – RESOLVED 21/023 – that the Parish Council support the Clerk in undertaking the following training:-

ILCA to CILCA Training at a cost of £144 – the costs to be split between four parish councils

GDPR Training at a cost of £36 – the costs to be split between four parish councils.

It was **RESOLVED 21/024** to purchase a wreath from Royal British Legion for Remembrance Sunday in November at a cost of £22.25.

Income – it was reported that since the last meeting the following had been received:-

£0.12, £0.13, £0.13 & £0.13 from Bank Interest

Payments made/received since last meeting:-

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| Clerk Pay           | Tax Point 3                   | £234.17 |
| Clerk Pay           | Tax Point 4                   | £234.17 |
| Clerk Pay           | Tax Point 5                   | £234.17 |
| Clerk Pay           | Tax Point 6                   | £234.17 |
| Clerk's Expenses    |                               | £93.86  |
| Autela Payroll      | Q1 Payroll Service            | £50.40  |
| Autela Payroll      | Q2 Payroll Service            | £53.56  |
| CHALC Training      | Cllr R Bird                   | £25.00  |
| Hargrave PCC        | Grant for Church Clock & Bell | £500.00 |
| ICO Data Protection | Paid by Direct Debit          | £35.00  |

**RESOLVED 21/025** to accept the income and payments since the last meeting for approval.

**ITEMS REQUESTS FOR NEXT AGENDA** – please email any agenda items two weeks prior to the next meeting.

- 50mph signs at Guy Lane – are turned around as they are too near to the road.
- Church Lane sign – has been run over.

#### PCSO REPORT

Jonathan Hurst – PCSO for Tattenhall and Malpas –reported that he welcomed the news that the Village Gate was proceeding in Huxley as it would enforce the 20mph in that area with road users.

#### BROADBAND IN RURAL AREAS

Cllr Windsor confirmed that she has spoken to a gentleman in Duddon who has done a huge amount of work in getting broadband in rural areas, he was covering, Duddon, Clotton, Willington – unfortunately we are too late for our area to also be included within this project.

#### NEXT MEETING

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5pm at Huxley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 18:10

Signed:.....

Dated:.....