

CHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE, 2020 at 7:30p.m.

Meeting held remotely via Skype due to restrictions associated with Covid-19.

PRESENT - Councillors: D. Wilson (Chairman), B. Brindley, G. Willis, C. Howlett, A. Jones.
Members of the Public (0).
Cheshire East Borough Councillor M. Asquith.
Dr. E. M. Maddock - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

1. WELCOME & HOUSEKEEPING

Councillor D. Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council and outlined how the meeting would proceed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None.

DECISION a) To note that no apologies for absence had been received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

DECISION a) To note that no Declarations of Interest were made by Members.

4. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION -

i) **Resignation of Councillor L. Hunt** - Members received the notice of resignation submitted by Councillor L. Hunt.

ii) **Process for administering casual vacancies** - The Clerk reported that she had contacted Cheshire East Council regarding the vacancy and had been advised that no action should be taken at this time to fill the vacancy.

- 041/20 RESOLVED a) That the notice of resignation submitted by Councillor L. Hunt be received and accepted.**
b) That the Chairman write a letter of thanks to Mrs. L. Hunt to thank her for her contribution to the Parish Council during her term of office and to wish her well for the future.
c) That no further action be taken in respect of the vacancy at this time.

Proposed: Councillor D. Wilson Seconded: Councillor B. Brindley All in favour

5. PUBLIC FORUM FOR QUESTIONS -

No questions had been received from or were presented by members of the public.

DECISION a) To note that no questions had been received from members of the public.

6. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS -

i) **Cheshire East Ward Member Cllr. M. Asquith** - Borough Councillor M. Asquith reported that he had received a complaint from a resident regarding the proposal removal of the 'local connection' cascade system for the allocation of affordable homes at Cricketers Green. It was also reported that a response was awaited from Cheshire East Council regarding hedges which are overhanging footways within the Parish. A letter had been received regarding a proposed development in a neighbouring Parish.

Councillor D. Wilson reported that he had also received communications regarding the proposed local development and that this matter would be added to the next agenda for discussion.

DECISION a) To receive the report of Borough Councillor M. Asquith.

ii) **Gawsworth & Chelford Wards Policing Team** - A written report had been provided which identified the following incidents within the Parish during May, 2020: cars parked on double yellow lines along Dixon Drive (complainant referred to Cheshire East Council); a road traffic collision on Robin Lane causing damage to a stationary vehicle; two TruCam visits resulting in one vehicle being recorded as speeding and a report of motorbikes within area (no patrol available to attend). Furthermore, the following reports were made to the Covid-19 Team: street parties for VE celebrations; large gathering of people on Highland Drive and reports of garage sale at Cricketers Green.

Members reported that they had received several reports expressing concern about speeding traffic which appeared to be worse on weekend mornings. It is noted that, at present, community speed watch activities had been paused due to social distancing requirements but that activities would resume as soon as possible.

- DECISION a) To receive the report of the Gawsworth & Chelford Wards Policing Team.**
b) That the Clerk provide an update to the Local Policing Team regarding the perceived trend in speeding events.
c) That Councillor D. Wilson publish an article on the Village website to provide an

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update to residents regarding community speed watch activities.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

- i) **20/1857M** - 23 Broomfield Close, Chelford, Cheshire. SK11 9SL
New single storey rear extension, single storey side extension and new attached side garage with new driveway and access from Broomfield Close.

042/20 RESOLVED a) Chelford Parish Council supports the comments made by neighbouring residents and Cheshire East Highways. It is also considered essential that all requirements set out in the Chelford Neighbourhood Plan are observed.

Proposed: Councillor D. Wilson Seconded: Councillor C. Howlett All in favour

- ii) **20/1881M** - Chapel Wood Farm, Congleton Lane, Chelford. SK11 9AG
Rear single storey orangery.

043/20 RESOLVED a) Chelford Parish Council considers it essential that all requirements set out in the Chelford Neighbourhood Plan are observed. Furthermore, the site is located within the Green Belt, therefore, the proposed development should be tested against the appropriate planning policies.

Proposed: Councillor C. Howlett Seconded: Councillor D. Wilson All in favour

8. LOCAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE AMID THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK -

- i) **Cheshire East Household Waste and Recycling Centres** - Members noted that the Household Waste and Recycling Centres had now re-opened. It was reported that these were being well managed.

DECISION a) That the information regarding the re-opening of Household Waste and Recycling Centres in Cheshire East be received and duly noted.

- ii) **Expressions of thanks to local volunteer groups, businesses and Chelford Surgery for their support to residents during this challenging time** - Councillor D. Wilson reported that the expressions of thanks had been issued shortly after the last meeting. A list of local volunteers had also been sent to the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire who was also issuing letters of thanks to those supporting local communities during the Coronavirus outbreak.

DECISION a) To receive and note the report of Councillor D. Wilson.

- iii) **Highway boundary maintenance to support pedestrian accessibility** - An update on this matter had been provided at Item 6(i).

DECISION a) To receive and note the report of Borough Councillor M. Asquith.

- iv) **Local Updates** - Councillor C. Howlett reported that there had been a local water supply issue which had caused low pressure to be experienced by many properties. During the period of repair work it had been necessary for a tanker to be located within the Dixon Drive estate to supply additional water into the network. Several concerns had been raised including the disturbance that the tanker and work had caused to local residents; the impact on residents of the disruption to this vital service during the Coronavirus outbreak and concern that the existing water network may not have sufficient capacity to support the increasing demand arising from local residential developments.

DECISION a) That the Clerk write to United Utilities to request responses to the concerns that have been raised.

8:12p.m. - Borough Councillor M. Asquith excused himself from the meeting and left.

9. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT/FUTURE MEETING AGENDA -

- i) Dog fouling within Parish.
ii) Access to local play facilities.
iii) Peaks & Plains Housing Trust - future planning for grounds maintenance service disruption.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - To be determined based upon receipt of planning applications or other business requiring urgent attention.

The Meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 8:27p.m.

Signed:

Approval Date -