

CHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

THURSDAY 23RD JULY, 2020 at 7:30p.m.

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

PRESENT - Councillors: D. Wilson (Chairman), A. Jones, B. Brindley, G. Willis.
Members of the Public (1).
Cheshire East Borough Councillor M. Asquith.
Dr. E. M. Maddock - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Councillor C. Howlett - Prior commitment.

050/20 RESOLVED a) That the above apology for absence be received and approved.

Proposed Councillor D. Wilson

Seconded: Councillor B. Brindley

All in favour

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

None.

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

3. PUBLIC FORUM FOR QUESTIONS -

- i) A resident raised concerns relating to planning application 20/2614M. It was reported that the proposed development may detrimentally impact upon the ability to carry out maintenance and repairs to drains which run to the rear of properties along Dixon Drive.

DECISION a) That the comments made by the resident be received and duly noted.

- ii) Chelford Together had provided updates relating to Chelford Foodbank, the seascape project, the pop-up Post Office and ongoing activities by Chelford Together.

DECISION a) That the update from Chelford Together be received and duly noted.

b) That the Chairman send an acknowledgement to Chelford Together for the work which has been done.

4. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS -

- i) **Cheshire East Ward Member Cllr. M. Asquith** - Borough Councillor M. Asquith reported that he had met with a Highways Officer to assess the hedges along Knutsford Road. Cheshire East Council will issue notices to those properties where the hedge needs to be trimmed. It was reported that progress to change Cheshire East Council governance from a Cabinet system to a Committee system had been delayed.

Councillor B. Brindley asked whether the hedge along Holmes Chapel Road (left side when travelling towards roundabout) could be assessed as he was aware that overhanging vegetation was causing damage to passing agricultural vehicles and equipment.

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

b) That Borough Councillor M. Asquith arrange for the hedge on Holmes Chapel Road to be inspected.

7:54p.m. - Borough Councillor M. Asquith excused himself from the meeting and left.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

- i) **20/2614M** - 120 Dixon Drive, Chelford, Macclesfield, Cheshire. SK11 9BX - Rear single storey extension comprising two open sided verandahs and a family room extension.

051/20 RESOLVED a) Chelford Parish Council has no objections to the principle of the development, however, is aware of concerns from neighbouring residents relating to potential future drainage issues. The Parish Council supports the view of the residents that the proposed development must not negatively impact upon the ability to ensure that existing drainage networks can be sustainably managed in the future to prevent localised flooding in a residential area.

Proposed: Councillor D. Wilson

Seconded: Councillor G. Willis

All in favour

- ii) **20/3004M** - Shepherds Cottage, Knutsford Road, Chelford. SK11 9AS - Replacement garage.

052/20 RESOLVED a) Chelford Parish Council has no objections to the principle of the development, however, requests that a condition be applied to require the hedging to the front boundary of the property to be retained to ensure that the existing street scene is protected and to meet the requirements of the Chelford Neighbourhood Plan which promotes the retention and preservation of trees and hedgerows (Policy NE3).

Proposed: Councillor D. Wilson

Seconded: Councillor A. Jones

All in favour

6. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION -

- i) **Ashlea Kitchen, Alderley Road, Chelford, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 9AP** for a premises licence

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to provide the following licensable activities: Late night refreshment Monday to Sunday 23:00 to 05:00 and Supply of alcohol Monday to Sunday 00:00 to 23:59.

053/20 RESOLVED a) That the following comments be submitted to the Licensing Authority: Chelford Parish Council hereby make the following representations in respect of the Application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Ashlea Kitchen, Alderley Road, Chelford, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 9AP.

1. The information offered in support of this application is at best vague and lacking in detail and consequently it is difficult to assess how the granting of such a licence might impact on public safety and public nuisance.

2. No explanation is given as to why light refreshment is to be served between midnight and 5am, every day of the week and there is no genuine explanation as to why an all year round, 24 hour licence is required. Consequently, without any firm evidence to the contrary, the Parish Council has serious reservations in respect of potential public nuisance and safety.

3. The proposed location appears to be in a building, previously used for different purposes with access points which are on a dangerous bend, previously noted for accidents. There is no indication whether the proposals involve activities at the location which will involve cars regularly entering and leaving the location. If so, then the Parish Council would be concerned about public safety.

4. The proposed hours lack any justification, nor do they explain in detail, what activities will take place at the location during the hours applied for. If public access is to occur during these hours, then the Parish Council would be concerned about public nuisance which will impact negatively on neighbouring residents.

5. We note the future proposals outlined in the application which are likely to require planning permission. We assume that if this licence is granted, it will not apply to what are essentially ideas not firm business and planning proposals, which could have an important impact on safety, nuisance and the potential for disorder.

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

7. COMMUNITY ISSUES -

i) Decision relating to planning application 20/0985M - Removal of condition 14 on application 16/0504M - Land at Former Stobart Haulage Depot, Knutsford Road, Chelford.

DECISION a) To note that planning application 20/0985M had been refused.

ii) Circumstances relating to low mains water pressure in late May, 2020 - United Utilities had advised that the low pressure had been due to a fault at a local pumping station. The localised pumping, using tankers, was implemented to ensure that a water supply could be maintained to all residential properties.

DECISION a) To receive and note the information from United Utilities.

iii) Community Speed Watch - Cheshire Police had advised that community speed watch activities can resume subject to the adoption of additional procedures relating to Covid-19.

DECISION a) To receive and note the information from Cheshire Police.

iv) Improvement work at Mere Court Park - It was reported that the play area is now complete and will be open for use following completion of a RoSPA inspection. Improvement work relating to the pond is anticipated to take place later in the year. A drop bollard is due to be installed shortly at the access point in order to ensure that the site is accessible for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

DECISION a) To receive and note the information from Cheshire East Council.

v) Chelford Cricket Club - It was reported that Cheshire East Council had made contact with a representative of Chelford Cricket Club to raise the concerns relating to the site. A further update is presently awaited.

DECISION a) To receive and note the update from Cheshire East Council.

b) That the Clerk contact a representative of Chelford Cricket Club to establish the current status of the Club and future plans for the Club.

vi) Westminster House, Knutsford Road - It was reported that the owner of the site had made arrangements for maintenance work at the site to be completed in the near future. It was noted that the front boundary hedge had been trimmed.

DECISION a) To receive and note the update.

vii) Planted area near to bus passenger shelter, Knutsford Road, Chelford - It was reported that following investigation, Chelford Together had now declined to progress the tidying of these areas at this time as the

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surrounding timbers have significantly deteriorated. The Clerk is presently awaiting an update from Cheshire East Council relating to the responsibility for maintaining these areas.

DECISION a) To receive and note the update.

- viii) **Dog fouling and associated signage** - Information had been received from Cheshire East Council advising that installation of bins and signs has a limited effect on addressing dog fouling issues. The most effective method to address the issue is for residents to report any incidents of dog fouling they witness to Cheshire East Council. The Community Enforcement Officers are then able, where appropriate information is available, to issue fixed penalty notices. Residents are advised not to approach or challenge anyone over failing to pick up after their dogs.

DECISION a) To receive and note the update.

b) That the update from Cheshire East Council be published on the Parish Council website for resident information.

- ix) **Overgrown hedges - Knutsford Road** - This matter has been discussed at Item 4(i) above.

DECISION a) To note that the item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

- x) **Footway near to Galloway Grange** - It was reported that the wood chip debris which was on the footway had now been cleared by David Wilson Homes.

DECISION a) To receive and note the update.

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

- i) Future of Chelford Cricket Club.
- ii) Review of earmarked reserves.

9. 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 8:22p.m.

Signed:

Approval Date -