

HASSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2017

SANDBACH LIBRARY at 7:00pm

PRESENT Cllr Eric. Smith (Chairman) Cllr J Stark (Vice chairman)
Cllr R. Price Cllr G. Whitmarsh Cllr Eileen Smith
Cheshire East Councillor John Wray (from 7:30)
Clerk to the Council: Mrs S. Davies

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10th JANUARY 2017

The minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2017 were approved as a correct record by members present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON THE 10th JANUARY 2017

4.1 Speed Restrictions for Day Green

The clerk reported that a response has been received to the letter to Cheshire East Highways. Cllr Price highlighted that the bus stops encourage pedestrians along the dangerous stretch. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Cllr David Brown, Highways Portfolio holder and a senior Highways Officer. Parish Council suggestions noted were SIDs, pedestrian signs, hazard signs, concealed entrance and red road markings.

4.2 Website update

The Website has been developed but still needs some adjustment. Cllr Eric Smith suggested applying to the Transparency Fund for 20 hours labour time for getting the website up to scratch and this was agreed by all present. The clerk was asked to prepare the application and to communicate with Lawton Computers to get the website finished and up to date.

4.3 Replacement of Perspex in the Parish Board

Cllr Eric Smith reported that the Perspex and backboard have been received. Cllr Stark and Cllr Price agreed to fit it.

4.4 Update on the Cheshire Railings.

The clerk updated that John Tickle of Cheshire East Highways department has informed that he will assess the sections to decide if the Cheshire railings still fall into the category that can be maintained by Cheshire East. The clerk was asked to supply John Tickle with the relevant information regarding the position and condition of Cheshire Railings in Hassall so that this assessment can be made.

4.5 Drain and Gully Problems in the Parish

The clerk reported that Cheshire East Highways are currently in areas adjacent to Hassall but are unable to leave or vary their schedule. The Parish Council are sure that the roads of Hassall were not completed with Haslington and Winterley in the Spring. The clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East regarding this issue.

4.6 Parish Council Logo

Cllr Eric Smith presented the LOGO and everyone agreed that it was very good. The clerk was asked to write a thankyou letter and to ask for a written confirmation giving the Parish Council permission to use it for the records.

4.7 Bulb Planting

It was agreed that the daffodils have done well this year. The option of planting Bluebells in suitable areas was discussed. The clerk was asked to obtain some prices and to check when they should be planted. Snowdrops were also discussed.

The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Hillary Robinson of Alsager Town Council to request if she could offer Hassall Parish Council some advice.

4.8 Repair of Alsager Road

It was agreed that the resurfacing of Alsager Road was a good job and the clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East Highways to thank them.

5. VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk advised that the Council needs to be more proactive. Everyone agreed to communicate that we have a vacancy. Cllr Stark agreed to produce a notice. The clerk agreed to distribute the notice to residents.

Cllr Eileen Smith informed the Council of her intention to resign. The clerk reminded Mrs. Smith that she needs to put this into writing to Mr. Eric Smith for the records.

6. FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the same night and immediately preceding the Annual General meeting. The date will be the 9th May 2017. It was further agreed that a notice be prepared to be distributed with the vacancy notice.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 Clerk's hours and salary

Cllr Eric Smith informed that the clerk's pay and hours would be on the agenda in May for review. The clerk was asked to log her hours in the meantime.

7.2 To appoint an internal auditor for the 2016/2017 audit

It was agreed by all present to appoint JDH Business Services as internal auditor for the 2016/2017 accounting period.

7.3 Change of Payroll Company and update on the clerk's tax situation.

The clerk explained that the CVS have transferred the payroll to Shire Accountants who are setting everything up properly with the HMRC to run from April 2017.

7.4 To receive the financial report up to 28th February 2017

The financial report dated 28th February, prepared by the Clerk, was received by the Council.

7.5 Approval of Payments

The following payments were agreed and approved by all present:

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| Cheshire east Council (hall hire for March meeting) | £30.00 |
| Clerk – Salary Quarter 4 | £239.17 |
| To reimburse the clerk – tax withheld | £143.40 |
| To pay Leander (noticeboard Perspex and cork) | £243.90 |
| TOTAL | £298.17 |

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/0683C Bank Farm Lodge, Hassall Moss, Hassall, Sandbach, CW11 4SE

A submission of 'no comment' was made by the clerk after consultation with Cllr E Smith and Cllr J Stark.

17/0044C Creation of a garden Room from Existing Porch, 1, Day Green Cottages, Hassall Road, CW11 4XU

Approved with conditions

9. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM PARISH MEMBERS AND FROM CHESHIRE EAST CLLR WRAY

None

10. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk informed the Councils of the current consultations running on the Cheshire East Local Plan. It was agreed that Hassall Parish Council have no comment to make.

The clerk read out a letter from the Sandbach Alms Houses asking if a member of Hassall Parish Council would like to become a trustee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9th May 2017

The meeting concluded at 8:39

Chairman: Eric Smith

Date: 15th March 2017