



**CHURCH  
LAWTON**  
Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT CHURCH LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present: Cllr R Young (Chair); Cllr N Harper (Vice-chair)  
Cllrs: L Mackinnon; Cllr Armstrong; Cllr Hicks  
Cheshire East Councillor Liz Wardlaw**

**The meeting started at 7:30pm**

**19-20/135 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mitchell. Cllr Fernihough had his absence approved due to personal circumstances.

**19-20/136 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**19-20/137 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**19-20/138 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved as a correct record by all present.

**19-20/139 TO NOTE PROGRESS IN FILLING THE VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS OF ANY PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES PRESENT.**

The Parish Newsletter will advertise the vacancies and is due to be circulated soon.

**19-20/140 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING OF 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

**19-20/140/1 NEWSLETTER**

The clerk is progressing the newsletter. Some councillors are still to submit their piece about themselves.

*Action: The Clerk to progress.*

**19-20/140/2 NOTICEBOARD REPLACEMENT AND QUOTES FOR INSTALLATION**

The Clerk is obtaining quotes and is meeting R Burgess of Streetscape, Congleton Town Council, on Monday to visit the locations.

**19-20/140/3 FLYPOSTING ISSUES – AN UPDATE**

The flyposting is increasing again and the Clerk was asked to contact the commercial offenders.

**19-20/140/4 PROJECTOR PROVISION – TO CONSIDER QUOTES**

The clerk has asked for quotes from Sandtony in Alsager.

**19-20/140/5 MEETING WITH THE CANAL AND RIVER TRUST**

Deferred

**19-20/140/6 BARROWS WORKING PARTY**

A Barrows working party meeting has been arranged for the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Attendees from the Parish Council will be Cllr Mackinnon, Cllr Hicks and the Clerk. Cllr Wardlaw asked for her apologies to be given if she was unable to attend.

**19-20/140/7 COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING**

Cllr Harper is progressing this meeting.

**19-20/141 TO RECEIVE CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS FROM CLLR LIZ WARDLAW**

- Cllr Wardlaw reported that we still have no PCSO.
- There are still speeding problems around the school.
- The grass verges issue reported by Cllr Mackinnon – the reply was that there is queue for Grasscrete to be laid.
- The lack of highlighting of the pavement jutting out at Red Bull has been raised with no response.
- Cllr Wardlaw asked for items for the area highways project.
- Cllr Wardlaw has put a project forward with the Cycling Champion for the road from the Wilbraham Arms to the junction to be made safer.
- Cllr Wardlaw has been in touch with I Darlington of Cheshire East Highways about the bus stop light and he has said it will be addressed.

**19-20/142 FINANCE**

**19-20/142/1 TO NOTE RECEIPTS SINCE THE MEETING OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY MEETING (APPENDIX 1)**

The receipts were noted by the Council.

**19-20/142/2 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE PAYMENTS REQUIRED SINCE THE MEETING OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 (SEE APPENDIX 1)**

The payments were noted and approved.

**19-20/142/3 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATED 2019/20 BUDGET AGAINST EXPENDITURE AND BANK RECONCILIATION DATED MAY 2019 AND TO RESOLVE TO AGREE ANY VIREMENTS**

Deferred.

**19-20/143 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE BRIDGE FROM WOOD PARK AND TO AGREE ANY ACTIONS.**

The Clerk updated the Council regarding correspondence received from Alsager Town Council regarding the bridge leading from Wood Park on Alsager FP28 where it joins Church Lawton FP7. Alsager Town Council were requesting if Church Lawton Parish Council could contribute money towards work to improve the bridge.

The Council **resolved** that money not be contributed by Church Lawton Parish Council towards the work and the Clerk was asked to respond to Alsager Town Council.

**19-20/144 POLICIES: TO REVIEW AND RESOLVE TO APPROVE (SUBJECT TO AGREED CHANGES) - THE COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY.**

**19-20/144/1 TO REVIEW AND RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY**

The Council resolved to approve the Council's Risk Assessment Policy dated February 2020.

**19-20/144/2 TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION POLICY.**

The Council resolved to approve the Grant Application Policy.

**19-20/145 LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE**

Cllr Harper provided an update from the Memorial Hall Committee. Issues raised were:

- It was confirmed that the next meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**19-20/146 POLICE MATTERS**

**19-20/146/1 TO RECEIVE JANUARY'S BEAT REPORTS**

A beat report has not been received for January. It was noted that it is not currently known if there is a PCSO assigned to Odd Rode.

**19-20/146/2 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE CLUSTER MEETINGS AND TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

**19-20/146/3 TO NOTE THE PROGRESSION OF THE SPEEDWATCH GROUP AROUND THE A34 AREA.**

Cllr Armstrong is progressing this but required publication of a request for volunteers. .

**19-20/147 HIGHWAYS MATTERS – TO NOTE ANY ISSUES FROM MEMBERS AND ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Cllr Wardlaw noted that there is a forthcoming area Highways Group Meeting in April. Cllr Wardlaw asked for issues to be raised with her. In response, Cllr Mitchell mentioned Cherry Lane where a blind corner had a severely damaged verge. Cllr Hicks supported this as a problem. Cllr Harper raised that crossing Red Bull

Lights from Kidsgrove towards Lawton Lights is a problem due to the black and white marking being missing.

## **19-20/148 PLANNING**

### **19-20/148/1 TO RESOLVE TO ADD COUNCILLOR HICKS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Council resolved to add Cllr Hicks to the planning committee.

### **19-20/148/2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE MEETING OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

#### **20/0521C – Church Lawton Gate Primary School**

Supply and installation of a timber and plastisol steel clad 3 bay modular building to provide additional science classroom accommodation. Works to include foundations and connections to services.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council has no comment to make at present by delegated the Clerk to support any valid resident comments that appear on the portal.

#### **20/0300T Blue Bell Cottage, 3, Congleton Road North**

Works to TPO trees.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council has no comment to make.

### **19-20/148/3 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The outstanding applications (awaiting a decision by Cheshire East) were noted. In particular, the Alsager Court Care Home application due date at committee was noted. The application is due to go to committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Armstrong would attend the committee meeting to present the case for the Parish Council should this planning committee go ahead.

## **19-20/149 TRAINING/MEETINGS ATTENDED NOT REPORTED ELSEWHERE**

Nothing further to report.

## **19-20/150 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Correspondence received was noted as follows:

- A letter regarding an environmental issue at the Wainhomes site received from Cllr J Smith was raised. The Clerk was asked to thank Cllr Smith for the information.

## **19-20/151 MEMBERS MATTERS**

The Heritage Walk and Cream Tea at the Memorial is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Harper is attending a meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February to help progress arrangements for the Barrow's Group involvement.

Cllr Harper, as deputy chair, agreed to attend the Mayor's

Cllr Harper is forwarding grant application information (My Bright idea) received through the ChALC bulletin to the Memorial Hall.

Cllr Armstrong enquired about how to deal with flooding in housing caused by a neighbouring farm.

**19-20/152 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Environmental Policy  
Wild Flower Patches in the Parish  
Speedwatch (with the PCSO)  
Highways meeting

*The meeting concluded at 21:20*

**To agree Date of the Next Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Church Lawton Parish Council  
RECEIPTS LIST**

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
14 Bank Interest	31/01/2020	N/A	NATWEST Reserve Ac	R/19/20/14	Bank Interest	NatWest Bank	X	1.02	0.00	1.02
<b>Total</b>								<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.02</b>

**Church Lawton Parish Council  
PAYMENTS LIST**

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
61 Bank Charges	17/02/2020		NATWEST Current Acc	P/19/20/61	Bankline charges	NatWest Bank	X	3.60	0.00	3.60
57 Stationery	19/02/2020		NATWEST Current Acc	19/20/57 and 58	Paper	Sandtony	S	92.75	18.55	111.30
58 Print cartridges	19/02/2020		NATWEST Current Acc	19/20/57 and 58	Print Cartridges	Sandtony	S	5.20	1.04	6.24
55 Clerk Salary	19/02/2020	N/A	NATWEST Current Acc	19/20/55	Clerk Salary	Clerk - Sue Davies	X	522.90	0.00	522.90
56 Clerk - working from home a	19/02/2020		NATWEST Current Acc	19/20/56	Clerk wfha	Clerk - Sue Davies	X	17.33	0.00	17.33
59 HMRC - Clerk tax	19/02/2020	N/A	NATWEST Current Acc	19/20/59	HMRC - Clerk pay	HMRC	X	3.60	0.00	3.60
<b>Total</b>								<b>645.38</b>	<b>19.59</b>	<b>664.97</b>

