



**CHURCH  
LAWTON**  
Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020, 7:30pm, USING ZOOM**

**Present:**

Cllrs: N Harper; L Mackinnon; Cllr Mitchell; Cllr Woodhead-Coates  
PCSO Jeanette Carter.  
One member of the public was present.

The meeting started at 7:30pm - Cllr Harper, as the vice-chair, opened the meeting.

**20-21/71 To receive nominations for and to elect a new chairman of Church Lawton Parish Council**

The Clerk has received one nomination from Cllr Harper for Cllr Mitchell. Cllr Mackinnon seconded the nomination. No further nominations were received. Cllr Mitchell was elected as the new chair of Church Lawton Parish Council by a majority show of hands and signed the acceptance of office form witnessed by the Clerk.

**20-21/72 To Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Armstrong.

**20-21/73 Public participation.**

The member of the public present spoke on application 20/5013C - 53 Liverpool Rd West giving her reasons why she felt the application to be unsuitable, mainly around being out of keeping for the area and also access issues from the highway. The resident hoped she could have the parish council support.

**20-21/74 To receive any declaration of interests regarding agenda items.**

None

**20-21/75 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October were approved as a correct record by all present.

**20-21/76 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning Committee held not yet received by the Council.**

Deferred

**20-21/77 To receive Matters from the Cheshire East representative present.**

Cllr Wardlaw reported that the repainting of the black and white lines on the kerb at Red Bull Lights has now been completed.

*Cllr Mitchell, as chair, moved the agenda item on police matters to the next item and the council resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the PCSO to speak on this item. He also moved the planning item up the agenda to follow on from police matters.*

**20-21/78 Police Matters and Community speed Watch: To receive an update including the recently announced grant funding opportunity and to consider any actions.**

PCSO Carter updated the Council on her role and activities. She reported that she hopes to begin meetings with the public after Christmas. She also agreed to pursue whether cluster meetings could restart. PCSO Carter also informed that she would try and get a report to the Council a couple of days before each meeting.

Community Speed Watch was discussed. The police can support and provide training although the need to purchase the equipment. Funding is available that can be pursued through the Safer Communities budget. The police can help to advertise the scheme to increase the number of volunteers. It was noted that the equipment, if funded, would still only be used in Church Lawton. Cllr Mitchell queried that insurance aspects and liability will need establishing.

Cllr Mitchell thanks PCSO Carter for her time.

**20-21/79 To receive planning matters:**

**a) To Consider and agree a response to the following:**

20/5013C – 53, Liverpool Road West, Church Lawton, ST7 3DG  
Erection of a detached dwelling on land to the rear of 53 Liverpool Road West, Church Lawton.

The Council considered the application and resolved a response as shown in appendix 1.

**b) Updates on Applications**

It was noted the application at Grove Manor' had been refused.

**20-21/80 Finance**

**c) To receive an update on the bank mandate changes**

The Clerk highlighted that she hasn't received the information from councillors to allow the mandate to progress and asked them to forward it as a matter of urgency.

**d) To note receipts since the last meeting**

Deferred

**e) To approve payments required**

Deferred

- f) **To receive a budget report from the RFO and to agree any virements**

Deferred

- g) **To consider and agree the budget and precept requirements for 2020-21.**

Deferred

**20-21/81 To Consider the Following Consultations**

- a) **To consider and agree a response to the Revised Publication Draft Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) – Deadline 23rd Dec 2020.**

The Council resolved that it has no comment to this consultation.

- b) **To consider the Cheshire East transport and parking consultation and to agree a response, if any. Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

The following comments were agreed but to also to consider further at the next meeting, including further thoughts on the parking charges on Church Lawton residents:

- Church Lawton Parish Council generally support the objectives.
- Support the bridge improvement coming from Wood Park into Alsager.
- Support improving access to the canal at Lawton Heath.
- Support improving the creation of a cycle route on Cherry Lane subject to further detail.
- Support improving access to the Salt Line.

- c) **To consider and agree a response, if any, to the Draft Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (HMO SPD) - Deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020.**

The Council resolved that it has no comment to this consultation.

- d) **Cheshire East budget consultation – to note and agree a response, if any – Deadline 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
**Budget Engagement 2021 ([cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk))**

The Council resolved that it has no comment to this consultation.

- e) **Household waste recycling centre review – to note the consultation and to agree a response, if any.**

It was agreed that councillors could respond to this individually. Concern around fly-tipping was raised.

**20-21/82 To receive updates on the following:**

**a) Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk was asked to arrange a further meeting.

**b) Speedwatch**

Deferred.

**c) Footpath working group**

Deferred.

**d) Barrows Working Party**

Deferred.

**e) Community Group**

Deferred.

**20-21/83 To receive and agree an updated schedule of meetings.**

The following dates were agreed:

Full Council – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Planning – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

**20-21/84 To receive any reports and matters from members or the Clerk.**

Cllr Harper updated members on his imminent house move. The Clerk reported that she has passed her level 4 community governance course.

**20-21/85 Training/meetings and courses**

None

**20-21/86 Future Agenda Items**

No new items added.

**20-21/87 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



**PLANNING APPLICATION 20/5013C**  
**53, LIVERPOOL ROAD, CHURCH LAWTON**

**Erection of a detached dwelling on land to the rear of 53 Liverpool Road  
West, Church Lawton**

**Church Lawton Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:**

**1. Proximity of Current Properties**

The proposed development appears to be too close in proximity to existing properties to the extent that it will be invasive and lead to a loss in privacy.

**2. Not considered infill**

The Council feels that this is not 'infill' along a ribbon development and is therefore garden development and intrusion into the Greenbelt. Moreover, approving this application could lead to other similar applications resulting in a more severe gradual creep into greenbelt. The Parish Council thus supports the landscape report submitted.

**3. Width of Access Drive**

The width of the access road appears quite narrow. The Parish Council questions if the width is sufficient for emergency vehicles, refuse collection and deliveries or whether there will be increased parking on the busy Liverpool Road West increasing the likelihood of accidents.

**4. Parking Issues**

The Parish Council has concerns that the parking provision of the development will be insufficient, again leading to an increase of parking on Liverpool Road West.

It should be noted by Cheshire East Planning that during the building phase of a nearby new properties on this road recently, there were significant problems resulting from the building contractors parking along Liverpool Road West. This resulted in several complaints to the Parish Council.

**5. Design**

The style of the proposed building is out of character with the surrounding properties and will not 'fit in' with other nearby properties.