



**CHURCH
LAWTON**
Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 2022, 19:30pm, KIDSGROVE VICTORIA HALL

Present:

Cllrs: G Mitchell (chair), L Bowler (formerly Mackinnon), L Grimshaw, E Mitchell, B Newton, K Newton,

Cllr E Wardlaw – Cheshire East Councillor

Clerk – Sue Davies Assistant Clerk – Chris Greenhalgh

The meeting started at 7:36pm.

22-23/38 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Davies

22-23/39 Public Speaking – to allow any members of the press or public the opportunity to speak in accordance with Standing Orders.

None

22-23/40 To receive any declaration of interests regarding agenda items.

None

22-23/41 To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2022

Resolution: The Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of Monday 20th June 2022.

22-23/42 To receive and note the minutes of Committee Minutes.

None to receive.

22-23/43 Matters Arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere.

None

22-23/44 To agree any changes or additions to the Planning Committee or to other task groups as a result of the co-option of J Davies and E Mitchell.

Deferred

22-23/45 Finance

a. To approve payments requiring authorisation.

The Council approved the payments, previously circulated, requiring authorisation and noted the payments made (staff salaries) since the last meeting on 20th June 2022. (See appendix 1).

b. To note receipts to date.

The Council noted the receipts since the last meeting on 20th June 2022. The Clerk highlighted the first precept payment as well as CIL funds that had been received.

c. To receive the Q1 budget report and bank reconciliations.

The Clerk highlighted that the Q1 budget report and bank reconciliations were being completed. It was noted that Cllr Grimshaw will be completing the internal audit.

d. To resolve to agree to add Cllr E Mitchell and Cllr J Davies to the Unity Bank online mandate with permission to view and authorise payments but not to input payments.

Resolution: The Council resolved to add Cllr E Mitchell and Cllr J Davies to the Unity Bank online mandate with permission to view and authorise payments but not to input payments.

22-23/46 To receive matters from the Cheshire East representative present.

Cllr Wardlaw provided the following updates:

- The crossing on the A50 has been approved subject to funding.
- The widening of Sandbach Rd is still being discussed but would require compulsory land purchase.

Action: Cllr Wardlaw to review the budget profile of the proposal (1 year or both).

22-23/47 Planning Matters

a. To consider and agree responses to the following applications:

22/1946C – 18 Acton Way, Church Lawton, ST7 3RD

Resolution: The Council resolved for the Clerk to submit a response highlighting the following points:

- feel that the neighbour, at 16 Acton Way, has a case about the size and orientation of the proposed extension specifically related to the impact it will have on their property.
- appreciate that this has been considered in the application but request this is reviewed by the Planners and/or qualified independent professionals.

21/6310C – Alsager Court Care Centre, Sandbach Road North, Church Lawton, ST7 3RG

Resolution: The Council resolved for the Clerk to submit a response highlighting the following points:

- Regarding the numbers of windows, and balcony, on the First Floor of the Northeast elevation citing potential privacy issues for residents on Denford Place.
- Regarding the windows proposed, on the First Floor of the Northeast of Bedroom 08 that appear to unnecessarily cause privacy issues for neighbouring properties to the Northeast of the site.

b. To receive updates on outstanding applications.

An update on outstanding and existing applications was provided by the Assistant Clerk.

22-23/48 To receive an update on police matters including correspondence around complaints received regarding noisy youths on the old Salt Line by the Alsager border.

The Clerk has raised the issue with the PCSO and Sergeant but as yet has not received a response.

Resolution: The Council resolved for the Clerk for the Clerk to complain to John Dwyer, Police & Crime Commissioner regarding the lack of engagement and PCSO provision in general within the Parish.

22-23/49 Community Speed Watch: To receive an update on Community Speed Watch.

Cllr K Newton noted that additional volunteers had been recruited so an additional training session was required.

The Clerk reported that the sign, intended to notify the public that Speed Watch was taking place, had been received and would be passed to the group.

22-23/50 Environmental Improvement:

a. To receive an update on the bench provision at Red Bull lights.

The Clerk updated that she would arrange for the two benches are ready to be delivered and that installation costs need ascertaining.

Cllr Grimshaw raised the idea of the 'chat' bench initiative and maybe the other as a 'silent contemplation'.

Action: Clerk and assistant clerk to arrange a delivery location.

b. To receive an update from the Clerk and Assistant Clerk and to consider potential use of the two operatives from Congleton.

It was agreed that dates for the two operatives be organised, and a list of jobs compiled. Cleaning road signs was suggested.

c. To receive an update on planting of the circles on Liverpool Rd.

The assistant clerk and clerk reported that they are discussing ideas with Congleton town Council and an order has been placed.

It was agreed that the clerk and assistant clerk progress this.

d. To receive correspondence from 'Hedgehogs R Us' and to agree any support or otherwise.

It was agreed that the clerk research more about this and find out if other councils are engaging and if the offer is worthwhile. The Clerk agreed to discuss options with the Alsager Urban Wildlife Group.

22-23/51 Lawton Memorial Hall: To receive feedback from the committee representatives and to agree any actions.

Feedback from recent Memorial Hall meetings was received from Cllr Grimshaw.

22-23/52 Lawton Lights – Banners: To receive an update and to agree any actions required

The Clerk has not been able to establish permissions with Wainhomes but would continue to pursue this along with establishing the procedures and rules concerning fly posting with Cheshire East. The Clerk further informed that the railings are not owned by nor the responsibility of the Parish Council although efforts can be made to help the fly posting problem. Cllr Wardlaw agreed to provide a contact at Cheshire East in relation to licencing and planning enforcement.

22-23/53 Highways Issues

a. **To receive an update on a meeting of Odd Rode Ward Parish Council representatives from Cllr Mitchell and the Clerk in relation to the CE ward councillors’ highways budget and to further consider the Church Lawton view regarding the A50 proposal.**

b. **To receive an update and to consider further lighting on Liverpool Rd.**

The Clerk was asked to pursue this with Cheshire East Highways.

c. **To receive an update and further consider the traffic problems with Cherry Lane and to agree any actions.**

22-23/54 To receive an update on the two new noticeboards that are on order.

The two new noticeboards are ‘in production’.

22-23/55 Christmas Tree provision: To receive an update, to consider the matter further and to agree any actions.

The clerk still needs to establish permission and locate a site. Various ideas were raised.

22-23/56 To receive any updates on the agreed Freeman of the Parish presentation.

It was agreed that the Clerk chat to Mr Fernihough and Lawton Memorial Hall to try to establish an alternative date for a presentation.

22-23/57 To receive any correspondence or other matters from the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

None raised.

22-23/58 To receive any other reports and matters from the chair or members.

None raised.

22-23/59 Training/meetings and courses: To consider any training requirements.

The training programme from ChALC was circulated.

22-23/60 Future Agenda Items

Any decisions associated with correspondence from ‘Hedgehogs R Us’

22-23/61 To agree Date of next meeting and a date to be saved as a provisional date for an August meeting to be used if required.

Date of next meeting - 21st September 2022

Provisional date of 17th August if required.

**Church Lawton Parish Council
PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST**

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
9 Salaries	30/06/2022		Unity Bank	22-23-9	Salaries June	Employees	X	450.49		450.49
10 Staff - working from home al	06/07/2022		Unity Bank	22-23-10	wfha June	Staff Salaries	X	39.00		39.00
11 HMRC - Staff Salaries	06/07/2022		Unity Bank	22-23-11	HMRC June	HMRC	X	47.80		47.80
13 Hall Hire for Meetings	06/07/2022		Unity Bank	22-23-13	Hall hire - KTC	Kidsgrove Town Council	E	45.00		45.00
8 Community Speed watch Sup	06/07/2022		Unity Bank	22-23-8	Community Speedwatch sign	Homzar Ltd	S	189.69	37.94	227.63
12 Audit Costs	06/07/2022		Unity Bank	22-23-12	Internal Audit	JDH Business Services	S	180.00	36.00	216.00
Total								951.98	73.94	1,025.92

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