



**CHURCH
LAWTON**
Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2022, 19:30pm, LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present:

Cllrs: G Mitchell (chair), E Mitchell, B Newton, K Newton

Clerk – Sue Davies

The meeting started at 7:36pm.

22-23/62 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Davies, L Grimshaw and L Bowler. Apologies were also received from the Cheshire East ward councillors.

22-23/63 Public Speaking – to allow any members of the press or public the opportunity to speak in accordance with Standing Orders.

None

22-23/64 Extended Public Speaking

The Council heard from a member of the Lawton Memorial Hall Committee who gave an update on his work to establish the history of the transfer followed by opportunity for councillors to ask questions. It is hoped to establish either a more modern lease or to agree with Gleasons to a freehold transfer. The chair thanked the committee member for all his diligence and hard work.

It was agreed that the historic data would be better scanned to be available to more.

The Clerk offered to help chase Cheshire East for copies of the original planning documents.

22-23/65 To receive any declaration of interests regarding agenda items.

Cllr B Newton and K newton both declared an interest in the item relating to Lawton Memorial Hall due to both being on the committee. The Clerk and chair agreed that dispensations be awarded as there is no personal gain relating to the item.

22-23/66 To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2022.

Resolution: The Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of Monday 6th July 2022.

22-23/67 To receive matters from the Cheshire East representative present.

Deferred.

22-23/68 To receive and note the minutes of Committee Minutes.

None to receive.

22-23/69 Matters Arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere.

None – deferred until the next meeting.

22-23/70 Lawton Memorial Hall

- a. To receive a report, consider options and to resolve to agree in action in principle to issues relating to the future charitable status and management of Lawton Memorial Hall (upon request from the Memorial Hall Committee).**

Resolved: The Council resolved to agree in principle, subject to no issues coming to attention that would indicate it not being viable for any reason and subject to any legal guidelines, to become the sole trustee of Lawton memorial should it be asked in writing.

- b. To receive an update on the plans for the Christmas Day event and to agree any actions required.**

Cllrs B Newton fed back on the current arrangements for the Christmas Event at the Memorial Hall. She informed that the organising body is to be the Memorial Hall and not the Parish Council although support from the Parish Council will be welcome. The event will be for the residents of Church Lawton who are in need or have a social need. There will be up to 100 places available and leaflets will be going out.

Cllr B Newton, Cllr Grimshaw and the Clerk will work together to best establish the process for access to the Council funds.

- c. To receive general feedback from the committee representatives and to agree any actions.**

Cllr B Newton agreed to be the Council's representative on the Memorial Hall Committee following the resignation of Cllr Grimshaw from the committee.

Cllr B Newton reported that there is one new trustee and another person interested in the role. This still leaves a shortfall going forward.

22-23/71 Finance

- a. To approve payments requiring authorisation.**

Deferred.

- b. To note receipts to date for the 2022-2023 financial year.**

Deferred.

- c. **To receive a summary of payments to date for the 2021/2022 financial year.**

Deferred.

- d. **To receive bank reconciliations and statements for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2022-23 financial year.**

Deferred

- e. **To receive the quarter 1 'in-house' audit of accounts.**

Deferred.

- f. **To receive the Q2 budget report, to note any overspends and agree any virements or changes required.**

Deferred.

- g. **To receive a quarter 2 reserves report and to agree any changes required.**

Deferred.

22-23/72 Planning Matters

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

22/3821C 182, Sandbach Road, Church Lawton, ST7 3RB
Single storey extension and garage conversion.

Resolved: No comment

22/3747C 1, Sandylands Crescent, Church Lawton, ST7 3DS
Single storey rear extensions.

Resolved: No comment

22/1946C 18, Acton Way, Church Lawton, ST7 3RD
Proposed extension – revised plans. Resubmitted plans.

Resolved: The revised plans do not indicate that any change from the Council's original response is required.

- b. **To receive updates on outstanding applications.**

Deferred.

22-23/73 To receive any updates on the Civic Service and agreed Freeman of the Parish presentation.

The Clerk

22-23/74 To receive any correspondence or other matters from the Clerk.

None raised.

22-23/75 To receive any other reports and matters from the chair or members.

None raised.

22-23/76 Training/meetings and courses: To consider any training requirements.

The training programme from ChALC was circulated.

22-23/77 Future Agenda Items

Any decisions associated with correspondence from 'Hedgehogs R Us' (from the previous meeting.

22-23/78 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 – 19th October 2022