



**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2023, 7:00pm, LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL**

Present:

CLLrs: P Redstone (chair), Iain Johnston and G Mitchell

Cheshire East Councillor – represented by P Redstone

Clerk – Sue Davies

The meeting started at 7:08pm

23-24/PP/31 To receive apologies for absence

CLLr K Newton.

23-24/PP/32 To receive any declaration of interests regarding agenda items.

No other declarations of interest made.

23-24/PP/33 Public Speaking – to allow any members of the press or public the opportunity to speak in accordance with Standing Orders

None.

23-24/PP/34 Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 16th August 2023.

The minutes of the meeting of the 16th August 2023 were approved by those present.

23-24/PP/35 Planning Matters

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

23/3219C 12, Barwood Avenue, Church Lawton, ST7 3EN

Rear and side extension.

The Parish Council **resolved** that it has no objection in principle as long as the development complies with Cheshire East's guidelines on amenity in residential areas.

b. To receive any updates on 23/0222C – Land adjacent to the land adjacent to the Trent and Mersey canal.

The committee received an update on the enforcement issues around application 23/0222C. The Clerk has received correspondence from Cheshire East enforcement to inform that investigations are still ongoing.

c. To consider and agree any comment on the Rural Housing Needs Questionnaire circulated by Cheshire Community Action.

The Clerk updated that the Parish Council has been given opportunity to comment on the draft Rural Housing Needs Survey being conducted by a developer in conjunction with Cheshire Community Action.

d. To receive updates on an outstanding applications and recently approved applications.

No updates to receive.

23-24/PP/36 Neighbourhood Plan for Church Lawton.

a. To note the submission of the redesignation of the Neighbourhood Area and the response from Cheshire East.

The Clerk confirmed that the redesignation of the Neighbourhood Plan area to match that of the Parish Boundary since the community governance review is now complete.

b. To receive feedback from the grant application.

The Clerk reported that the grant is progressing and will be for the remainder of the Council's eligible sum. Help with the design code has also been requested.

c. To agree any consultation exercise and attendance at the LMH anniversary day.

The Clerk reported that the planning consultant has sent some questions to ask attendees at the anniversary day. It was agreed that Cllr Johnston

d. To agree the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group and the date of the next meeting with the NP consultant.

It was agreed to hold a Neighbourhood Plan meeting on Teams on the 16th October at 7:00pm.

e. To agree any other actions required to progress the plan at the current time.

None further to those already arranged.

f. To consider budgetary provision for the Neighbourhood Plan, further to the grant, for recommendation to Full Council.

To committee agreed to include £2000 for Neighbourhood Plan provision.

23-24/PP/37 Barrows Site.

The Clerk reported that she has contacted Wainhomes regarding a meeting and was awaiting a reply. It was agreed a face-to-face site visit would be useful. It was also felt a meeting with the planning officer would be beneficial.

23-24/PP/38 Footpath Working Party.

The committee consider the purpose of the group. The following aspects and scope were agreed:

- Mapping walks for the benefit of the community.
- Identifying lost footpaths.
- Preservation of footpaths.
- Maintenance and improvement of footpaths.
- Improved signage and waymarking.
- To support the Neighbourhood Plan Group if required.
- To make recommendations to the Planning and Projects committee around planning matters related to footpaths.
- To identify any grants available.
- To promote health and wellbeing in the community.

It was agreed that non councillors would be allowed onto the task group.

It was agreed that the task group should work with any volunteer task groups.

It was noted that the whole parish needs considering.

Cllr Mitchell felt a starting point would be the production of a map for a well-known footpath.

Cllr Mitchell noted a walk by Lawton Heritage Society.

It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should take priority.

23-24/PP/39 Christmas Light/Tree provision.

Various discussions took place around locations of Christmas lights and the permissions required.

23-24/PP/40 Consideration of areas in the Parish for Environmental Work.

The Clerk is discussing the areas identified with ANSA but there is no further progress with permissions. Bulb planting was considered and will be evaluated.

23-24/PP/41 To receive any correspondence or other matters from the Clerk in relation to the committee responsibilities.

None

23-24/PP/42 To receive any reports or items from Members relating to committee responsibilities.

None.

23-24/PP/43 Future Agenda Items To receive any correspondence or other matters from the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Canal and River Trust Liaison
Parish Entrance Signage
Memorial Tree (next meeting)

Signature of the Chairman of the meeting where the minutes were approved:

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Bench Provision
Waste Bins

23-24/PP/44 To agree Date of next meeting: Monday, 6th November 2023, 7:00pm, Lawton Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signature of the Chairman of the meeting where the minutes were approved:

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