



MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2024, 7:00pm, LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present:

CLRs: P Redstone (from 7:50 and chair from that point) Iain Johnston (chair until the arrival of Cllr Redstone), Cllr L Mackinnon, G Mitchell and Cllr M Whittle.

Cheshire East Councillor – represented by P Redstone

Clerk – Sue Davies

The meeting started at 7:00pm

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

Cllr P Redstone had informed he may be late.

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

Cllr Mackinnon noted that she is related to a business partner of the Neighbourhood Plan consultancy.

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 25th September 2023.

The minutes of the meeting of the 25th September 2023 were approved by those present.

23-24/PP/35 Planning Matters

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

24/0493D Caradon bathrooms Ltd, Lawton Road, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, Cheshire, ST7 2FD
Discharge of condition 22 on approval 16/2229C. This related to the boundary treatment including the Cheshire Railings. Comments deadline 1st March 2024.

Already determined by the time of the meeting. It was agreed to request of Wainhomes if the railing could include some black as per the original.

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

The Clerk updated that the enforcement remains in place but is delayed due to poor weather conditions.

- c. 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 approve the revised constitution as recommended by the Neighbourhood Plan Group.**

The draft constitution, as recommended by the Neighbourhood Plan Group, was approved.

- b. To receive an update on progress on the Neighbourhood Plan Group including the next steps and revised timetable.**

Cllr Johnston updated on the recent meeting with AECOM who are conducting the Design Document as part of the grant award. It was noted that there had been a walk around all the key areas in the Parish.

The Local Green Spaces, work on which is ongoing, were noted.

The need for consultations were discussed. It was suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting be used to

- c. To consider issues raised from the visit from AECOM who are supporting the design guides and agree any actions.**

Covered in b.

- d. To consider any potential expenditure until the next Council meeting and to agree to delegate to the Clerk if required.**

None.

23-24/PP/37 Barrows Site: To receive an update from the clerk regarding arranging a meeting between the committee members, Wainhomes representatives and Cheshire East Planning to establish the current position of the land and future plans.

The Clerk updated that a meeting had not been able to be achieved but that attempts were continuing.

23-24/PP/38 Bench Provision in the Parish: To receive a report from the clerk on bench provision in the Parish and to receive and agree quotes for a new bench.

The Clerk asked councillors to provide potential sites for benches. It was noted that one bench which is in a poor state of repair is a memorial bench. It was felt that this situation should be established.

The Clerk was given delegated authority to order a bench of up to £750 of the same style as the two benches at Red Bull Lights.

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

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23-24/PP/39 Footpath Working Party: To receive an update from the clerk regarding arranging a meeting between the committee members, Wainhomes representatives and Cheshire East Planning to establish the current position of the land and future plans.

It was affirmed that this is currently a lower priority project whilst the Neighbourhood Plan is ongoing.

It was agreed to contact walking societies.

It was agreed that walking the paths was required.

Cllr Redstone entered the meeting and took over as chair.

23-24/PP/40 Christmas Light/Tree provision.

It was agreed to focus efforts on the tree at Greengate. The clerk will pursue this.

23-24/PP/41 Consideration of areas in the Parish for Parish Council Environmental Work.

Cllr Mackinnon and the Clerk raised her planting schemes. It was agreed to pursue the patch at Red Bull lights. The support provision was raised.

23-24/PP/42 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)
Bench Provision
Waste Bins

23-24/PP/43 To agree Date of next meeting: Monday, 15th April 2024, 7:00pm, Lawton Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm