



## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY. 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024, 7:00pm, LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:**

CLRs: P Redstone (chair), Cllr L Mackinnon and G Mitchell.

Cheshire East Councillor – represented by P Redstone

Clerk – Sue Davies

The meeting started at 7:00pm

**24-25/PP/1 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr I Johnston.

**24-25/PP/2 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.

**24-25/PP/3 Public Speaking – to allow any members of the press or public the opportunity to speak in accordance with Standing Orders**

None.

**24-25/PP/4 Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.**

The minutes of the meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 were approved by those present.

**24-25/PP/5 Planning Matters**

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

**24/2824C 11, Liverpool Rd East, ST7 3AQ**

2-storey rear (east) side infill extension in the place of the existing rear courtyard as well as an extended side building to the rear west side (in the space of the existing storage area) to create an entertaining space on the ground floor and cinema in its basement; Installation of a heated pool, pergola at the site with associated landscaping and new decking/BBQ and firepit areas in rear garden.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council has no objection in principle. However, the Parish Council does have some concerns around the scale of the proposal. The Parish Council also has concerns around drainage and hope that adequate measures will be in place to ensure there won't be water running down onto the road during wet weather. A neighbour has referred to a loss of daylight into a bedroom and the Parish Council ask if the planning officer can ensure that there isn't any unacceptable loss of amenity to this neighbour.

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

The Clerk has not yet received further updates and will contact the enforcement officer to pursue this.

**c. To receive updates on an outstanding applications and recently approved applications.**

The clerk noted that the website contains an update, and the link will be included in future agendas. It was agreed this is a good approach but that the website ought to also contain the Parish Council response.

**24-25/PP/6 Neighbourhood Plan for Church Lawton.**

**a. To receive an update on progress on the Neighbourhood Plan Group and a revised timetable.**

The Clerk, who has been in discussion with the planning consultant, provided an update. The difficulties completing the Design Guide during June and early July were noted due to a funding deadline following twice having to change AECOM consultant. It was noted that there is no more funding available directly to the Parish Council. The council has allocated a budget for completion work.

**b. To receive and note the completed Design Guide by AECOM.**

The committee received and noted the completed design guide produced by AECOM.

**c. To agree next steps including an application for a housing needs survey.**

The following next steps were agreed:

- That the Clerk apply to AECOM for a Housing Needs Survey.
- To submit the draft plan to Cheshire East Council for informal comment prior to regulation 14.
- That the group finalise the draft Green Spaces documents for approval.
- To call a Neighbourhood Plan meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. It was noted that the planning consultant had kindly agreed to attend this meeting prior to charging for future work.
- It was further agreed that Cllr Johnston, Redstone and the Clerk meet before the 3<sup>rd</sup> October to go through the Green Spaces documents.

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

None required currently but it was noted that a quote for further work by the consultant will be required for future work and brought back to the next meeting.

**24-25/PP/7 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, and it may need to be the management company that are now contacted.

**24-25/PP/8 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 is to progress the replacement of the bench near the entrance to Green Gate Road. The bench on The Green (Lawton Gate) was discussed. It was agreed to ascertain if this bench is a memorial bench and, if so, if the family still lives in the vicinity.

**24-25/PP/9 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 agreed that the group should meet to walk the route in the previously published map as a start.

It was further agreed to produce a WhatsApp Group for those who wish to be involved and that the agreed terms of reference be put into a document.

**24-25/PP/10 Christmas Light/Tree provision.**

At the proposed Greengate location, permission for the use of the lamp post for an electrical supply is still being pursued. Other options are also being explored at this location.

It was agreed to take the matter to Full council for consideration of other options in the Parish for Christmas events and decorations.

**24-25/PP/11 Consideration of areas in the Parish for Parish Council Environmental Projects.**

It was noted that Linley Plants had planted out the Lawton Heath End planters with a perennial scheme.

It was agreed to pursue the Red Bull Plot for some of the planting schemes.

The contractors being used will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

**24-25/PP/12 Future Agenda Items**

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

Bench Provision  
Waste Bins

**24-25/PP/13** To receive any correspondence or other matters from the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.  
None raised.

**24-25/PP/14** To agree Date of next meeting: Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7:00pm, Lawton Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm

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

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