



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 January 2017 in Elton Community Centre

Present: Councillors Tony Mills (in the chair), Ruth Ackroyd, Ryan Cash, Colin Crispin, Martin Dickinson, Margaret Lockhart, Ian Miller, Pauline O'Reilly and Maureen Wilson

In Attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk), PCSO Sue Veers

17.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

17.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dickinson declared an interest in Minute 17.08(2) (Community Centre) as he was a Trustee

17.03 VACANCIES FOR COUNCILLORS

Mr Colin Crispin and Mrs Pauline O'Reilly had applied to become members of the Parish Council. They met the criteria and it was resolved that they be co-opted. They were welcomed to the Parish Council.

17.04 OPEN FORUM

PCSO Sue Veers updated the Parish Council on activities within the parish. There was to be a speed awareness day on Saturday 14 January focusing on School Lane and Ince Lane. Special constables, who had the power to arrest, would be in attendance. A caged football event was proposed sometime in March or April and the Parish Council approved the use of either the Community Centre car park or the Parish Field for this event. The Beat Manager would take a more active role from the end of January following surgery. On Monday 16 January PCSO Veers would be assisting Dawn Taylor, Cheshire West and Chester Council's (CWaC) Gypsy Traveller Co-ordinator, with the gypsy census.

There had been some antisocial behaviour issues at Hapsford Services and some criminal damage to vehicles in both Elton and Ince.

One of the most dangerous problems at present was that of children on bikes riding directly into the oncoming traffic, particularly outside The Rigger. The PCSO would speak to them and, if they were stopped a second time, would speak to their parents.

17.05 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2016 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to it being noted that Councillor Ian Miller was in attendance.

17.06 PLANNING

(1) **Applications** received for consideration and comment: None

(2) **Decisions taken** by CWaC since the last meeting:

16/04824/FUL	One dwelling on land at Orchard Cottage, Ince Orchards, Elton, Chester – REFUSED – The application site is within an area designated as Green Belt wherein there is a presumption against all inappropriate forms of new development. The proposal represents inappropriate development in the Green Belt and as no very special circumstances have been demonstrated to set aside the national and local presumption against inappropriate development, the proposal is contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy STRAT9 of the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan.
16/04225/FUL	The installation of 12 storage tanks and an associated pumping mechanism at Encirc Glass Ltd, Ash Road, Elton, Chester CH2 4LF – APPROVED
16/04918/FUL	Detached single storey double garage at Ingleside, Station Road, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4NJ – APPROVED

(3) Decisions Awaited:

16/03295/FUL	Four one bed apartments within a two storey building on land adjacent to 24 Whitefields, Elton, Chester, Cheshire
16/05126/FUL	Construction of a drive through kiosk and associated roadworks on land fronting Shell Petrol Filling Station, Hapsford Interchange, Elton, Chester

17.07 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- (1) Concern was expressed by a Councillor that the boundaries of Prevan Place seemed to be continually moving. The Chairman advised the Councillor to ring CWaC and ask to speak to the Planning Enforcement Officer, report any changes in the boundaries and get a reference number. That way it was possible to keep track of what was happening on the site.
- (2) Parking by a resident on the bend by the Allotments was discussed. The land was public highway and CWaC had put bollards in with the aim of deterring parking, but they had made the site a safer place for the person responsible to park.
- (3) School Lane was soon to be designated as a 20mph zone.

17.08 UPDATE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

- (1) **Police:** Councillor Lockhart reported that Cheshire Police were trialling the TruCam handheld speed enforcement device, and that she would be going out with eight officers. Several locations would be covered. The TruCam recorded speeds and any vehicle could be stopped at any time.
- (2) **Community Centre:** The last meeting had not been quorate but an informal meeting had gone ahead. It was noted that the current Chairman was to step down at the AGM to be held on 18 January. Trustees who could take an active role in the management of the Centre were being sought. There were a number of jobs that needed to be done and the Parish Council would have to take an active interest in these to meet the requirements of the Essar grant. The bar was in need of refurbishment and it was suggested that a bid be submitted to the Protos Community Benefit Fund.
- (3) **Play Area/Parish Field/Jubilee Field:** It was reported that the work to level the Jubilee Field and remove the vegetation would be done during January, weather permitting. The machine needed to do the job was not working at present. The Chairman explained for the benefit of new members that the land could not be built on as there was a pipeline running through it and that it was to become a community woodland.
- (4) **Shops:** The Post Office, which was run through a franchise agreement with the Post Office, was currently closed and there was no intimation when it would re-open. Agreement was needed between the Post Office, the landlord and the agent who did not appear to be speaking to each other. The landlord was keen that it should re-open as soon as possible but the Post Office were apparently not being very co-operative. The planters were in position and were now waiting for Sarah Dobbins, CWaC Localities Officer, to provide the names of the two ladies who had expressed an interest in maintaining them.
- (5) **Encirc/Essar/CF Fertilisers:** Encirc had scheduled a meeting for 19 January 2017. Councillor Wilson would attend.
- (6) **Protos:** The roundabout on Poole Lane was now complete. The Community Benefit Fund was moving into its second year with a further £30K funding available for projects in Ince and Elton.
- (7) **Frodsham Wind Farm:** A meeting had been held on Friday 6 January when it was reported that the turbines that had been commissioned were now producing electricity. The handover date into Operations was expected to be mid February. A Community Benefit Fund had been established. The £120,000 would be managed by a Panel of up to 13 members selected by Peel Holdings.

- (8) **Thornton Science Park:** The speed limit on Pool Lane was currently 60mph. It had been agreed that it should be reduced to 50mph, but it was hoped that it could be reduced further to 40mph with the support of the Science Park. The site Health and Safety Officer would be approached.
- (9) **Allotments:** The Parish Council noted the very sad death of Howard Williams, husband of Anne Williams who for many years had been the secretary of the Elton Gardeners' Association.
- (10) **Website / Social Media / Newsletter:** Queries had been received and passed on to an appropriate person/organisation about the Dairy Bank garages, parking, the bend by the Allotments and the bend by the Spar car park. The next edition of the Newsletter was due at the printers at the end of February.
- (11) **Parish Council and Police Surgeries:** Complaints had been received about wagons coming up School Lane. These had been passed to CWaC.
- (12) **Elton Ward Partnership:** Another meeting was due.

17.09 CWaC CONSULTATION OF SPECIAL EXPENSES

CWaC had launched a consultation on possible changes to the Special Expenses scheme which addressed the issue of double taxation in the borough relating the maintenance of open access play spaces, Christmas lighting and Police Community Support Officers. Further consideration needed to be given to Christmas lighting in Elton before next Christmas.

17.10 CWaC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PARKING STRATEGY

Consideration of this item was deferred to the February meeting.

17.11 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Electoral Review of Cheshire West and Chester Council Briefing 1 February 2017:** Councillor Wilson would attend this briefing by the Boundary Commission. It was noted that the Clerk would also be attending on behalf of another Council.
- (2) **Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner:** A meeting was to be held on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 6.30pm in the Edna Rose Room at Tarvin Community Centre. Councillor Lockhart would attend.

17.12 FINANCE / ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was resolved that in order to give proper consideration to financial matters the meeting be adjourned and reconvened on Monday 16 January 2017 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.