



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 July 2018 in Elton Community Centre.

**Present:** Councillors Maureen Wilson (in the Chair), Ruth Ackroyd, Colin Crispin, Martin Dickinson, Ian Miller and Steve Serna

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public present

**18.52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / RESIGNATION / CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

- (1) Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pauline O'Reilly and Ron Reading.
- (2) It was reported that the Chairman had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Margaret Lockhart, which she had accepted.
- (3) Steve Serna had expressed an interest in being co-opted to fill one of the vacancies. He had been a Councillor previously and was familiar with the Council's work. Following a vote by show of hands, it was resolved that he be co-opted with immediate effect.

**18.53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Crispin declared an interest in matters relating to the Community Centre as he was a member of the Management Committee.

**18.54 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

It was asked whether a small area could be made in which to park cars by the Dog Walking Area. It was considered that there was nowhere suitable on Parkland Drive to do this. A request was received to set out the chain of events that led to the Dog Walking Area being approved and this was given by the Chairman and Councillor Dickinson. A further question was asked about the process for deciding on the Dog Walking Area and the original decision about the Jubilee Field. This would be dealt with under Agenda item 5 (Minute 18.56) below. It was generally agreed that there was sufficient land available for both schemes to go ahead.

**18.55 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 25 June 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

**18.56 JUBILEE FIELD**

Councillor Dickinson reported that the field was approximately 1.5 acres in total, which was the minimum requirement for the Woodland Trust to get involved in the creation of a woodland. The result of the original consultation on options for the field had not been clear as there had been very few replies. Councillor Dickinson requested access to the field, the gate to which had been padlocked. He would be given a key. No definite decision had yet been made on the limit of the extension to the Dog Walking Area, but it was anticipated that it would be a straight line from the post beyond the five barred gate. There was considered to be sufficient land for both schemes and there was no reason why some of the trees could not be planted in the Dog Walking Area. Councillor Dickinson was asked to get costings for tree protection.

**18.57 FINANCE**

- (1) Payments made in June:

13.06.18	Morris & Co – End of Year	33.00
13.06.18	Morris & Co – Payroll Admin	97.74
14.06.18	HMRC - Income Tax	47.60
14.06.18	Staff costs	1,014.87

18.05.18	Igoe – website hosting	6.99
26.06.18	Hammer & Tongs – sundries	15.60
26.06.18	Dee Valley Water – Allotments	29.27
26.06.18	ChALC – Training	150.00
30.06.18	Service Charge	18.00

- (2) Income: None  
(3) Balance at 30 June 2018 £63,488.08

## 18.58 PLANNING

- (1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment (details available on the Cheshire West and Chester website): None
- (2) **Discharge of Conditions on previous applications:**
- (1) Discharge of conditions 2 (plans), 3 (samples), 4 (means of enclosure), 5 (landscaping) and 6 (drainage) of planning permission 18/00174/FUL at The Willows Ince Lane Elton Chester CH2 4QB Ref. No: 18/02359/DIS Status: Awaiting decision
- (2) Discharge of Condition 30 (Retention of Sluice Gate) of 14/02277/S73 Ince Resource Recovery Park Grinsome Road Ellesmere Port Cheshire Ref. No: 18/02345/DIS Status: Approved
- (3) Discharge of conditions 33 (waste management plan) and 40 (bicycle parking) of planning permission 14/02278/S73 Plot 9 Ince Resource Recovery Park Grinsome Road Ellesmere Port Cheshire Ref. No: 18/02309/DIS Status: Awaiting decision
- (4) Discharge of Condition 43 (Stockpile Height) of 14/02271/S73 for a Timber Recycling Plant on Plot 3 Ince Resource Recovery Park Grinsome Road Ellesmere Port Cheshire Ref. No: 18/02310/DIS Status: Awaiting decision
- (3) **Decisions taken by CWaC since the last meeting of the Parish Council:**

17/05138/FUL	<p>Application for the change of use of buildings 38, 40, 58, 62, 304 and 305 at Thornton Science Park to continue to accommodate the University of Chester Faculty of Science and Engineering as integral part of the Science Park at Thornton Science Park Pool Lane Ince Chester CH2 4NU – <b>REFUSED</b> on the grounds that:</p> <p>(1) The proposed development, by reason of its location, would introduce a D1 educational use in an area specified for B1 and B8 employment development in the Local Plan and would therefore cause unacceptable harm to the aims of the Local Plan to support and develop employment uses in the area. As such, the proposal would be contrary to Policy EMP2 of the EPNLP and the NPPF.</p> <p>(2) The proposed development would represent an unacceptable use within the inner consultation zone of a hazardous installation, introducing an unacceptably sensitive population into an area subject to a residual risk commensurate with close proximity of a major oil refinery. The proposal would therefore represent an unacceptable increase in the number of people being subjected to threshold levels of risk and would be contrary to policy DM34 of the submission CWACL P (Part Two) and the NPPF.</p>
16/03309/HAZ	<p>Variation Hazardous Substances Consent(s) for storage of 232,613 tonnes of various substances: Ammonium Nitrate (solid) (total of 216,000 tonnes; increased from 90,000 tonnes under P/93/108/ST/335 and P/99/108/ST/660) together with Nitric Acid (58 to 60%) (total of 5,273 tonnes) Carbon Monoxide (3 tonnes), Hydrogen (1 tonne) and Natural Gas (1 tonne); all used in, either or both, manufacturing and product storage (Ammonium Nitrate based fertilisers). Variation in consented amounts under P/99/108/ST/660 with a reduction of Ammonium Nitrate solution to a total of 420 tonnes (decreased from 1,360 tonnes) a reduction of Medium Fuel Oil to a total of 90 tonnes (decreased from 2,000 tonnes). No change in consented quantities of Ammonia - Anhydrous (10,070 tonnes) (under P/99/108/ST/660 and P/2000/108/ST/729), Nitrogen dioxide (5 tonnes), Gas Oil (50 tonnes), Ammonia Solution (400 tonnes) and Compound Fertilisers (300 tonnes) (all under P/99/108/ST/660) at CF Fertilisers UK Ltd Grinsome Road Ellesmere Port CH2 4LB - <b>APPROVED</b></p>

## 18.59 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

- (1) **Allotments:** It was reported that the Allotments currently had no storage or toilet facilities which it was thought was putting people off taking on a plot. Also the grass needed to be cut back. This would be investigated.
- (2) **CF Fertilisers:** Nothing to report
- (3) **Community Centre:** The Community Centre had received a grant from Protos which had been put towards essential maintenance, including re-wiring and other Health & Safety duties.
- (4) **Essar:** A meeting was anticipated but no date had yet been set
- (5) **Parish Field:** It was agreed that the only way this could now be developed was through a grant. The Clerk was asked to contact Sharon Marshal at CWaC for advice.
- (6) **Play Area:** A quote was needed for the disabled swing and the surface for the access from the gate. Councillor Dickinson recommended the cradle swing and, as long as it was DDA compliant, it was agreed to proceed with this. Councillor Dickinson was asked to get costings.
- (7) **Protos:** The AGM had been held in the Community Centre. The Community Benefit Fund had been opened up to other local parishes and they were limited to one application a year. The next meeting was in October.
- (8) **Shops:** Councillor Ackroyd had produced a list of issues relating to the Shopping parade and it was resolved that these should be raised with Benmill, the owners of the site.
- (9) **Surgeries:** It was resolved to reduce the number of surgeries to one a month to be held on the first Wednesday morning. There would be two Councillors at each surgery and a rota would be drawn up so that everyone was aware when it would be their turn. The Chairman would do the first one.
- (10) **Thornton Science Park:** It was queried whether the Parish Council had received notification of the retrospective planning application which had been refused by CWaC. The Clerk could not recall receiving it and it was not in the Minutes of the Parish Council between September and December 2017.
- (14) **Website/Facebook/Newsletter:** It was agreed that Councillors Reading and Serna should work together on the Website. The Chairman would produce the next Newsletter.

## 18.60 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting was on Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre. A special meeting would be needed to sign off the annual accounts for submission to the external auditor.