



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13 November 2017 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.

**Present:** Councillors Tony Mills (in the Chair), Martin Dickinson, Margaret Lockhart, Ian Miller, Ron Reading and Maureen Wilson

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk), PC Brown and three members of the public

#### 17.115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruth Ackroyd, Colin Crispin and Pauline O'Reilly

#### 17.116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 17.117 OPEN FORUM

A resident spoke at length about the problems caused by cars parking on the public highway and on pavements rather than using their drives, and about speeding and, in particular, making the 20mph zone on School Lane more visible. He quoted as an example signs used around Newton and Mannings Lane in Chester to encourage people to use their own driveways and not leave cars parked half on pavements or verges, which seemed to work very well. PC Brown explained that it was not possible to enforce speed limits mainly due to lack of manpower. Speed monitoring had taken place at Ryecroft where 26 cars were recorded as exceeding 30mph. PC Brown reported that there had only been one incident at the Bonfire and Fireworks and it had not been possible to identify anyone relating to the incident. Another issue raised was that of grass cutting on the Parish Council's land opposite The Rigger, which was considered to be insufficient. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council was still trying to agree a grass cutting contract for that and other areas in the village. The railway sidings was privately owned and it was agreed to write to Cheshire West & Chester (CWaC) Council to ask them to write to the owner to get the area made good. A lady raised the issue of high hedges between properties.

#### 17.118 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 October 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

#### 17.119 FINANCE

(1) **Payments:** The following payments were approved:

Method		Amount
BACS	Staff costs (including HMRC)	1,077.40
S/O	Igoe – website hosting fee	6.99
Chq88	Jack's Home & Garden-Street Orderlies' Sundries	21.57
BACS	Treefellers	2,040.00

(2) **Receipts:** None

(3) **Balance** as at 13 November 2017 £52,869.49

#### 17.120 PLANNING

(1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment (details available on the Cheshire West and Chester website):

17/04597/FUL	Single storey side and rear extension at 2 Orchardside, Ince Orchards, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4ND
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(2) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council:

17/03375/FUL	Single storey extension to form meeting room and store room at LH front of Church Hall, Elton Methodist Church, Ince Lane, Elton, Chester Cheshire CH2 4QB – APPROVED
17/03009/FUL	Single storey side and rear extension at Cartref, Ince Orchards, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4ND – APPROVED

17/03757/CAT	Sycamore (T1) directly in front of 18 Anvil Close, Elton – prune branches overhanging boundary of 18 Anvil Close at 18 Anvil Close, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4LA – NOTIFICATION CLOSED
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(3) **Awaiting Decision**

17/04166/DIS	Discharge of Conditions 4,8,9,10 and 14 on Planning application 16/05321/FUL (Redevelopment of an existing petrol filling station) at Elton Green Service Station, Shotwick-Frodsham Road, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 LD
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(4) **Application for Variation of condition 2 and 3 and removal of condition 4 of planning permission 14/03785/S73 at Prevan Place, Old Hall Lane, Elton**

It was noted that CWaC was declining to determine the above retrospective application in accordance with section 70c of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). The Council considered the following applies:

**70C Power to decline to determine retrospective application**

- (1) A local planning authority in England may decline to determine an application for planning permission for the development of any land if granting planning permission for the development would involve granting, whether in relation to the whole or any part of the land to which a pre-existing enforcement notice relates, planning permission in respect of the whole or any part of the matters specified in the enforcement notice as constituting a breach of planning control.
- (2) For the purposes of the operation of this section in relation to any particular application for planning permission, a “pre-existing enforcement notice” is an enforcement notice issued before the application was received by the local planning authority.

As the site was subject to a pre-existing enforcement notice the application had been returned to the applicant/agent.

**17.121 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

There had recently been some speed monitoring in school Lane and the results showed 60% of drivers travelling above 20mph and 30% still over 30mph. The speeding laws were changed this year and quite a number of drivers recorded in the monitoring exercise would have been given a fine based on their income and points on their licence. Depending on income and speed, some drivers could be served with fines of £150 and some £350. If people were to be made aware of these changes it might serve as a deterrent, hopefully slowing them down to 20mph. The following website provided much more detail: <https://www.sentencingcouncil.org.uk/offences/item/speeding-revised-2017/>

**17.122 UPDATE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

- (1) **Allotments:** A meeting was to be arranged between the Chairman and representatives of the Allotments in the near future.
- (2) **CF Fertilisers:** A meeting was imminent
- (3) **Community Centre:** The Community Centre had requested a temporary loan of £1,000. The Chairman would ask further questions before recommending whether to approve or not.
- (4) **Encirc:** They were looking to improve the plant with more investment. It was confirmed that 40 Elton residents currently worked there.
- (5) **Essar:** All blow-outs had now been completed.
- (6) **Frodsham Wind Farm:** There were few problems at present.
- (7) **Jubilee Field:** The new bench was now in place. The concrete would be set by Thursday morning and it would then be formally opened.
- (8) **Play Area:** The grass was very long. CWaC had now stopped cutting.
- (9) **Police:** The main issue was kids on bikes.

- (10) **Shops:** The Chairman had spoken to Scottish Power about having power for Christmas lights.
- (11) **Surgeries:** The main issue raised related to Sanctuary's development at Whitefields and when this was likely to start.
- (12) **Thornton Science Park::** It was noted that the Government were to do some boreholes at Thornton Science Park.

**17.123 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11 December 2017 at 7.00 pm at Elton Community Centre