

# HASLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Commenced: 7.00 pm

Terminated: 9.05 pm

Present: Councillor S Green (Chair)  
Councillors L Allen, H Blake, Y Bushill, C Davis, M Deakin, S Edgar,  
M Edwards, J Griffith, A Heler, R Hovey, R McCarthy, M Mews (until 7.45  
pm) and G Sawyer

Also in attendance:  
Mrs M Clough, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Apologies for Absence: Councillor T Peake

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peake.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Green declared her interest in Item 7, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

## 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## 4. COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that she had no announcements or communications to make.

## 5. PUBLIC FORUM

To consider any questions submitted by Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order Section 3.

Ms Kathleen Williams, wished to record her objections to some of the work being undertaken to the Primrose Avenue Nature Trail, in particular the proposed seating, as she considered this facility would attract anti-social behaviour. She was supported in her objection by other residents including Ms Nicola Holland.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and it was:

### RESOLVED

- (i) That the objections raised by a number of residents, to some of the work being undertaken to the Primrose Avenue Nature Trail, in particular the installation of seating areas, be noted;
- (ii) That residents be advised to report any incidences of anti-social behaviour, to the police.
- (iii) That should any evidence be received by the police, which confirms anti-social behaviour is occurring as a direct result of the installed seating areas at

Primrose Avenue Nature Trail, then consideration will be given to the seating being removed.

(iv) That the seating areas be erected incrementally.

## 6. PRECEPT FOR 2023-2024

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported that Precept Request for Haslington Parish Council for financial year 2023-2024, to Cheshire East Council in the sum of £90,000 had been submitted and acknowledged.

### RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### (i) December Payments

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported on the following payments which were made during December 2022:-

Ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
190-9	Ashridge Trees Limited	Jubilee Project	1041.60
191-10	Staffing (MCL)	November Salary	769.32
192-11	HMRC	Inland Revenue for MCL/GAY (for November)	308.28
193-12	Staffing (GAY)	November Salary	382.60
196-15	KC Longfield	Refund deposit of Room Hire	40
197-16	Smarty	Mobile Phone for December	7.2
198-17	Winterley Methodist Church	Rent	20
199-18	JD Green	Gutterscroft Maintenance	130
200-19	JD Green	Haslington Parish Council Maintenance	1475
201-20	FixIt Computer Services	Clean Laptop and Purchase of Microsoft Office	259.98
202-21	Staffing (HMA)	Backpay	345.6
203-22	HP	Printer	259.98
204-23	Solar Lights Centre	Minutes 051222 - 11(iii)	143.99
206-25	British Gas	Gutterscroft Gas Payment	217.02
207-26	Scottish Power	Gutterscroft Electricity Payment - Overdue Bill	166.63
208-27	Smarty	Mobile Phone for January 2023	10

### RESOLVED

(i) That the payments listed above be authorised;

(ii) That a donation in the sum of £50 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal for the purchase of the wreath be approved;

(iii) That a donation in the sum of £100 to Winterley Band for playing at the Carol Service on the Village Green be approved;

(iv) That a donation in the sum of £50 to the Red Cross for hosting the refreshments at the Carol Service be approved;

(v) That Councillor Hovey be authorised to dispose of the Xerox printer and ink cartridge.

**(ii) Budget and Expenditure Summary Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported on the Summary Statement from Scribe.

**RESOLVED**

**That the report be noted.**

**8. PLANNING MATTERS**

The report detailing planning applications was considered.

**RESOLVED**

**That in relation to Application Number 22/4525N, the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to contact Cheshire East Planning to highlight concerns of the Parish Council regarding the quality of the construction, and the fact that the proposal will have an impact on the Green Gap.**

**9. UPDATES ON WINTERLEY, OAKHANGER AND HASLINGTON VILLAGE WARDS**

Councillors Heler (Winterley), Edgar (Haslington), Griffith (Haslington) and Bushill (Oakhanger) provided updates on matters within their respective wards.

**RESOLVED**

**(i) That the updates be noted.**

**(ii) That to ensure the Parish Council continually seeks to improve its services and customer relations for all residents, the Clerk be asked to draft a Customer Service Policy.**

**10. REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Edgar reported on the following:-

- (i) A new combined waste/dog bin would be placed at the end of Park Road;
- (ii) 5 additional waste/dog bins had been secured for the Winterley/Haslington Parish, at no cost to the Parish Council;
- (iii) ANSA had requested that in exchange for the new bins, the Parish Council supply the existing litter pickers with some better quality equipment;
- (iv) There was an ongoing highways/drainage issue on Crewe Road which could take some time to resolve.

**RESOLVED**

**That the report be noted.**

**11. PLATINUM JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL FUND**

**RESOLVED**

**The Parish Council agreed that there were no projects for consideration.**

**12. 2023 CALENDAR OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED**

**That the following dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2023 be approved:-**

9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	7.00 pm	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>

3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	7.00 pm	<b>Annual Meeting of the Parish Council</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting

### **13. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any other items which the Chair of the Parish Council (or other person presiding) is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency in the interest and benefit of those who live and operate within the Parish boundary.

### **14. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported on problems experienced with the Parish Council Website, as it had been infiltrated by hackers.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to obtain three quotes for providing a new website and hosting and reports back to the Parish Council.**

### **15. EXEMPT ITEM**

The press and public are excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No. 14 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Paragraphs 1 & 3

### **16. STAFFING MATTERS**

The Parish Council received a verbal report by the Clerk on the following matters:-

- (i) Printer
- (ii) Laptop
- (iii) Banking

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to make appropriate changes to the banking details.**