# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HASLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1st JUNE 2020 via the Internet

Present: Councillor G Beadle (Chairman)

Councillor R Hovey

- " D Kerr
- " A Casey
- " Mrs S Green
- " Ms A Heler
- " A Peake
- " Miss L Allen
- " Mrs J Griffith
- " H Blake
- " M Deakin

Cheshire East Councillor S Edgar

# 28 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Councillor I Goodwin. Councillors Mrs D Farrall and Mrs Y Bushill were unable to connect via Internet.

# 29 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor R Hovey declared an interest in Haslington & Crewe Green Branch, The Royal British Legion. Councillor A Peake declared interests in Haslington & Crewe Green Branch, The Royal British Legion, The Yoxall Village Hall Committee and The Red Cross Society an interest in the Yoxall Village Hall Committee. Councillor G Beadle declared an interest in The Yoxall Village Hall Committee. Councillor D Kerr declared an interest as a Member of St Matthews Church PCC. Councillor A Casey declared interests as Trustee of the U3A Sandbach, The Gutterscroft Management Committee and The Frederick Yoxall Trust for the Poor. Councillor Miss L Allen declared interests in The Yoxall Village Hall Committee, Haslington & Crewe Green Branch, The Royal British Legion, Member of the Haslington Surgery PPG, End of Life St Luke's Hospice Winterley. Councillor Mrs S Green declared an interest in Finance. Councillor M Deakin declared an interest in The Yoxall Village Hall Committee. Councillor H Blake declared an interest in Haslington Cricket Club. Councillor Mrs J Griffith declared interests in The Guide Movement, as a School Governor at The Dingle School and Bradeley Road Methodist Church.

#### 30 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 31 POLICE MATTERS

No Police Report received to date – Chairman will contact Crewe Police to ask why no Reports are being received. Clerk provided Members with a copy of email received from Cheshire Police stating that are not supporting road closures on Remembrance Sunday 2020. Chairman had contacted Road Traffic Control Management Team and stated that there would a cost involved – he will follow this matter up.

# 32 ROAD SAFETY

Roads – Potholes Clay Lane and Maw Lane – Councillor Edgar dealing with this matter. Junction of The Dingle/Clay Lane – hedge and verges need cutting back in the interests of road Safety – Clerk to write to Mr S Mottram. Numerous potholes on Buttertons Lane Oakhanger – Councillor Edgar has reported this matter. 483 Crewe Road Winterley – overhanging trees causing road safety problems – Councillor Edgar will deal with this problem. Closure of Middlewich Road – could cause problems at the Maw Lane/Remer Street junction – Councillor Edgar agreed to look into this matter. Cheshire East Council website publicising average speed cameras which could possibly be used on Butterton Lane Oakhanger whilst A500 improvements are carried out. Councillor Blake referred to meeting of Crime Commissioner which he attended and the offer for a possible meeting to discuss matters further. Councillor S Edgar will deal with this matter.

**Street Lighting** – Vice-Chairman stated that the light on Crewe Road has been repaired. Unfortunately the street lights on Winterley Pool bend are not lit – he has reported matter to Cheshire East Council.

#### 33 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Gutterscroft Playing Field. Mr Green has carried out re-seeding of the football area but due to the extremely dry weather some of the seed has not taken. This will be reseeded hopefully in the next few days.

Planning Application – A500 Widening. Haslington Parish Council comments have been submitted to Cheshire East Council.

Village Green – travellers are in the area. He reminded Members that no final decision has been made to prevent them gaining access to this area of land. Councillor A Peake provided estimates for work. Councillor R Hovey provided photographs of wooden planters at The Wheelock Playing Fields. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED that the offer of Councillor Ms A Heler to contact Landscape Architects to obtain options for this site be accepted with thanks; thanks were extended to Councillor Peake for all his efforts made previously.

\*Haslington Support Group – request for £5000 which was discussed previously and no donation was made to the Group who were not constituted. They have now submitted a further request for funding with a constitution but not information with regards who they had affiliated to. Councillor Hovey made a proposal that was seconded by the Chairman but when put to the vote and after various members declared an interest in the matter, the vote was lost.

After a lengthy discussion it was

# RESOLVED that no donation be made. Chairman to inform Group of decision made.

\*Councillors A Casey, Mrs S Green, H Blake and Mrs J Griffith declared interests.

Email received from Mrs C Davies – this was circulated to all Members for information.

# RESOLVED that the Chairman/Vice-Chairman formulate suitable reply.

Councillor Miss L Allen stated that Neighbours Network is assisting approximately 100 residents on a weekly basis at the present time.

# 34 VICE-CHARMAN'S REPORT

He stated that as a Parish Council we recognise and thank everyone for their contributions during this pandemic.

# 35 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor S Edgar gave the following Report –

- Planning Application No 19/3889N for 55 houses north of Pool Lane has gne to appeal APP/RO660/W/20/3251104. It was appealed on the 1st May, some residents notified on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, I was notified on 29<sup>th</sup> May. The 5 week comments window finishes on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. I have been in contact with MH Inspectorate and asked for and got an extension of 2 weeks, closing date 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- A500 widening will not now go to Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> June, this has now had an extension for comments as well, likely Committee date will be in July. The revisions are due to the High Pressure Gas Main. I have been assured that the plan to rebuild part of the northern carriageway will not cause undue diversions. The southern section will be built, then northern traffic diverted onto it. I'm still not happy about the bridges being demolished and then rebuilt. It would in my opinion be far better to build in parallel and not close the roads.
- The application for houses at The Holly Bush has been amended. Down from 6 houses to 5 with 3 parking spaces per house. The tall glass structure on Crewe Road has been removed and replaced by a porch. I still have doubts about the 3 gable windows in the roof in relation to the street scene, but it is somewhat better now.
- Shelburne Drive. I am checking into the ownership of the land to the rear and trying to ask why it is not being maintained. Some residents are now cutting grass and trees in frustration. Apparently this has been going on for some years. Also, the road has a sin hole outside No 3, this is a matter for United Utilities. Work here might also alleviate the water and smell problem at the footpath below.

# 36 CLERK'S REPORT

Numerous correspondence has been received and dealt with. No urgent matters for discussion.

#### 37 FINANCE

Accounts received for payment – Cheques Numbered 303888 – 303896.

# RESOLVED that the above accounts be paid.

**Audit Year 2019/20.** Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20; Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20. Copies forwarded to all Councillors.

RESOLVED that the above Report/Returns be
Approved; that the Notice of Public
Rights and Publication of Unaudited
Annual Governance & Accountability
Return – Accounts for the Year ended
3lst March 2020 be published; Clerk

to forward all relevant paperwork to PKF Littlejohn LLP London E14 4HD after end date of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

#### 38 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor R Hovey stated a three page document received from Mr A Thomson re Haslington Neighbourhood Plan. Suitable reply will be formulated. He had received a telephone call from a Research Company re the Neighbourhood Plan who wanted to know what had happened previously. Councillor S Edgar asked whether it is worth involving Mr A Thomson re the Planning Appeal – Chairman will contact him to obtain a quotation for such work.

#### 39 OAKHANGER WARD

Fly tipping has been reported on Taylor's Lane; Bus shelter Butterton Lane – Councillor S Edgar stated he is dealing with matters.

# 40 WINTERLEY WARD

Elton Lane – drains still not dealt with Also water pressure is low. Councillor S Edgar stated that both matters have been reported.

#### 41 FLOWER STANDS

Due to the re-opening of Garden Nurseries the planting up of flower stands was discussed. Councillor Ms Heler stated that residents had planted up some stands in Winterley. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Elmside Nurseries, Shaw Garden Care and Mr J Green regarding quotations for work.

The Chairman tendered his resignation, due to personal reasons, July will be the final meeting as Chair but will continue until the end of the month. Members extended their thanks to him for all his service over a long number of years and wished him well in the future.