



**Hulme Walfield
and Somerford Booths**
Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 25th May 2023 at 7.30pm at Westlow Mere Fisheries
Meeting Room.**

Part 1 Public and press present

Present

Councillor Vic Brown

Councillor Mark Hill

Councillor John Spence

Councillor Mark Wakerly

Councillor John Wray – Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor

Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

064/23 To elect the Chairman for 2023/24

It was **RESOLVED**, unanimously, that Councillor Brown would be chairman for 2023/24.

Public Forum

Six members of the public was present.

A question was asked regarding what developments were being demolished on Mount Pleasant. Cllr. Brown and Wakerly shared that this was an old helicopter hanger and was only restricted to outbuildings. Cllr. Brown also confirmed that the buildings had been sold. Cllr. Brown confirmed that he will get clarity on this.

A second question was asked regarding progress on the two full drains on Giantswood Lane. Cllr. Brown has been unable to progress this. Cllr. Spence will follow this up alongside another query relating to the area. Several members of the public mentioned concerns on subsidence in the area and that the right vehicle is used to clear the drains. This will be progressed.

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A third question was asked regarding the neighbourhood watch and a lack of updates. Cllr. Spence has been away on holiday but will gain an update and try and gain new updates.

A fourth question was asked regarding a drop kerb; this should have been resolved by the contractor but hasn't. Cllr. Spence will also pick this up.

065/23 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

066/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

067/23 To elect the Vice Chairman for 2023/24

It was **RESOLVED**, unanimously, that Councillor Hill would be vice chairman for 2023/24.

068/23 To receive and resolve to approve the [minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th February 2023](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 16th February 2023.

069/23 To receive and resolve to approve the [minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 2023](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 16th March 2023.

70/23 To approve Councillor Responsibilities for 2023/24

- Cllr Brown : Planning issues : Press communication
- Cllr Hill : Alderley Gate / Developer Relations
- Cllr Spence : Police and Community Issues
- Cllr Wakerly : Rural Issues

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above responsibilities for 2023/2024.

71/23 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Cllr. Wray shared that it had been a quiet period, due to the elections. The council has had their first meeting and responsibilities have been assigned.

The discussion around charging for the brown recycling bins has been brought forward – a figure has not yet been discussed. This will be discussed by the Environment Committee in due course, as and when the relevant agenda is published.

Cllr. Brown asked for an update as to when this meeting will take place as he would like to speak for residents.

72/23 Accounts and sign off Audit 2022/23

Internal Audit – To receive the internal audit report for 2022/23 and to note the recommendations and the action plan.

The council will upload the audit to the website.

It was **RESOLVED** that the council had seen the recommendations and will resolve to adopt these through 2034/2024.

73/23 Section 1 Annual Governance Statement Section 2022/23 of the AGAR

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Section 1 of the annual governance statement section 2022/23 of the AGAR and that the chairman and Clerk/RFO sign to confirm.

74/23 Section 2 Accounting Statements 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Section 2 of the annual governance statement section 2022/23 of the AGAR and that the chairman and Clerk/RFO sign to confirm.

75/23 Certificate of Exemption 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED** that the council would be declaring themselves exempt in the relevant section 2022/23 of the AGAR and that the chairman and Clerk/RFO sign to confirm.

76/23 To confirm the Public Inspection Period (Notice of Public Rights)

The chairman confirmed that this was 28 days and that the final AGAR would be published to the council website before the end of June.

77/23 To review and adopt Standing Orders

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Standing Orders. Cllr. Hill requested that a review of these take place to include a link to the council harassment policy, to make council paperwork more connected. The clerk will confirm once this has been done and the Standing Orders will be reviewed again at the following council meeting.

78/23 To review and adopt Financial Regulations

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Financial Regulations.

79/23 To consider proposals for the co-option of additional Councillors (see Chairman report) and resolve required actions

Following on from the Chair's report at the Annual Parish Meeting, the councillors agreed that they would look to co-opt two councillors at the July meeting. By only adopting two councillors, the council will be eligible to regain the General Power of Competence later in the year.

80/23 To consider the desirability of two new dog waste bins on the public path from the A34 to the Link Road

There is a dog waste issue in the area adjacent to the public path from the A34 to the Link Road due, in part to a lack of bins, Cllr. Hill proposes that two bins would be installed at set points along the path. Cheshire East Highways would need to be contacted to see if they would empty them – the Clerk will contact them to see if this is possible. Cllr. Hill is to confirm costs for bin and installation.

It was **RESOLVED** that the council all agreed to the desirability of the waste bins but would need more information before making a final decision.

81/23 To consider assistance to the Eaton Summer Carnival including a financial contribution (July 8th) from Community Fund

Cllr. Brown proposed that the Parish Council look to donate to the Eaton Summer Carnival, which is arranged by the neighbouring parish. The clerk queried whether the payment could be made, given the involvement of a religious organisation (Eaton Church) and advised the councillors that this would need to come from the s137 budget. It was **RESOLVED** to approve a payment £250.00 pending clarification of the potential Church connection.

82/23 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

[22/1930C](#) - MOUNT PLEASANT FARM, GIANTSWOOD LANE, HULME WALFIELD, CHESHIRE, CW12 2JJ

Concerns were raised relating to Highways Access to and from this area. Provision has been made for access in case of emergency – Cllr. Spence questioned the method of controlling this access and Cllr. Wakerly commented that this should be more than bollards to restrict access to both two and four wheeled vehicles.

Cllr. Brown asked members of the public to share observations if they had any, and concerns were raised over the access and whether a second access point would be required. Councillors shared their advice – both suspect that any objections from members of the public may lead to the developers installing another entrance into Giantswood Lane, which there would be objections to.

Councillors were asked to send any comments to the Chair as soon as possible so that the council response can be compiled. Cllr. Hill had no comment to pass on the matter. Members of the public were encouraged to submit any further objections via the Cheshire East planning website.

83/23 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.

[23/1316C](#) - Land Between Manchester Road And, GIANTSWOOD LANE, HULME WALFIELD

[23/1493C](#) - FERN HILL, SMITHY LANE, HULME WALFIELD, CHESHIRE, CW12 2JG

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the comments submitted between the meetings.

84/23 To receive and note reports from the members:

Cllr. M. Hill - [report](#)

Cllr. J. Spence – Cllr. Spence will follow up the work completed on the verges and will confirm if the replacing of the posts previously discussed will be completed by the contractors.

Cllr. Spence will also attempt to make contact with the new PCSO in the area and seek to gain an introduction.

Cllr. M. Wakerly – nothing to report.

85/23 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT = £32,975.71

PAYMENTS

£8.00	HSBC Bank Charges
£10.00	HSBC Bank Charges
£2,164.28	Benches for Community Garden (Glasdon)
£309.80	Clerk's Salary (March)
£26.00	Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (March)
£40.00	ICO Annual Registration
£125.00	Trees for Community Garden
£8.00	HSBC Bank Charges
£450.00	Clerk Expenses (CILCA Course)
£22.50	Clerk Mileage (March and April)
£10.65	Chair Expenses (Meeting with Clerk refreshments)
£56.70	HR Services
£181.30	CHALC Membership Fee
£235.20	HMRC
£309.80	Clerk's Salary (April)
£26.00	Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (April)
£485.00	CTS Property Services - Installation of benches

UPCOMING PAYMENTS

£309.80	Clerk's Salary (May)
£26.00	Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (May)
£241.00	JDH Business Services
£165.00	CTS Property Services – Installation of noticeboard

RECEIPTS

£50.00	Community donation to the Storehouse
£10.00	Community donation to the Storehouse
£25.00	Community donation to the Storehouse
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£25.00	Community donation to the Storehouse
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£6,500.00 Precept Instalment

[Bank reconciliation \(end March\)](#) and [Bank reconciliation \(end April\)](#) to be reviewed and signed by the Chair

It was **RESOLVED** to approve all the above payments and **RESOLVED** to sign the bank reconciliations.

86/23 To receive and note the contents of the Clerk's Report

The clerk noted that the s137 spend (based on the last electoral count available (2018) in 2018) was £2,959.14. Regardless of the money that is bought in (and from what source, and pledged for which purpose), the council spend is capped. The clerk reminded the councillors that spending from this point may need to be justified as being a proportionate spend to bring proportionate benefit to Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths residents.

87/23 Any other correspondence

[Correspondence from Robert Douglas re: flytipping](#)

It was noted that the council had received correspondence from Robert Douglas. The council do not plan to respond, but noted receipt.

88/23 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 29th June 2023

Meeting closed at 9.30pm