



**Hulme Walfield
and Somerford Booths**
Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2024 at 7.30pm
at Westlow Mere Fisheries Meeting Room**

Part 1: Public and press present

Present:

- Councillor Mark Hill (Chair)
- Councillor Mark Wakerly (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Adam Bamping
- Councillor Vic Brown
- Councillor Margaret Gartside
- Councillor John Spence
- Councillor John Wray – Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Apologies:

Public Forum

Three members of the public were present. They asked a question regarding lack of response from the planning team relating to concerns raised regarding vibration. There was also a complaint regarding lack of units on the provided data. Councillor Hill agreed to provide the full data to this member of the public. Councillor Wakerly confirmed the history of the issue with the member of the public and emphasised the importance of reporting issues in real time wherever possible. The Council gave advice to report the matter to Cheshire East planning again, and to also speak to Environmental Health. This will need to be done by the individual, acting in a private matter. Councillor Hill will continue to support the individual as far as he, and the Parish Council, can do.

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74/24 To receive and approve apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

75/24 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

76/24 To receive and resolve to approve the [minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th May 2024](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

77/24 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Cllr. Wray reported that it was quiet at Cheshire East, given the upcoming election. It is business as usual and the new Chief Executive has settled in well.

Cllr. Brown asked regarding the pothole fund, which had been discussed at the May meeting. Cllr. Wray confirmed that, as far as he was aware, there were sufficient funds and the potholes will be being attended to. Cllr. Wray will continue to monitor this.

78/24 To discuss the Council's aims for 2024 – 2025 (MH)

The Council aims have been drafted by Councillor Hill and will be sent out to Councillors for review via the Clerk. The main focuses will be; Communication, Safer Environments, Green Space Enhancement, Community, Finances and Councillors. The aims are aspirational and are designed to shape the Council's plans for the next 12 months.

79/24 To hear a report on and consider the adoption of Council run and managed social media pages (AB)

Draft Paper for discussion – [link](#)

Appendix A – Social Media overview and demographics - [link](#)

Appendix B – Clerk timesheet – to be circulated to Councillors separately

Appendix C – example posts made by other Councils - [link](#)

Councillor Bamping shared the social media overview PowerPoint. The matter was discussed by Councillors and questions were asked regarding security and communication methods for individuals who do not have the Internet.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would set up a Facebook account on behalf of the Parish Council. Once this has been completed, a link will be circulated to Councillors for them to check and comment on.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Facebook page would be set up in such a way that there would be no provision for public comments or input. A six-month trial of posting will begin in September following Councillors approval of the page.

A broader communications strategy will be discussed at a later meeting.

80/24 To discuss a change in Council meeting venue (MH)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will change their meeting venue to Eaton Village Hall. This will commence in September 2024.

The Clerk will confirm the details with the bookings manager and will confirm the Council's dates for the rest of the year. The Clerk will also inform the fisheries that the Council will no longer need the current meeting venue.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will hire the venue based on £15.00 for 2.5 hours.

81/24 To discuss the installation of a memorial bench (MH / VB)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will accept a grant of c. £600 from a resident of the Parish for the purchase of a bench in memory of her father. The exact amount will be confirmed by the Clerk once she has liaised with the bench provider. The bench will become a Council asset once installed.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will meet the costs of the installation of the bench.

82/24 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

[24/1726C](#) - ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT - Eaton Bank Roundabout, CONGLETON
It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will object to this. Cllr. Brown will draft a comment which the Clerk will submit on behalf of the Council.

[24/2078D](#) – DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS - Household Waste Recycle Centre, Barn Road, Congleton, CW12 1LJ

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will not submit a comment.

[24/2212C](#) - two storey infill extension spanning between the cottage and the outbuilding replacing an existing single storey extension - 1 NEWSBANK COTTAGE, GIANTSWOOD LANE, SOMERFORD BOOTHES, CW12 2JR

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will not submit a comment.

83/24 If applicable, to ratify and approve any comments made on planning applications between meetings:

[24/1823D](#) - DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS - Land at MOUNT PLEASANT FARM, GIANTSWOOD LANE, HULME WALFIELD, CHESHIRE, CW12 2JJ

“The Parish Council has no objections to this amendment and note that this scheme offers a more aesthetically pleasing but secure solution.”

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above comment. A copy of this comment will be sent to Friends of Giantswood Lane (FoGWL).

84/24 To receive and note the contents of the [Chair's Report](#)

Cllr. Hill shared his report.

85/24 To receive and note reports from the members:

Cllr. V. Brown

Cllr. Brown attended the Executive Meeting of Congleton Partnership on 11th June. The Partnership, an independent organisation, will welcome input from the local Parish Councils. The Executive of the Congleton Partnership have allocated a place for one Parish representative. Membership of the Partnership is open to all (4 meetings a year); only members can vote. Following a question from Cllr. Brown, the Partnership will submit a request to Cheshire East Highways regarding provision of power to defibrillators.

Cllr. Brown has enquired regarding the CO2 pipeline to be installed from Morecambe Bay to the Peak District. A consultation will be held with residents of Congleton and Macclesfield, and further information will be provided as Councillor Brown hears more.

Cllr. J. Spence

The rock salt bins on Alderley Gate have had the missing shovel returned and any excess rock salt has been removed. The bins were filled with a combination of empty bags and poor quality / congealing rock salt. The responsibility rests with local groups to maintain them – Cllr. Spence will speak to local residents regarding ongoing maintenance of these.

Cllr. M. Wakerly

Nothing to report

Cllr. M Gartside

Cllr. Gartside attended the Executive Meeting of the Congleton Partnership on 11th June.

Cllr. A Bamping

Cllr. Bamping attended a Net Zero event at Macclesfield Town Hall. The next meeting will be in six months' time.

86/24 To consider banking arrangements, including the opening of a reserve account (MW / AB) – [report](#)

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Brown, Hill and Wakerley (with the Clerk, if needed) will visit the bank and will ensure the signatories will change over. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Hill and Wakerley will open a suitable reserve account with HSBC, once the transfer of the bank account has happened.

87/24 To consider whether the Council wish to donate to Eaton and Hulme Walfield Carnival, as they did in financial year 2023 – 2024, and to confirm the amount of the donation

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors will donate up to £250.00 to the Eaton and Hulme Walfield Carnival, specifically to pay for the Silver Band.

88/24 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT = £33,892.65 (as of date of last bank reconciliation)

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PAYMENTS MADE

£351.52	Clerk's Salary (May)
£26.00	Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (May)
£199.50	CHALC Membership
£59.40	TCS Management (payroll)
£277.20	JDH Business Services
£250.00	Shona Amies – four months website support including domain charges
£8.00	Bank Charges

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

£351.72	Clerk's Salary (June)
£26.00	Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (June)
£250.00	Eaton Carnival Donation
£100.00	CTS Property Services (invoice overdue – for work agreed in January 2022)
£100.00	Budget figure – installation of bench
£263.60	PAYE

RECEIPTS

£2.13	Interest
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[Bank reconciliation \(end May\)](#) to be reviewed and signed by the Chair

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments.

89/24 Any other correspondence

To note correspondence from resident regarding planning application 24/1283D

It was noted that correspondence had been received regarding this planning application. A copy of the Council's response to this planning application will be sent to the individual.

90/24 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 18th July 2024