



**Hulme Walfield  
and Somerford Booths**  
Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
September 2023 at 7.30pm at Westlow Mere Fisheries Meeting  
Room**

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**Part 1 Public and press present**

**Present**

Councillor Vic Brown  
Councillor Mark Hill  
Councillor John Spence  
Councillor Mark Wakerly  
Councillor Adam Bamping  
Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk  
Councillor John Wray – Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor

**Absent**

Councillor Margaret Gartside

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**Public Forum**

Seven members of the public were present.

A question was asked regarding a piece of temporary traffic equipment on the Link Road which has not been used for several weeks and may well still be on hire at public expense. Cllr. Wray will ask Cheshire East whether this is still required, and if not, when it will be removed/returned to the hire company.

A question was asked regarding whether trees are available for planting. The Chair confirmed these are available through the Congleton Partnership. A follow up question was asked as to whether members of the public would have a say in the species of trees planted.. Cllr. Hill advised individuals to find out what trees are available and to pass the information to Cllr. Brown, who will take this forward.

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A question was asked regarding an e-mail from the Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr. Spence confirmed that this was in hand. The Parish Council will consider how they will support Alderley Gate and the Neighbourhood Watch in the future.

A question was asked regarding any update from Redrow on their promised reports. Cllr. Hill confirmed this had not been released yet but he will continue to liaise with Redrow. Cllr. Hill said that further piling was due to commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> October (lasting for 2 – 2.5 weeks) and that new personnel and systems have been put in place by Redrow to minimise further disruption. Another question was asked whether Cllr. Hill was aware that builders on Redrow were starting as early as 7.30am; Cllr. Hill was unaware but will continue to liaise with Redrow regarding this complaint plus other complaints that he has become aware of since the last meeting.

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**120/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

No apologies for absence had been received in advance of the meeting. Cllr. Gartside was absent.

**121/23 To receive any declarations of interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**122/23 To receive and resolve to approve the [minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd August 2023](#)**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023.

**123/23 To receive and note the contents of the [Chair's Report](#)**

Cllr. Brown shared his report. As an addition to his report, Cllr. Brown confirmed that the only money received via the Community Infrastructure Levy was in 2020. Cllr. Brown doesn't believe that this is correct and has contacted Cheshire East Council listing all planning consents where CIL would potentially be applied.

It was **RESOLVED** that as of the October meeting, members of the public will be required to submit their questions by letter/email at least 7 calendar days in advance, to the Clerk, to allow councillors to prepare answers for response through the Clerk at Open session of the next meeting. In addition, the public are welcome to contact any Councillor before or after meetings by agreement to discuss issues in more depth. Public intervention will no longer be allowed outside Open session unless granted exceptionally by the Chairman.

**124/23 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor**

Several consultations are ongoing currently – the Flexi-Link bus service, parking charges, drainage (all through Cheshire East) and ward boundaries (by the boundary commission for England).

Cllr. Wray shared that there is a budget for minor repair work on local highways, e.g.,

signage, etc.) There is £6,500 in the budget for this year, so any requests can be sent to Cllr. Wray. The Council will consider whether they wish to apply and what they may wish to apply for.

**125/23 To discuss how the Council may wish to assess the status of Rights of Way located within the Parish**

In Cllr. Gartside's absence, this item will be tabled for the November meeting.

**126/23 To review arrangements for joint working with neighbouring parishes (Marton, Brereton, Siddington, Eaton, Swettenham, Somerford)**

An inter-Parish Council liaison group was set up two and a half years ago, with the aim of focussing on the development of the Link Road.

An opportunity has been shared via Cllr. Brown, for the Congleton Partnership and how Parish Councils may wish to get involved.

Eaton, Marton and Brereton all plan to attend. Somerford and Astbury are unable to attend. North Rode, Odd Rode, Siddington and Swettenham plan to attend.

Cllr. John Spence will chair this meeting; the Clerk will provide administrative support.

**127/23 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:**

None as of 13th September 2023

**128/23 If applicable, to ratify and approve any comments made on planning applications between meetings.**

**129/23 To receive and note reports from the members:**

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

In regards to Cllr. Hill's report, Cllr. Spence asked why there were two site managers in post at Redrow. Cllr. Hill advised this is due to the size of the site and the shifts worked. Cllr. Hill will place a map of the upcoming piling on the Council noticeboard and will send a copy to Councillors.

There have been two instances of anti-social and intimidating behaviour towards the members of staff in the Redrow office. Cllr. Hill is monitoring this.

**Cllr. J. Spence**

Cllr. Spence had two items to report on (anti-social behaviour and the cross-parish meeting). These have been covered under other items on the agenda.

**Cllr. M. Wakerly**

There have been some incidents of poor driving (due to a car rally) reported to Cllr. Wakerly in Somerford Booths. This has been reported to the police.

**Cllr. A. Bamping – nothing to report**

**130/23 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:**

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT = £27,330.70 (as of date of last bank reconciliation)

**PAYMENTS MADE**

£309.80 Clerk's Salary (August)  
£26.00 Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (August)  
£309.00 Parish Noticeboard Company (50% final payment)  
£260.00 IT Support (January – July)  
£8.00 Bank Charges

**PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED**

£309.80 Clerk's Salary (September)  
£26.00 Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (September)  
£232.40 HMRC  
£11.75 Chair's Expenses (flowers for councillors wife – get well soon gift)

**RECEIPTS**

£6,500.00 Second Precept Payment

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

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

**131/23 To receive a report from the Clerk**

The Clerk had nothing to report in addition to the matters discussed above.

**132/23 Any other correspondence**

No correspondence has been received

**133/23 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Apologies have been received in advance for Cllr. Gartside

**PART 2 – CLOSED MEETING**

Public and press were asked to depart

**134/23 To consider the council's response to reports of antisocial behaviour within the Parish**

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