Hulme Walfield
and Somerford Booths
Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2024 at 7.30pm at Westlow Mere Fisheries Meeting Room

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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
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Apologies:

- Councillor John Wray – Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor

Public Forum

Five members of the public were present.

A question had been asked in advance of the meeting regarding GDPR and recording of names. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would present an optional sign in sheet at meetings that would be retained by the Clerk, depending on the requirements of their new meeting venue. Names will continue to not be recorded in the minutes, to allow for members of the public to remain anonymous if they choose.

A question had been asked in advance of the meeting to Cllr. Spence regarding some land that was for sale off the Link Road. Councillors agreed that this was outside of the Parish so was not for discussion at the meeting.

A second 'in advance of the meeting' question had been asked of Cllr. Spence

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regarding the PC's response to Cheshire Easts proposal regarding the type of 'Emergency Access only' barrier to be installed between the development south of Giantswood Lane and Giantswood Lane itself. The member of the public felt that the type of barrier suggested (a lockable post) was susceptible to vandalism, and that repairing same might be problematic. The Clerk will re-send the Council's comments originally made on the barrier installation to the individual who asked the question, i.e., that it was generally felt that a lockable post was no more susceptible to vandalism than any other form of barrier and this type would allow better pedestrian, cycle and equine passage whilst still obstructing vehicular access.

A member of the public asked a question regarding readings of the pilings being taken on the Redrow development and felt that the Parish Council was taking Redrow's "side" rather than the members of the public. Councillor Hill will address the questions outside of the meeting with the member of the public.

91/24 To receive and approve apologies for absence
There were no apologies for absence. Cllr. Brown will not be present at September's meeting and extended his apologies in advance.

92/24 To receive any declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

93/24 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th June 2024
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

94/24 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.
Cllr. Wray was not present.

95/24 To consider the Council transitioning to a different website and e-mail provider (VB)
Councillor Brown made a presentation regarding a change of website and e-mail provider to Parishes Online at a charge of £350.00 per annum. It was **RESOLVED** by Councillors to change the website and e-mail provider to Parishes Online. It was **RESOLVED** to give the current website and e-mail provider two months' notice with their contact to end September 2024 (when the new website has been built).

96/24 To review the Council's asset register and consider any needed maintenance (JS)
Cllr. Spence has completed a review of the assets which had been shared with the Clerk. It was **RESOLVED** to amend the asset register and add this to the website. Cllr. Spence feels that there is no need for any immediate maintenance but did note that there is a rusty post. This belongs to Cheshire East Council and repair or

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replacement is not a matter of urgency.

97/24 To review and ratify the Council's aims, as shared by Cllr. Mark Hill at the previous meeting
It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the Council's aims from the last meeting. These will remain an internal Council document.

98/24 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:
24/2389C - Land at Giantswood Lane, Giantswood Lane, Hulme Walfield, CW12 2JJ - To retain an existing temporary agricultural worker's dwelling to now be sited an on a permanent basis as an agricultural workers dwelling – comments due by 31st July
It was **RESOLVED** that the Council have no comments on this application.

24/1511C - Land Between Manchester Road and GIANTSWOOD LANE, HULME WALFIELD - RESERVED MATTERS FOLLOWING OUTLINE APPROVAL – comments due by 31st July
The Council wished to make the following comments – the Council are concerned that a combination of movements at this site (especially at peak times) will cause significant traffic and congestion. There is a significant lack of trees and suitable mature planting, especially adjacent to Lomas Way; there appears to be a lack of use of sustainable materials, and the construction materials appear to have an industrial feel rather than a rural feel; a bus stop would be of great value to local residents, however this should incorporate an off-road pull-in to avoid obstructing the main carriageway.
It was **RESOLVED** to submit the above comment as a general observation.

Proposed upgrade to Bridleway – as per circulated e-mail
Councillor Brown had circulated an initial draft of comments to Councillors. This will be sent to the Clerk and will be amended to include the connection of the pre-existing footpaths to the Bridle Way (the nearest footpath currently stops on the far side of Giantswood Lane and should be suitably connected).

99/24 If applicable, to ratify and approve any comments made on planning applications between meetings:
There were no comments to ratify that had been made between the meetings.

100/24 To receive and note the contents of the Chair's Report
Councillor Hill shared his report.

101/24 To receive and note reports from the members:

Cllr. V. Brown – nothing to report

Cllr. J. Spence – Cllr. Spence shared an update on the liaison group. Cllr. Rylands, who attends the liaison group, had asked for copy of the Congleton Partnership's accounts. Cllr. Brown will connect the Clerk to the Clerk at the

Partnership for her to request a copy of these.
The local PCSO, Kim Bowyer, has offered speed watch training to Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths Councillors, and this offer will be extended to other interested Parish Councils from the Liaison Group.
Councillor Spence asked Cllr. Hill if he had got any closer to arranging a meeting the new Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr. Hill said that this was postponed for now.
A question had been raised regarding asking the PCSOs to attend the Liaison Group meetings. While this was considered a good idea, it was noted that Parish Councils attending this meeting represent three separate police areas (Macclesfield, Sandbach and Congleton).

Cllr. M. Wakerly - nothing to report

Cllr. M Gartside - nothing to report

Cllr. A Bamping - nothing to report

102/24 To review the budget for quarter 1 and make any amendments, if required
The Parish Council noted the report and **RESOLVED** that no amendments were required.

103/24 To receive an update on the updates to online banking
Including a resolution to update the payees and those who have access to the accounts
It was **RESOLVED** to retain the Clerk as an authorised signatory on the bank with the current access she has now.
It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair and the Vice Chair (Cllr. Hill and Wakerly) will be made payment signatories and the Chair will be listed as the main contact on the account. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Brown would retain access in case Cllr. Hill or Wakerly was unavailable.

104/24 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:
BALANCE OF ACCOUNT = £32,893.33

PAYMENTS MADE

£351.72	Clerk's Salary (June)
£26.00	Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (June)
£250.00	Eaton Carnival Donation
£100.00	CTS Property Services
£263.60	PAYE
£8.00	Bank Charges

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

£351.52 Clerk's Salary (July)
£26.00 Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (July)
£351.72 Clerk's Salary (August)
£26.00 Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (August)
£61.92 TCS Management (payroll)
£50.00 Cheshire Community Action (assuming under 5,000 residents)
£45.00 Clerk Attendance at Cheshire SLCC Branch Conference (September)
£200.00 Donation to the Fisheries

RECEIPTS
None

Bank reconciliation to be reviewed and signed by the Chair

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

105/24 Any other correspondence
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the wording of the plaque to be installed on the memorial bench.

106/24 To confirm the Parish Council meeting dates for 2025
23rd January
20th February
20th March
17th April
22nd May
19th June
24th July
18th September
23rd October
20th November
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above dates.

107/24 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 19th September 2024
The next date was noted, and the Chair wished to note in the minutes that the next meeting will be held at Eaton Community Hall.

The Council **RESOLVED** to move to Part B, to discuss a confidential matter.