

Minutes of the Hulcote & Salford Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 held in Mary Agate Hall, Salford starting at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs K Butten - Chairman, M Drew, P Harris, R Harrison, Mrs Lyn Lyman (Clerk) and 9 residents.

In attendance: CB Cllr S Clark.

It is with regret that we have to announce the recent passing of CB Cllr K Matthews. He will be sorely missed as he worked tirelessly for the Parish Council.

525. To accept Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr M Majoor and CB Cllr R Morris.

526. Parish Councillor Vacancy:

Due to the passing of Cllr Abby, there is a vacancy for one Cllr.

Cllr Martin has decided due to pressure of work to stand down as a Cllr. As the resignation came within the 6 months prior to an election, there is no need to fill this vacancy.

Two residents attended the meeting and showed their interest in the vacancy. They were invited to introduce themselves and advise what they can offer as a Parish Cllr.

Cllrs were asked if they have any questions for the two applicants

They were invited to stay until the end of the meeting when they would be invited to leave when a discussion/vote would be taken.

They were thanked for showing their interest.

527. Specific Declarations of Interest:

a) Declaration of member's interest of a non-pecuniary nature:

(Having membership of a club, charity etc or a close relationship). Cllr Drew declared an interest regarding Toureen.

b) Declaration of member's interest of a pecuniary nature: None

(Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner). None

528. Open Forum:

Matthew Aldridge, new owner of Hulcote Mill in Mill Lane, Hulcote spoke about the hump back bridge/wall which was damaged recently by a heavy truck going to The Stud. Fix my street say they will come out in April.

The water Board did some work but not repaired.

The resident has a solution which he agreed to email to CB Cllr Clark. The Area Steward is
Action: SC

Planning application CB/22/03999/Full Willowford appears on CBC website. We haven't been notified nor have the immediate neighbours.

Cllr Drew recently heard a noisy car in Britten's Lane. It slid sideways round the corner. He was very concerned as there were 2 children walking in the vicinity. He wanted to know what residents thought about making Britten's Lane a one way system. This had been discussed in the past but not taken forward.

This is to be discussed with Chris Akrill and flagged at public consultation.

There have been quite a few complaints about speeding which is a Highways safety issue. Cllr Batten agreed to speak to Cllr Majoor.

529. **To accept Minutes from previous meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2022 be accepted as a true record and they were duly signed.

530. **To Consider Matters Arising:**

471a Hedge planting at Willowford Hotel: CBC says it is not their land, but it is so it was agreed to go back to CBC yet again. CB Cllr Morris will follow this up with Kevin Collins – Asset Department at CBC. CB Cllr Morris has been reminded that this needs doing as a matter of urgency. CB Cllr Clark agreed to take this over. **Action: SC**

519a There are now a few unaccompanied school children who need to cross the road to catch the school bus outside the Mary Agate Hall. We were advised previously that we would not get any crossing. There are also no dropped kerbs in order for wheelchair users or prams etc to be able to get to the Mary Agate Hall safely. CB Cllr Clerk thinks it will be highly unlikely that CBC will assist but she will speak to the Schools Transport Dept. **Action: SC**

The bund is going to appeal (Richard Rogers). CB Cllr Clark will check. **Action: SC**

Eagle Farm planning application: it is understood MKC have refused it.

Waterhall Farm: It was agreed to ask CB Cllr Clark to look at the specific policy on Employment Issue. The PC view is that the units are old, not well maintained and do not provide good quality employment location that fits today's standards. By refusing the application for development it is likely that units will gradually become vacant and no longer provide employment. Is this a case of a policy working against itself? What are CBC views. **Action: SC**

531. **Reports:**

Village Hall: Very successful Christmas Lunch (79). Busy planning events for next year. Quite a few things are being planned. Broadband is still in the process. All positive.

Highways: Cllr Harrison had spoken to Cllr Majoor regarding The Sid (£5,300 for the two signs). One south of 28 Wavendon Road and one to the east of Rose Cottage. Would then have to pay a one off payment of £1,000 for updating. We had been advised previously that we wouldn't have to pay towards SIDs. Cllr Harrison will take this further. **Action: RH**

A fallen tree has caused access problems over Broughton Brook.

Planning:

The Waterhall Farm planning application was rejected due to employment issues. Refer to previous comments.

Toureen: Cllr Butten gave an update on the situation: We need to see the appeal documentation. Check what Toureen have addressed and make any comments.

Charity: Cllr Harrison said they will get the charity disbursement out early - 26 retired household and 30 children.

Hulcote: The roof on the Round House has been finished and the outcome looks good. There were 3 properties for sale in Hulcote.

Salford: More people seem to be supporting the pub these days and supporting the village hall. There is a Meet the Neighbours event on Saturday evening.

Churches: Cllr Butten said the Christmas Carol Service would take place in the main body of the St Marys Church on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm. Part of the roof in the chancel has come down.

School: Andy Emmerson said that at present there is an open school consultation taking place.

532. **To consider Correspondence:**

CBC have asked all P Cllrs to complete their Councils Register for Town & Parish Cllrs. You should all have received a personal e.mail including a unique link. Cllr Harris has not received an e.mail.

Action: LL/CBC

533. **To accept Finance:**

Approx Balances as at 31ST October 2022: Current A/C £606.88 BS A/C £25,230.01 (which includes the £6,550.00 Neighbourhood Grant) **-1320.00 = 5230.00**

Expenditure:

Town Planning Services Neighbourhood Plan update	1320.00	100534	
Mrs Lyman Clerks Allowance - Oct	20.00	s/o	
Mrs Lyman Clerks Allowance - Nov	20.00	s/o	
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – Oct	224.60	s/o	now 234.80
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It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the above invoices be paid.

As requested, The Clerk had been to the Metro Bank regarding switching bank accounts from Barclays.

Requirements:

In order for a community account and a business savings account to be opened and for them to be serviced entirely by The Clerk who is also the Responsible Financial Officer, The Chairman and The Clerk need to visit Metro Bank so that they can be identified and the accounts be opened and the switching to begin.

Clerks Salary Increase for April 2021 is an increase of £12.80 per month - £153.60. April 2022 to be worked out and standing order amended.

534. **To consider Budget/Precept for November decision:**

Cllr Butten has proposed that despite rising costs we do not alter the precept figure and hold it at the current level so as to ease burden on residents at this challenging time.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed it would remain at £7,000.

535. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:**

An invoice has been received from Chris

When does the appeal go into the website re Toureen. Deadline 12th Jan 2023.

Cllr Butten had walked round the village with Chris earlier in the day as he wanted to visit again on foot to clarify a few points before finalising the NP document.

Chris has asked that a NP page is added to the PC website that outlines purpose, provides historic timeline, contacts, current status and next stages. If the document is given to The Clerk she will put it on the PC website.

Action: LCL

536. **Section 106 Funding:**

(Through Section 106 funding we have £3,158.48 allocated to our parish but it can only be spent on Recreation Ground equipment).

Subsequently The Clerk has been advised that we would not qualify for anything to do with a sound system equipment but it may now be possible to purchase a bench and a bbq. Laura has forwarded the relevant form which requires costings. Once this has been completed and returned, Laura will take it further. The clerk had forwarded the form to Cllr Butten.

Action: KB / LCL

Charity permission is required for the bbq and bench on The Green. Cllr Harrison said the Charity Trustees unanimously will not allow a bbq to be installed but have agreed with a bench. How about a concrete table tennis table or Petanque area?

Action: BH

The bench around the tree is in poor state so maybe able to replace it. Cllr Harrison agreed to look at costings.

Action: BH

Cllr Butten said if we can get a price for a Commemorative plaque for the Queens platinum jubilee, the Lotto will fund it. Cllr Majoor agreed to research this. The plaque could be put on the Agate Hall. Nothing heard from Cllr Majoor so Cllr Butten will follow this up with him.

Action: MM

526b. **Discussion re PC Cllr Vacancy.**

The applications were discussed and it was unanimously agreed to invite Jacquie Abby to fill the vacancy.

537. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 9th January 2023 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.