

## DRAFT MINUTES OF ALPRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held in Calveley Chapel on Tuesday 25 October 2016**

**Present:** Cllrs P Howson (Chair); R Wilson (Vice Chair); A McLennan; J Crook; S Crank;  
E McElroy; T Webster; Clerk: S Stockton

**Community Questions** – There were none.

**112/16 Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Jones (Ward Councillor)

**113/16 Declarations of Interests**

Cllrs P Howson, S Crank and A McLennan declared that they had leased land from The Wellcome Trust. Cllr Crook declared that he owns land adjacent to the planned new development (Application 15/4922).

**114/16 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held - 27 September 2016.**

The minutes were approved. *Proposed: Cllr R Wilson – Seconded: Cllr McLennan*

**115/16 Report on Improving Alpraham's Environment**

**RW/EM/FH/AM**

**Community in the Countryside**

No further progress

**Picnic Area**

Cheshire East are progressing the cutting of the grass.

**Telephone Box**

Cllr McElroy had met with the electrical contractors and they say no isolation switch is necessary and suggested several alternatives to get the electricity supply to the yew tree to facilitate the Christmas lights. None of the suggestions were suitable and it was decided to shelve the idea for the present time.

**Bench around Yew Tree**

Cllr Crook is progressing this item.

**New Notice Board**

Cllr Crook is progressing this item.

**Playing Field Inspections**

The playing field inspections were carried out and the reports received.

**Footpath from Cheers' Field on to A51**

Cllr Crook is progressing this item.

**Conifer Hedge by Bus Stop**

No further progress.

**116/16 Report on Resident Safety and Security**

**TW**

**Defibrillator**

Cllr Webster is progressing this item

**Sign to Rushton via Hilbre Bank**

This new sign is routing A51 traffic for Rushton up Hilbre Bank. Cllr Howson will contact Cheshire East Highways to try to get it removed, as agreed and previously done.

**Hilbre Bank Narrow Section** – between The Lea and Hilbre Grange –

This issue is being progressed by Cheshire East.

**Vehicle Activated Speed signs and Speed Guns**

Speed Gun training has taken place with the Police.

**30 mph advance sign: A51/Long Lane Junction**

Cheshire East Highways will put this sign up on long lane in the near future.

### **30 mph Sign: Hilbre Bank**

This sign has rusted and broken off. Cheshire East Highways are progressing this item.

### **Proposed 7.5 Ton Limit**

A map showing roads impacted by the introduction of a scheme has been received – Alpraham Parish Council has not been consulted and indications are that it will be implemented without our input. Cllr. Howson to investigate,

### **Broken Sewerage Pipe: Hilbre Bank**

It has been agreed that Cheshire East own the part of the pipe that is broken and leaking foul water onto the carriageway. They will be progressing this as soon as possible.

### **High School Bus**

The bus company are refusing to operate the bus via Hilbre Bank because of the state of the road. Cheshire East Highways say the road is fit for use. The bus company will be inspecting the road and Transport Service Solutions will be contacting the Clerk with their findings.

### **Broken and Full Grid: Hilbre Bank**

A grid on Hilbre Bank is broken and full of water. The grid has been replaced and the water will be cleared in the near future.

## **117/16 Planning Matters in Alpraham Parish**

**TW/RW**

### **(a) Applications since last meeting**

#### **16/4408: Land at Chester Road: Outline Permission for 2 Residential Dwellings**

Discussed. There are 3 main issues for objection (1) the land is in open countryside (2) Highway access (3) existing sewage problems in the area from properties on the A51 etc. To be evaluated further and submitted –Action TW

### **(b) Decisions Made by Cheshire East**

#### **16/3801 The Grange, Chester Road: Raise Roof on Extension**

Approved.

### **(c) Decisions Awaited from Cheshire East Planning**

#### **16/1772: Fox Cottage: Replacement Gates and Post to Listed Building**

#### **16/3395 Stone Cottage: Change of Use**

#### **16/4330 The Grange, Chester Road: First Floor Extension**

#### **16/4405 1 Alpraham Hall Barns: Single Storey Rear Domestic Extension**

#### **16/4404 1 Alpraham Hall Barns: Listed Building Consent for Single Storey Rear Domestic Extension**

#### **16/4429: Ash Cottage, Chester Road: New Dwelling**

#### **16/4479: Saddlers Cottage: Oak Balcony**

### **(d) Other matters - Parish Council Planning Responsibilities and CEC.**

Cllr Howson is progressing this item.

## **118/16 Report on Future and Village Plan related Activities**

**PH/ EM**

### **(a) Extending community and social activities**

### **(b) Website Update**

The Alpraham Village Website is now live and the number of hits it has received is encouraging.

(c) **S106**

The S106 reportedly is near completion but is taking a very long time due to CEC resource issues delays.

(c) **Play Zone update**

No further progress – awaiting S106 above.

**119/16 Report on Finance Matters**

**Clerk**

**a) Internal Audit (Statement of Accounts)**

The up-to-date Statement of Accounts was available at the meeting.

**b) Expenditure**

The proposed accounts for payment were presented to the meeting as follows:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>
775	25 10 16	152.58	S Stockton (Salary etc. Sep 16)
776	25 10 16	33.20	HMRC (Clerk's Tax Sep 16)
777	25 10 16	9.59	H Smith (Lock for Playing Field Gate)

**Proposed: T Webster – Seconded: S Crank**

**c) Receipts**

No receipts since the last meeting.

**120/16 New Audit Arrangements**

The new audit arrangements will come into force for year 2018/19.

**121/16 Reports on meetings**

None

**122/16 Complaints Procedure and Protocol on Harassment and Bullying**

These adoption of suitable documents is in progress.

**RW**

**123/16 Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 29 November 2016  
(Agenda Items by 14 November 2016).

**Signed: Chair**

**Clerk**

**Date:.....**