

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY ALPRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held in Calveley Chapel on Tuesday 10 January 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs P Howson (Chair); A McLennan; J Crook; S Crank; E McElroy; T Webster; M Jones (Ward Councillor) Clerk: S Stockton

**Community Questions** – There were none.

**01/17 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs R Wilson – Work Commitments

**02/17 Declarations of Interests**

Cllrs 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.

**03/17 Handling work progress monitoring**

It was agreed that in future the minutes should show when information is awaited from Cheshire East rather than just showing the name of the Councillor who is leading the item.

**Number of meetings per annum**

It was decided to leave the number of meetings each year at 10 and review periodically.

**Duration of Parish Council Meetings**

It was agreed that the duration meetings should be left as at present – no later than 9.30pm unless agreed by a majority of Parish Councillors at any particular meeting.

**04/17 Review of Clerk's Salary**

The Clerk left the room for this item. It was agreed that the Clerk's salary should rise by £134.08 in line with working four hours at level 22 of the NJC Scales of £10.26 per hour.

**05/17 2017 Budget and Precept Requirement**

The draft budget was discussed and expenditure required for the next year agreed and a Precept increase of £230 should be requested, giving a total Precept of £4,830 for the year 2017/18.

**06/17 Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

This will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting on 31 January 2017.

**07/17 Litter Picking**

Cllr McElroy will order a bin for Alpraham Green.

**08/17 Village Green Project Update**

Cllr Howson gave a brief update. This will be discussed further at the next Parish Council Meeting on 31 January 2017.

**09/17 Date of Next Meeting – 31 January 2017**

**NOTE:-**

**Attached are 3 items as follows:-**

- 1. Notice of vacancy of Parish Councillor**
- 2. Notice of temporary road closure**
- 3. Cllr M Jones comments re CEC Planning ignoring Parish Council comments.**

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**BUNBURY WARD of the PARISH of ALPRAHAM**

**NOTICE OF VACANCY  
IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 That

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**Fred Huxley, a member of the above Parish Council, has ceased to be a member and a casual vacancy exists in the office of Councillor for Alpraham Parish Council.**

On receipt of a request in writing from any ten local government electors for the said Parish, an election to fill the vacancy will be held within sixty days. If no such request is made the vacancy will be filled by the Parish Council.

Requests for such an election should be addressed to **Ms S Stockton, Clerk, Alpraham Parish Council, 75 Hilbre Bank, Alpraham, Tarporley, Cheshire, CW69JG, Tel: 01829 260167, Email: alprahampc@hotmail.co.uk** to arrive not later than fourteen days from the date of this notice

***If there is no call for an election any applicant who applies will be considered for co-option on to the Parish Council at the next Parish Council Meeting.***

**DATE: 19 December 2016**

**SIGNED:** *Susan Stockton*

DESIGNATION: Clerk to the Council, the Proper Officer for this purpose

**Date Notice Posted  
19 December 2016**

(computed in accordance with Rule 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986).

## **Attachment 2 to Minutes for 10 Jan 2107 Extraordinary PC Meeting**

# **CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

### **S14 (2) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cheshire East Borough Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers issues this notice temporarily to prohibit traffic in the following length of road:-

Hilbre Bank, Bunbury Ward, Crewe from the junction with Pinfold Lane for approximately 100 metres.

The alternative route will be via the following streets: - Chester Road, Long Lane, Alpraham Green

Location Map - <https://roadworks.org?tm=97369>

Pedestrian access to any premises situated within the temporary closure will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents where possible.

The closure is necessary to enable Cheshire East Highways to carry out repair damaged drain

It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Monday 16th January 2017 to Friday 20st January 2017

This notice will become operative on Monday 16th January 2017 for a period of 5 days or for such less time as is necessary to enable the works to be completed.

If you have any enquiries relating to the works please contact Cheshire East Highways on telephone number 03001235020

Notice Date: 23rd December 2016

Director of Legal Services

Westfields  
Middlewich Road  
Sandbach  
CW11 1HZ

## **ATTACHMENT 3 to Minutes for 10 Jan 2107 Extraordinary PC Meeting**

*Re – Cheshire Council Planning Dept. – Response from Cllr M Jones  
Date : 15/12/2016 - 11:40 (GMTST)*

Dear Peter

I note that you and your colleagues are questioning why it seems that Cheshire East Council planning department are ignoring your recommendations, especially for refusal.

Firstly, let me address the current need for housing. Cheshire east does grant, and has granted, many thousands of houses planning permission and you would hope that this would suffice.

However, the fact that build rates in Cheshire East, (the number of houses actually completed in any calendar year), is significantly below that of the national government requirement, means that more housing permissions are still required.

The implementation of a Local Plan will help as more up to date policies apply but I fear that no five year housing supply,( as derived by build rate/actual completions rate), means we will still have more housing, especially infill.

Now to your views appearing to be ignored by the planning department. This is very difficult to have occurred and given that you are working as unpaid volunteers, but with the local knowledge, it seems strange.

The issue should be that all your views should carry weight unless they contravene current planning policies or legislation.

I am clear that the result of this will be a distinct lack of faith in the council.

I also note that highways planning is also very contentious and often it seems without local knowledge or sympathy. It is also against local consultation, which is very annoying.

So to be clear, Cheshire East Council should listen to all its parish council's comments on planning application and they should be taken seriously unless the comment is outside of the Council's policies.

There is no excuse on a failure to consult or communicate with you at all times. In fact it undermines the trust in the council, which is waning currently.

So it is all too often a failure by Cheshire East to be bothered to show the respect that the parish council and residents deserve.

Yours

Michael