

## DRAFT MINUTES OF ALPRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Calveley Chapel on Tuesday 25 July 2017

**Present:** Cllr R Wilson (Chair); P Howson (Vice Chair); A McLennan; E McElroy; J Crook; Ward Councillor M Jones; Clerk: S Stockton.

**In Attendance** – One resident

**Community Questions** - none

**94/17 Apologies for absence:**

S Sparks - On holiday; S Crank - Work Commitments;

**95/17 Declarations of Interests**

All interests were as previously reported

**96/17 Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

The applicant had to withdraw. The vacancy notice would therefore be reposted, on the notice board with a deadline of 19 September 2017.

**97/17 Approval of Minutes of Meeting – 27 June 2017.**

The minutes were held in abeyance until the next meeting.

**98/17 Finance**

**SS**

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

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

**b) Expenditure**

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>
804	25 07 17	206.16	S Stockton (Salary etc. Jun 17)
805	25 07 17	20.00	Post Office (Clerk's Tax Jun 17)
806	25 07 17	60.00	P Howson (Donation for Meeting Room)
807	25 07 17	79.80	RoSPA (Playing Field Inspection)
808	25 07 17	600.00	Alpraham Social Committee

**Proposed: R Wilson – Seconded: J Crook**

**99/17 Report on Improving Alpraham's Environment**

**EM/AM/JC/SC/PH**

**Bench around Yew Tree**

Cheshire East owned the land around the yew tree. The Clerk would contact the Insurance company to make sure that the Parish Council was covered for supplying a bench around the tree.

**Picnic Area**

The insurance implications of supplying a picnic table would be confirmed.

**Playing Field Inspections**

The playing field inspections were carried out.

**Playing Field Sign**

Cheshire East are progressing changing the wording on this sign.

**SS**

**Electricity Supply for Christmas Lights in Yew Tree**

No further progress. Mr Crook would arrange for the tree to be inspected by a tree surgeon to make sure that it was safe.

**Tree Protection Orders**

Cllr Crook would lead a team to list the trees that it was considered should have a TPO.

**100/17 Report on Resident Safety and Security**

**Defibrillator**

The signage on the old phone box is being progressed by Cllr Wilson.

**RW**

**Cyclists**

A complaint about cyclists riding dangerously on footpaths was discussed. Cllr Jones said that this was a criminal offence and that Cheshire East could supply a notice asking cyclists not to ride on the footpaths. **JC**

**SIDs**

A quote for SIDs had been received.

**Sign to Rushton via Hilbre Bank**

Cllr Sparks is progressing this item.

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

Cheshire East Highways are progressing this.

**7.5 Ton Limit of back lanes**

Cllr Sparks is progressing the road signs directing unsuitable traffic up Hilbre Bank.

**School Bus problems**

Cllr Sparks is progressing this item.

**Speed Gun etc.****Footpath from Mr. Cheers' Field on to A51**

No further progress.

## 102/17 Planning Matters in Alpraham Parish

a) Applications since last meeting**17/2869 : The Cottage, Pinfold Lane : Boundary Fencing**

The Parish Council discussed this and found that there was no objection.

**17/3665 : 64 Hilbre Bank : Proposed two storey front, back and rear extension**

The Parish Council did not find any objection to this proposal.

**17/3673 : April Cottage, Proposed new dwelling**

The Parish Council does not support this application as it is in open countryside and the dispersal of foul water and surface water.

**17/3728 : Land Adjacent to the Cottage : Variation of Condition 2**

The Parish Council found no objection to this proposal.

b) Decisions Made by Cheshire East**17/2390 : Vine Tree Farm, Chester Road : 2 x 2 Storey dwellings and 1 x 3 storey dwelling**

Withdrawn

**17/1698: Hillside, Outline Application for a dwelling and vehicle access**

Granted

c) Decisions Awaited from Cheshire East Planning**17/2998 : 1 Manor Fields : Outline Application for proposed residential development of up to 17 dwellings with associated garages, road access, etc.**

Alpraham Parish Council **Objects** to this planning application because it is on land in open countryside and therefore should in no circumstances be used for development of this kind, it is also outside the settlement boundary for Alpraham and there is no exception rule applicable for this, the land is not supported by a sewage system and further loading of any existing sewage route will cause significant problems and access to the A51 at this point will cause real road safety issues as it is near to another new access point and on bendy roads.

**17/2324: Station House, Calveley : Outline application for up to 4 detached houses****17/2361: Paddock Adjacent to The Willows, Bunbury Road : 2 new 4 bed dwellings and new vehicular access to A51****17/2606: Land to the rear of the Tollemache Arms : Proposed new 5 bed dwelling****17/2721: Amberlee, Bunbury Lane : 4 Detached Dwellings****17/3361 : 2 x 4 bed detached dwellings : Long Lane**

This application related to Calveley Parish but was on the boundary with Alpraham. It was noted that an Open Meeting was being held by Calveley Parish Council to discuss this application as it had been submitted by a Parish Councillor

**103/17 Report on Social Activities and Future Vision Working Group**

**PH/ EM**

**a) New Village Hall**

Nothing further to report.

**e) Village Day**

Village Day will be on 16 September. After discussion it was decided that a donation of £700 be given to the Social Committee towards the cost of the Village Day. Cllr McElroy did not take part in this discussion.

**Proposed: J Crook – Seconded: R Wilson**

**e) Autumn Walk**

A walk around the Parish will be organised in the Autumn.

**f) Receipts**

There were no receipts since the last meeting.

**g) Transparency Act 2014 : Application for Grant**

The application for Grant has been received in full (£850)

**h) Annual Audit**

The Annual Accounts had been sent to the External Auditor.

**104/17 Ward Councillor's Report and Reports on Meetings Attended**

Cllr Crook will attend the next Police Cluster Meeting on 3 August.

Cllr Jones gave an overview of what was happening in Cheshire East.

**105/17 Complaints Procedure and Protocol on Harassment and Bullying**

Cllr Wilson is progressing this.

**RW**

**106/17 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 26 September 2017**

(Agenda Items by 19 September 2017)

**Signed: Chair**

**Clerk**

**Date:.....**