

# High Legh Parish Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 11 JANUARY, 2010 AT HIGH LEGH VILLAGE HALL

Present: C Hay (Chairman) M Hosker  
S Abbey J Morton  
T Haigh G Pemberton  
T Harrison J Tuck

Apologies: Cllr R Wright and Cllr Andrew Knowles  
In attendance: Mrs D Walker (Clerk)

The Chairman thanked PC Andy Duncan for coming.  
The next surgery will be before the Parish Council meeting on 22 February at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Coenan, Mr Edwards, and Mr and Mrs Pearce.

### 1. Minutes

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December as a true record with the following addition: 3iii. Cllr Hosker said that he was attracted to what the CA had said (*apart from Option 4 – the PC runs the Hall as a sole trustee*).

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

#### *i. Utilities*

The Clerk reported that due to copper wire being stolen some residents were without telephone and internet connection from 10–12 December and some areas were affected from 23 December for a few days.

United Utilities – the Clerk had received an update from David Baker, who has returned to the area, which stated that the pumping station was complete, but awaiting power and BT connections. There have been issues with power as the route has changed due to the size of the connection required. The date for the power connection is March 2010, BT connection will be sooner. Once the power is connected UU will then commission the site – expected to be operational around April/May 2010. Cllr Hosker suggested that the PC write to UU to express disappointment.

#### *ii. Village Maintenance*

- Cllr Hay had obtained another quote for notice boards. Cllr Pemberton to liaise with Mr Harrison to decide on the best place.
- Grit Boxes – The Clerk had asked Cllr Andrew Knowles for his support on the gritting of Wrenshot Lane as it is a bus route. (Post meeting note: Cllr Knowles has asked for Wrenshot Lane to be included). The Clerk has managed to persuade Highways to provide a grit bin on the verge by the bridge on Halliwells Brow, following another accident. Cllr Pemberton said that a lot of people had fallen in the icy weather and that in Scotland the farmers help out with clearing the side roads. Cllr Tuck said that in Mobberley the farmers cleared the streets and paths. Cllr Hosker thought that the PC would not be allowed to employ anyone to do this. Clerk to contact Highways to ascertain whether the PC could pay for the roads to be cleared.

#### *iii. The School House and Village Hall & Management*

Heating – Cllr Haigh reported that he is waiting for a second quote. They are suggesting a hybrid solution plus a gas boiler for the cold snaps. The gas component would not be eligible for the grant. He should have more information by the end of the week. A gas supply would have to be put into the building. Cllr Haigh, Mr Pearce and Mr Edwards would be visiting Mitsubishi. Meeting room heater – an engineer has looked at the heater and it cannot be repaired, the total cost for a new heater will be £1200. The Parish Council agreed to pay half.

iv. **School Governor's Report** – 120 children on roll. The school had been closed for three days from 5-7 January due to the severe weather.

v. **Traffic Safety**

Cllr Hay is awaiting further information from Highways on appropriate signage near the Village Hall.

vi. **Play Area/Amenity land**

Cllr Hay said that Cheshire East have given their full support for developing a teenage area. Cllr Hay had asked the CA to support this project. Another quote will be obtained.

Cllr Pemberton said that the planting project will be started later in the year. The service in the Play Area had had to be postponed due to icy conditions in the play area.

vii. **Parish Plan**

Cllr Pemberton said that the Plan had been printed. The Launch event will be held on 24 February at 7.30 p.m. at High Legh Primary School. This will be a working document. The Chairman asked Cllr Pemberton to pass on the PC's support and thanks for all the hard work.

viii. **Manchester Airport**

Cllr Hosker had talked to Wendy Sinfield of the Community Trust Fund. Ollerton Village Hall is a new village hall and he suggested it might be worthwhile Cllr Haigh and Mr Pearce visiting it.

Cllr Hay presented Cllr Hosker with two tickets for a concert at the Bridgewater Hall, donated by the Airport, as a thank you for all his hard work.

ix. **Boundary Committee**

Cllr Tuck reported on the Boundary Committee draft recommendations. The total population of Cheshire East is about 300,000 divided by 82 councillors which gives a ward of 3658 with one councillor. Knutsford would have three councillors, High Legh – 1, Chelford – 1 and Mobberley – 1. High Legh PC need to work on our visibility.

x. **Vacancy**

Adverts had been put on the notice boards and in the CA Newsletter.

4. **To approve in principle, that High Legh Parish Council supports the creation of a Village Hall Management Committee to run all aspects of the Village Hall complex (including School House, caretaker, insurance, utilities, maintenance and all hall and meeting room bookings)**

After a lengthy discussion, Cllr Hosker proposed that the following be added: The constitution of this Management Committee will be subject to advice from the Village Halls Advisor from Cheshire Community Action. The existing lease can be extended subject to agreement of both parties, to cover the intervening period.

The Chairman offered to attend the next CA meeting but this was declined.

The Chairman will arrange a follow up meeting with the CA after meeting with the CCA. All agreed  
Post meeting note – the CA has passed a resolution to extend the lease until 31<sup>st</sup> March.

5. **Planning Committee Report**

The report was circulated and discussed.

Following some complaints from residents on Woodlands Crescent about a lot of tooting noise when the miniature railway is operating the Clerk had checked with Planning. There weren't any conditions relating to noise attached to the permission. Operating hours are restricted to the opening hours of the garden centre.

A complaint had been received about the number of advertisements and banners on the corner of the Garden Centre railings. Cllr Abbey will contact Planning.

6. **Finance**

**Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

J Cavanagh	£1000.00	
HLCA Hire of meeting room	£22.50	
Clerk's Salary and expenses	£698.34	
Safety Shop (car park signs)	£89.56	
Creative Pulse (Parish Plan printing)	£2388.53	
B Adams (PP expenses)	£100.91	
A Haigh	£17.50	All agreed

**7 New Business**

- i) Code of Conduct Training – 17 February, Macclesfield Town Hall.
- ii) Local List Supplementary Planning Consultation had been received. The Clerk had sent a list prepared by Mrs Popley a few years ago.
- iii) The Clerk will book Cllr Pemberton on Managing a Community Building course on 20 January.
- iv) Cllr Abbey congratulated Sheldons Dairies for continuing to deliver milk and papers during the severe weather.

**8. Next Meeting: Monday, 22 February at 7.30 p.m.**

Meeting finished at 10.00 p.m.