

Spurstow Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 20:00 at Peckforton and Beeston Village Room.

Clerk: C Jones, Rose Cottage, Spurstow CW6 9TG clerk@spurstow.org.uk

Apologies were received from Cllrs Augustin and Bell, who were unavoidably detained, and from the Clerk.

Present:- Cllr. K Hutchinson, Cllr. C Warinner, Cllr. R Finney, Cllr. J Middlemiss and Cllr. S Lea.

In Attendance – Cllr S Davies of Cheshire East Council, Ms H Cornwell-Lee of Haughton Parish Meeting.

The Council thanked Ms Cornwell-Lee for agreeing to take notes of the meeting, in the absence of the Clerk.

The meeting was declared quorate.

1. Declaration of interests – Members to declare any interests under the following categories:
- Pecuniary interests, Outside body interests, Family, friend or close associate interests.

No such Interests were declared

2. Approve the minutes of last meeting - Matters arising and vote for acceptance

Proposed by Cllr. Middlemiss, seconded by Cllr. Finney

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the previous Council Meeting.

3. Open Forum (15 minutes).

There were no members of the public present.

4. Planning correspondence, applications, current, and outstanding.

Councillors requested an update on the two applications about Green Butts Farm (21/3920N and 21/3924N) from the Clerk.

Cllr. Hutchinson reported that she has walked two footpaths in the Parish and sent reports to Nicola Swinnerton, Rights of Way Officer for South Cheshire East, and circulated reports in Ms Swinnerton's suggested format for information. Cllr. Middlemiss took a copy for Mike Hiscock so that Mr Hiscock could produce a similar report following his walk of a local path. Cllr. Hutchinson is to write to local Councils about NALC's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

5. Update from alternative ways to manage speed group and the Safety Camera on the A49

Cllr. Middlemiss reported that there appear to be no used Speed Indicating Devices available. It was agreed that, as the technology of these is improving, Spurstow Parish Council should buy a new solar SID at up to £ 1,600. Cllr Middlemiss will email Councillors

with specifications. It is hoped that this will be available for use on Long Lane whilst the A51 is closed.

The Council instructed the Clerk to write to Cheshire East about the situation on Long Lane, as drafted, but to include a request for “No HGV” signs, and that Cheshire East reinstate gritting on Long Lane, and to follow up the Spurstow Parish Council’s request to adopt the streetlights in the Parish.

6. Recruitment of new Councillors

It was suggested that Yvone Fairclough be invited to the next meeting as an observer, Cllr. Middlemiss will approach some other parishioners who may be interested in joining the Parish Council

7. Queen’s Jubilee Beacons. It was noted that English Heritage intend to light a beacon at Beeston Castle, and it was suggested that Spurstow Parish Council might sponsor an evening community event on or around 2nd June 2022 to mark the event, perhaps at Chris Jones’s or Rob Jones’s properties.

8. Community Emergency Plan. The first draft was positively received, and it was decided to pursue the idea, but probably to limit the scope to floods and fallen trees blocking local roads. Cllrs. Hutchinson and Finney intend to go to Cheshire East Council’s online meeting about flood planning on 20th September 2021. **The Clerk was asked to write to Paul Reeves at Cheshire East Council to ask what progress had been made about improving drainage, following last year’s major floods near the Yew Tree**

9. **The bank balance was noted and it was agreed to make the payments discussed at the meeting**

10. The camera on the A49 was discussed. It was suggested that the current camera be left as it is and the funds thus freed up be redirected towards gritting of the smaller local roads and filling of potholes. It was noted with thanks to Cheshire East that the worst of the potholes on Peckforton Hall Lane have been filled. Cllr. Davies commented that there have been no serious accidents in the area and prior to the camera no reported speed-related accidents. **The Clerk was instructed to write to Cheshire East Council suggesting that the current camera be left as it is.**

11. It was noted that Airband hope to bring better internet connectivity to the area via Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) in spring 2022, and that residents can register an interest with Airband if they wish.

12. Date of next meeting

10th November 2021

Followed by 9th March 2022, and to coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th May 2022.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:05