

SPURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 11th March 2020

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Peckforton & Beeston Village Room

Present: Katherine Hutchinson ((**KH**) Chair), Barry Bell (**BB**), Louise Hare (**LH**), Reynold Finney (**RF**), Chris Warriner (**CW**), Stuart Lea (**SL**), Jonathan Middlemiss (**JM**), Chris Jones (**CJ**). Cllr Stan Davies (**SD**), Sean Augustin (**SA**)

In Attendance:

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

1. Apologies received:

All Cllrs were present at the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests & Councillors Code of Conduct:

Barry Bell declared an interest planning application 20/0633N Haycroft Farm, Peckforton Hall Lane and consequently did not vote on any decisions made on this application.

3. Matters Arising & approval of previous minutes

Minutes from 11th November 2019 were approved. This was proposed by JM and seconded by CW. All Councillors agreed that these are a true record.

4. Open Forum:

There were no members of public in attendance at this meeting.

5. Planning applications, *current and outstanding*

20/0633N Haycroft Farm, Peckforton Hall Lane, Erection of Agricultural Corn Store

The Parish Council discussed this application and resolved that they were in sympathy with this planning application but felt that the corn store would be better located in within the curtilage of the farmyard. They requested the Clerk to submit a proposal to request the above amendment to the application.

20/0561N Holmleigh, Whitchurch Road, Spurstow, Extension of Drop Kerb

The Parish Council discussed this application and unanimously agreed that an objection should be submitted. It was felt that there was no justification for the extension of the drop kerb, the current entrance was deemed adequate for the property.

20/0758D Radley Wood Farm, Whitchurch Road, Spurstow, Discharge of conditions 4 and 5 on application 16/5186N – Resubmission of application to convert existing brick barn to residential use.

The Parish Council discussed this application but resolved not to object to this application by a majority vote.

20/0670N Land off Badcocks Lane, Spurstow

This planning application was discussed at the meeting but the deadline had already passed the Parish Council was unable to make a comment on this proposal.

6. Update from alternative way to manage speed group – loan of Speed Indicator Device, Highway Alterations

JM reported that Naomi Lawrence from Cheshire East Highways has confirmed that all the metal signage that we have requested has now been completed. She hopes that installation of these signs and line painting due to take place weather permitting before the end of March.

The Councillors wished to thank JM for pushing this project forward. They also wished to thank SD for managing to allocate the budget to make this possible.

SA requested that we borrow the Speed Indicator Device again.

Action: JM and SA to co-ordinate this activity and JM to source metal brackets for the device.

Action: It was agreed to retain this on the agenda for future meetings.

7. Highway issues

- Damage to verges on Peckforton Hall Lane

BB highlighted the poor condition of the roads along Peckforton Hall Lane, Nursery Lane and Long Lane. He noted that the condition of the road and the poor completion of patching as making the road dangerous. In addition, he noted that the tarmac was being undermined by puddles that are causing the tarmac to brake off as the edges and become problematic.

- Blocked drains and flooding on the A49

Despite the issue having been raised a number of times with the Highways Department in Cheshire East the problems with blocked gullies and flooded gardens and driveways the issue has not been resolved.

Verges at the junction of Peckforton Hall Lane and the A49.

The overgrown vegetation in this location is preventing individuals from using the pavement and causing difficult for the elderly in particular from accessing the bus service safely.

Action: It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a letter to send to Highways regarding these problems asking how they would respond to them.

In addition, it was raised that perhaps it might be a good idea to get in contact with CHALC as the umbrella body Cheshire based Parish Councils and ask for them to present a co-ordinated approach to representing Highway issues from across Cheshire East.

Action: Clerk to contact CHALC to discuss overarching representation would be possible.

7a. Street Lights

SD has been working with Simon Wallace from Cheshire East to discuss the possibility of Cheshire East adopting our new street lights. He will keep us updated of his progress.

8. Clerk's Role

LH informed the meeting that she will be leaving her role of Parish Clerk for the Council because she is planning to relocate to North Wales.

KH suggested that CJ would be interested in taking on the role. All Parish Councillors unanimously agreed that they would be happy for CJ to take over the role. It was agreed that LH would handover the work from 20th April 2020. The Council wanted to take this opportunity to thank LH for her hard work over the last two years.

Action: To contact CHALC to ask about the legislation of holding a role as a Councillor and Clerk simultaneously and take action accordingly. To identify potential training opportunities for new Clerk.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council reviewed Beeston, Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall's neighbourhood plan and discussed if any Councillors would be able to commit the time required to this project. It was overall felt that there were insufficient resources to champion a project of this nature.

10. Update on Operation Shield Kits

LH has sold 10 kits and all the remaining bin stickers to Haughton Parish Meeting for £140.

JM agreed to take the remaining kits and try to sell them on to local residents in Bunbury.

11. VE Day celebrations

KH had received communications from Burland re planned VE day celebrations and been invited for Spurstow to contribute to it. It was agreed that Spurstow would be interested in getting involved but with potential restrictions due to come into place this event has been deferred until restrictions are lifted.

12. Finance

It was agreed to ask David Cox to act as internal auditor of our annual accounts.

It was agreed to initial a mandate change to enable CJ to become a bank signatory and enable him to access online banking.

Action: LH to generate mandate change form and contact David Cox re audit.

To was resolved to make the following payments.

Clerk Salary	£646.16
Digital Media for Website Development and Hosting	£455.00
Annual Village Hall Hire	£ 75.00
Cluster meeting contribution	£10.00

Date for next meetings –

Wednesday 20th May 2020

The meeting closed at 21.45pm.

Signed.....Chair Date.....

Action List

Agenda item	Action	Person Responsible for Actioning
6	<p>JM and SA to co-ordinate SID activity and JM to source metal brackets for the device.</p> <p>It was agreed to retain alternative ways to manage speed on the agenda for future meetings.</p>	JM/SA
7	<p>It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a letter to send to Highways regarding these problems asking how they would respond to them.</p>	LH
7	<p>Clerk to contact CHALC to discuss overarching representation would be possible.</p>	LH
8	<p>To contact CHALC to ask about the legislation of holding a role as a Councillor and Clerk simultaneously and take action accordingly. To identify potential training opportunities for new Clerk.</p>	RF
12	<p>LH to generate mandate change form and contact David Cox re audit.</p>	LH

