

## SPURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 8pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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### Peckforton & Beeston Village Room

**Present:** Sean Augustin ((**SA**) Chair), Barry Bell (**BB** (Vice Chair)), , Mrs Helen Exley (**The Clerk**), Reynold Finney (**RF**), Katherine Hutchinson (**KH**), Chris Warriner (**CW**) David Cox (**DC**) Cllr Stan Davis **SD**

**In Attendance:** None.

#### 1. Apologies received:

None – **Absent**- Mandy Murton (**MM**), Stuart Lea (**SL**)

#### 2. Declaration of Interests & Councillors Code of Conduct:

There were no declarations of Councilor Interests declared.

#### 3. Matters Arising & approval of previous minutes

- Dip in the Road in Peckforton Hall Lane - CEC Highways have acknowledged but will not confirm date for repairing.
- Application for the fence at Castleview was incorporated with application for Conservatory. CEC planning say the fence is a Highways issue and SPC have asked whether Highways will be progressing the matter.
- Lighting issues –CEC have spares that SPC can access to make up approx 10 lights. These can be used as a test site for the LEDs. **SA** to go & look at examples of the lighting & research further. All Cllrs in agreement to move this forward.
- Phonebox in Peckforton Hall Lane. BT still to remove. **SA** to follow up via BT website.

Minutes approved from 08/03/17 meeting. **BB** proposed and **CW** seconded. All Councillors agreed that these are a true record.

#### 4. Open Forum:

No members of the public were present.

#### 5. Petition for speed limit reduction on A49:

Traffic survey has been completed by CEC Highways. c40,000 cars a week on the A49 of which 8% are considered speeding over the 40MPH limit. Average speed is reported at 35MPH. Traffic readers need to be used again due to timings of their use (school holidays etc). SPC position still remains the same on the current limit.

Siting of camera in current location is where most of the accidents have occurred. This is supported by data supplied and admitted in the campaigners latest news letter. Document provided by Dept of Transport stating the requirements of camera sitings. Site meetings recently taken place with CEC and Mrs Griffiths & Mr D Bell. SPC view is that it will cost a huge amount of money to re-site the

camera where the residents want it (at the junction of A49 and, there is no power on that side of the road, there is great concern that a junction that already has had a number of discussion on its restricted visibility will be further compromised. This is especially when considering the amount of motorcycle traffic. P. **SA** will contact Dave Chan CEC stating the PC's stance on the proposal, which does not meet the required criteria for National Speed cameras & their positioning. **SA** to speak to Cllr David Brown proposing that the camera is left in its current position.

- Speed guns – Bunbury have no speed guns and no volunteers (previously stated otherwise by local resident). Considerations for having a PC speed gun are the sites where the “gunning can take place” these can only be authorized by the Police as there are safety considerations. There are clear guidelines for the use of Speed Guns issued by the Police. There is no indication in the foreseeable future when the police will be able to offer training as new equipment is being adopted and will need to be cascaded to staff first. There is also a cost element to the equipment. SPC will approach the Police to request a higher police presence on the A49 & Peckforton Hall Lane and give feedback on the findings. **SA** is concerned about the risk assessment and duty of care to users that will be placed on SPC in using said equipment and this will need to be researched along with insurance requirements.

## **6. Planning applications:**

Fields Farm – no comment.

Springfield Cottage – footing re already in place. Wooden stable has been knocked down. Replacement building doesn't fit the description. SPC view is that it is overdeveloped. SPC would be happy with a single story development (as before). **DC** to respond with SPC views on CEC website.

## **7. Annual Audit & Governance statement & approval of accounts:**

**DC** stated that the Internal Audit has not yet taken place. He suggested that the accounts (once audited) will be agreed by electronic meeting. This will be minuted under a separate agenda. **SA** **BB** and the Clerk will meet to sign off the accounts. All Councilors present, agreed to this format

## **8. Clerk's Report:**

Clerk attended a Finance course run by CHALC on 13/03/17 regarding the requirements for the Transparency code and the future reporting of the PC finances from April 2017. This format will now be used for all future accounts & financial reporting, by the Clerk.

It was agreed by all councilors that a subscription to Cheshire Community Action would not be taken up.

## **9. Parish Insurance renewal**

Renewal with Zurich Insurance (3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3 year deal). Proposed by **CW** and seconded by **BB**.

## **10. Highways issues:**

- Footpath on Whitchurch Road –Clerk has contacted CEC highways who have responded saying that this is not a priority at the moment.

<b>11. Payment of accounts:</b>	<b>Chq no</b>	<b>amount</b>
Peter Wilson		£ 166.40
Helen Exley (salary)		£360.00
Helen Exley (annual Exps)		£ 164.40
CHALC annual fees		£ 119.00
Mid Cheshire Footpath Association		£ 8.00
Worleston District Parish Council		£ 15.00
Zurich Insurance		£ 306.89
Peckforton & Beeston Village rooms (annual room use)		£ 100.00

All payments were proposed by **CW** and seconded by **BB**.

**12. Dates of next meetings**

5<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**13. AOB:**

None

Meeting closed 22.05pm

Signed.....Chair

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