

SPURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 8pm on 5th September 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), Chris Warriner (CW) David Cox (DC) Cllr Stan Davis SD

In Attendance: Mrs & Mrs Whittaker.

1. Apologies received:

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

2. Declaration of Interests & Councillors Code of Conduct:

There were no declarations of Councilor Interests declared, from Councillors present.

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.

Minutes approved from 10/05/17 meeting, and extra ordinary meeting held to approval Annual Audit on 31/05/17. **CW** proposed and **BB** seconded. All Councillors agreed that these are a true record.

4. Open Forum:

Mr & Mrs Whittaker, School House, Spurstow presented their plans for a proposed new build within the perimeter of the current property and plans for a small business to operate from the house. CEC highways have also surveyed the site for the new driveway. The deadline for the planning application has now passed for comment. The Councillors thanked the Whittakers for taking the time to come and explain their proposals.

5. Petition for speed limit reduction on A49:

The Chair updated the PC on the recent e mail received from David Bell regarding the ongoing petition for the speed reduction on the A49. Traffic data has been studied by the Chair who states that the current speed range of vehicles falls within an acceptable performance and this was highlighted in the report. The PC feels that the recommendation based on the second set of data, is that the camera is either removed or straightened and that the cost of £12k to re site it is not cost effective. The 7 years of data have shown that there have been no accidents based on excessive speed in this area. Stan Davis is to follow up again, with Cllr David Brown for a final decision on this. The PC thanked Cllr Davis for his ongoing help with this issue.

6.Planning applications:

Smithy House 17/2825N application has now been withdrawn.

Land at Badcocks Lane 17/3785N – no comment

Hillview, Whitchurch road 17/4266N – no comment

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

The Annual Audit has now been completed and passed. The relevant documents can now be viewed on the website and notice of inspection is displayed on the board for the next 2 weeks.

8. Clerk's Report:

See AOB 13

9. Highways issues:

- Footpath on Whitchurch Road –Clerk has contacted CEC highways who have responded saying that this is not a priority at the moment – ongoing.
- Peckforton Hall Lane dip is still waiting for repair. Cllr Davis is persuing this matter with the Highways Dept. (See points arising)
- Local hedging issues were discussed.

10. Cholmondley Onetribbe Festival feedback:

A recent festival held on the Cholmondley Estate in August has generated a large number of complaints regarding the 24 hour noise issues, local residents and neighbouring parish residents have lodged complaints directly with the Estate Manager. It was decided that the Chair would write to lodge objections on behalf of the PC and residents, regarding any future events of this nature.

11. Payment of accounts:

	Chq no	amount
Peter Wilson		£ 374.40
Helen Exley (salary)		£ 362.50
Barbridge Chapel Trust		£ 10.00

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

12. Dates of next meetings

29th November at Bunbury Church meeting rooms.

13. AOB:

14. The Clerk explained that she had resigned to the Chair & Vice with immediate effect, due to the ongoing issue of the ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF management the Parish Finances. In the current arrangement, she felt unable to fulfill the role of Responsible Financial Officer without conflict and was therefore not prepared to continue in the current arrangement as the issues seem to be beyond resolution. The resignation is with immediate effect. The Chair and Vice thanked the Clerk for all her work and commitment since her appointment.

Meeting closed 21.30pm

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