

Spurstow Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 20:00.

Note: - The Government has removed the legal requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person during the coronavirus pandemic under legislation enacted on 2nd April 2020 applicable to meetings held before 7th May 2021. Therefore, in line with Government Guidance, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Present:

Dr K Hutchinson (Chairman), Mr S Augustin (Deputy Chairman), Mr R Finney, Mr J Middlemiss.

In attendance:

Councillor S Davies of Cheshire East Council ("CE"), Mr C Jones (Clerk to the Council)

1. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Messrs B Bell and C Warriner. Mr Warriner had been able to meet with the Chairman to discuss various items on the agenda and asked the Chairman to bring those views to the meeting. It was noted that the meeting was quorate, there being 4 of 7 Councillors present.

2. **Declaration of interests –** Dr Hutchinson and Mr Middlemiss declared interests in respect of "The Cottage" and made no contribution to the discussion on that item.

3. **Approve the minutes of last meeting.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting and Parish Meetings held in May 2020 be formally approved by the Council

4. **Members of the public - Open forum.** It was noted that the Council published on the Council Website and on the Council Noticeboard that members of the public would be welcome to attend the meeting via Zoom, and had given contact details to request the login details.

There were no members of the public in attendance, nor were there any requests from members of the public to join the meeting.

5. **Planning correspondence and applications.** Please see appendix 1 for the document supplied to the meeting, with conclusions and actions in bold.
The Cottage – The Council agreed amendments to the response, whilst retaining the basic sense of the original.
The Gables and White Gate Farm – No further developments.

It was resolved that the Council ratify the correspondence and decisions taken since the last Council Meeting, and instructed the Clerk to provide further details of the proposed development at The Brooklands

6. **Update from alternative ways to manage speed group.** This is to be reviewed at the Council's Spring 2021 meeting.

7. **Highways Issues** a) Peckforton Hall Lane and Nursery Lane verges and drainage. Councillor Davies expressed his frustration at the difficulty in contacting CE officers and getting appropriate responses from them, but emphasised that he is actively pursuing the matter

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to CE with the points from Mr Bell's email, but also expressing the Council's appreciation of the appreciable resurfacing work that has been carried out. (copy to Mr Davies.)

b) **Vegetation on Southcroft pavements.**

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to residents of Southcroft about the vegetation, the letter to be drafted by Mr Augustin.

c) Tree damage to Southcroft pavements.

It was resolved that Councillor Davies be asked to check who has responsibility for the state of the pavement and to ask CE to sweep the path.

8. **Clerk's report**
- a) Training - The Clerk gave a brief report on his training from ChALC
 - b) Bank Mandate – This should be in place by the end of September 2020 and the Clerk is instructed to write to Barclays if it is not.
 - c) The Council to consider authorising any payments shown on the schedule to be presented to the meeting.

It was resolved to make the payments shown in appendix 2

9. **Defibrillator in Spurstow.** After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr Middlemiss should seek the views of the community and investigate options. **It was resolved to request that Mr Middlemiss prepare a report for the next meeting.**

10. Report on Spurstow Community Support and Sunflowers Schemes.

The Council thanked the Chairman for her report.

It was resolved that the Clerk should publicise via the Nextdoor forum and any other appropriate channels that Spurstow Support continues as needed, particularly in the light of changing Government Advice from time to time.

11. Councillor Davies suggested that the Council ask CE to adopt the new street lights.
- It was resolved that the Clerk write to CE to request this, based on information from Mr Finney, who has dealt with CE on this matter before.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:40

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 20:00.

Appendix 1

W/C	14/09/20	No new appns.		
W/C	07/09/20	20/3912D	Fields Farm, Badcocks Lane, Spurstow, Cheshire, CW6 9RR	Discharge of condition 3 on application 17/1268N - New four-bedroom house to replace existing, including attached garage and conversion of existing outbuilding into annexe/home office NO OBJECTIONS.
W/C	07/09/20	20/3894D	Bath House, Dob Lane, Spurstow, Tarporley, Cheshire, CW6 9LR	Discharge of conditions 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 on application 17/5383N. NO OBJECTIONS.
W/C	31/08/20	No new appns.	The Appn. Above Also Appears in The List for This Week.	
W/C	24/08/20	20/3683N	The Brooklands, Bathwood Lane, Spurstow, CW6 9RS	Proposed extension and internal alterations. THE COUNCIL ASKED THE CLERK TO SEND FURTHER DETAILS SO THAT THE COUNCIL COULD CONSIDER THE APPLICATION.
W/C	17/08/20	No new appns.	The Appn. Above Also Appears in The List for This Week.	
W/C	10/08/20	No new appns.		
W/C	03/08/20	No new appns.		
W/C	27/07/20	20/3178N	Hollyberry House, Dob Lane, Spurstow, CW6 9LR	Certificatie of existing lawful use - Hollyberry is subject to an agricultural occupancy restriction. This application seeks to establish that, as a result of non-compliance with the restriction for a continuous period of over 10 years. NO OBJECTIONS.
W/C	20/07/20	20/2999	Two Oakes, Whitchurch Road, Spurstow, CW6 9TD	We responded 24th July - no decision yet. SEE CHESHIRE EAST WEBSITE FOR THE COUNCILS RESPONSE TO THIS APPLICATION RECOMMENDING THAT IT NOT BE APPROVED.
W/C	13/07/20	No new appns.		
W/C	06/07/20	No new appns.		
W/C	29/06/20	No new appns.		
W/C	22/06/20	No new appns.		
W/C	15/06/20	No new appns.		
W/C	08/06/20	No new appns.		

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W/C	01/06/20	20/0862N	The Gables, Peckforton Hall Lane, Peckforton, CW6 9TG	Erection of barn - we responded 8th July, no decision yet SEE CHESHIRE EAST WEBSITE FOR THE COUNCILS RESPONSE TO THIS APPLICATION RECOMMENDING THAT IT NOT BE APPROVED.
W/C	01/06/20	20/2231N	Oak Farm, Long Lane, Haughton	ALREADY DISCUSSED – NO COMMENTS MADE TO CHESHIRE EAST – NO OBJECTION
W/C	01/06/20	20/2256D	Fields Farm, Badcocks Lane, Spurstow, Cheshire, CW6 9RR	ALREADY DISCUSSED – NO COMMENTS MADE TO CHESHIRE EAST – NO OBJECTION
W/C	25/05/20	No new appns.		
W/C	18/05/20	20/1946N	1, Lower Hall Bungalow, Badcocks Lane, Spurstow, CW6 9RR	ALREADY DISCUSSED – NO COMMENTS MADE TO CHESHIRE EAST – NO OBJECTION
W/C	11/05/20	No new appns.		

Appendix 2

Payments proposed

£	25.00	ChALC	Online course attended by Clerk to the Council
£	520.00	Peter Wilson	Lengthsman's charges from 16th March to 8th September - 52 hours at £10.00 per hour

Note - The Chair and Clerk both expect to submit minor expenses claims for approval at the next meeting.

Chair	Costs of mobile phone for "Spurstow Support"
Clerk	Travel to Barclays Nantwich and subscription to Zoom for Spurstow PC