

SOUND & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the above Council, held on Tuesday 6th February 2018
at Broomhall Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

Present: A Brown (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), R. Brassington, D. Tomlinson, G. Bebbington, Mrs J. Park, P. Griffiths, R. Blackburn, P. Hitchen, Mrs R. Ruscoe and two members of the public.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, reported the sad passing of David Wright, past Chairman to Sound & District Parish Council and a Parish Councillor, for many years, for Baddiley.

1. **Apologies:** A. Baldwin. The Clerk informed the meeting that A. Baldwin has been in hospital for a long time but is now home, however he will not be attending meetings in the near future. and Mrs E. Hollinshead, F. Wright, M. Wright, Clr R. Bailey
2. **Declaration of Interest** – if a member is present at a meeting of the authority, and they have a disclosable pecuniary in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, they cannot take part in any discussion of the matter at the meeting or vote on it. They should disclose the interest to the meeting and follow the Council's Code of Conduct.
3. **Minutes** of last Parish Council Meetings held on 5th December 2017 were unanimously confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of P. Griffiths, sec., D. Tomlinson
4. **Matters arising** from last minutes
 - a. **P. Hitchen:** further to the last meeting the Clerk wrote to Antoinette Sandbach M.P and has received the following reply:-

“Thank you for contacting Antoinette. Mr Hitchen has been in contact with Antoinette on a number of occasions and she has done what she can to help him. He is now contacting people through Cheshire and claiming that she has not nor will not help him. Antoinette assists and advises hundreds of constituents every month. However, Members of Parliament can only do so much and I am sure that you appreciate whilst I cannot go into the details of Mr Hitchen's case, he has been advised that he requires legal advice and MP's cannot give legal advice. He does not accept that.
Thank you again for getting in touch and if I can be of further help please drop me a line”.

Roz Buchanan | Office Manager to Antoinette Sandbach MP
 - b. **Broadband Speeds:** further to the last meeting the Clerk has raised the matter of broadband speeds and has received the following reply:-

“I have reviewed postcode data within Sound parish, attached is a spreadsheet of the coverage within the parish. It appears to show a lot of fibre connectivity with speeds of 24+ mbps. As part of the earlier phases in Connecting Cheshire we upgraded cabinets from the Aston exchange to service this area.

CW5 8BA: This postcode has been covered by Connecting Cheshire and speeds between 7-15mbps are available to premises on this postcode. The reason the speeds aren't superfast +24mbps is because the fibre cabinet is too far away from the premises. The broadband connectivity runs from the cabinet to the premise using copper cables, this does impact the speed over distance.

CW5 8BS: Unfortunately this postcode is outside our current plans. In further phases of the Connecting Cheshire project, we hope to revisit areas where distance is limiting speeds but this is not in scope for your area currently.

If anyone currently receiving 2Mbps or less, they can claim a Better Broadband Scheme subsidy towards the installation cost. This will not prejudice against you receiving fibre in any forthcoming Connecting Cheshire funded roll-out. More info on the subsidy here:

<http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk/Betterbroadbandscheme>

Dean Burrows, Innovation & Growth, Engagement Officer

On the prop., A Brown, sec., P. Griffiths, Mrs Pye was invited to speak on this matter, she reported that CW5 8BA is in fact receiving generally between 2 and 3 mbps and the Clerk was asked to report this back, in addition R. Blackburn reported that CW5 8BS is currently @ .55 mbps. Further the meeting agreed that a copy of the correspondence on this matter be passed to Mrs Pye

- c. **Speedwatch update:** latest report is:- We now have a total of 11 speed watch volunteers but all from around Broomhall. There were 3 from Aston including Steve Berry but unfortunately all have dropped out so therefore most speed watch activity tends to concentrate around Sound school and Heatley Lane. We cannot seem to get any more volunteers from the Aston area. So generally we are doing OK except for Aston.
- d. **Railway Bridge – Baddington;** the Clerk reported that he has re-contacted Lee Holland, Highways Agency Historical Railways Estate, Hudson House, Toft Green, York, YO1 6HP re the continued deterioration of the bridge and they have been on site again today 6th February, and will report back asap.
- e. **House adjacent, Baddington Canal Bridge;** further to the resident attending a previous meeting, the matter was passed to Highways who have made a site visit and discussed with the resident. They report "there is little we can do. Advised them that we could not install a mirror or "concealed entrance" signs in the highway and that the best solution to their problem would be to amend the location of their access, which they were not happy about as it would cost a lot to relocate an underground gas tank or something. Did tell them that some mirrors and similar signs to what they asked for can be seen in some locations where they have been installed off the highway on private land".
- f. **Overgrown hedge at Holly Bank, Heatley Lane:** reported that still not cut back. Agreed to leave until next meeting before further action.

5. Highway matters:

- a. **Street Light;** no. 3 Heatley Lane is an 'all day-burner' – Clerk to report
- b. **Flooding:** floods @ junction Mickley Hall Lane/Heatley Lane and Chapel Lane/Wrenbury Heath Road – Clerk to report.
- c. **Canal Bridge:** on French Lane End to Broomhall Road – reported that wall cracked and coping loose – Clerk to report
- d. **Pot Hole:** reported a particularly bad pot hole, around a gully, on Coole Lane at junction with French Lane End
- e. **Lane from Wrenbury Heath Road to Sound Lane.** Reported that since bollards were erected to stop traffic using this some vehicles are still squeezing between the last bollard and the hedge – clerk to report.
- f. **Heatley Lane and Heatley Farm Lane:** no feedback from email – Clerk to follow up

6. Correspondence: Noted to members for their inspection and interest as follows:-

- a. **Cheshire East:**
 - 1. Spatial Planning Update
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial_planning/spatial-planning-update.aspx
 - 2. Pre Budget Consultation
 - 3. Connected Communities newsletter
- b. **Councillors** - none
- c. **Parishioners:-** none
- d. **Other**
 - 1. Clerks and Councils Direct
 - 2. ChALC's e-bulletin

7. Accounts

I. Income since last meeting:- none

II. Accounts paid since last meeting – none

III. Accounts to pay at this meeting

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| 1. | Chq No 500206 | |
| | Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church – Room Hire | £15.00 |

The above account(s) were unanimously approved for payment on the prop., P. Griffiths, sec., D. Tomlinson

IV. Other:

- 1. **Pensions Regulator:** the meeting were advised that Newhall Parish Council has completed an enrolment declaration
- 2. **External Auditor Appointments:** reported that this will now be undertaken by PKF Littlejohn LLP, Canary Wharf, London

8. Planning Applications:

I. Applications received since last meeting:-

a.

APPEAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE RE REFUSAL

Application No: **17/0475N**
Proposal: **Double garage with storage room in roof space**
Location: **BADDILEY LANE FARM, BADDILEY LANE, BADDILEY, CW5 8BP**

No further comments raised

b.

AMENDED PLANS

Application No: **17/4993N**
Proposal: **Partial demolition of single storey side extension, erection of two storey side and single storey rear link extension to existing dwellinghouse. Demolition and rebuild of former agricultural building to residential (to form part of same dwellinghouse), erection of wooden stable block (within curtilage) and new access from Barracks Lane.**
Location: **Fir Tree Farm, 35 Barracks Lane, Ravensmoor, Nantwich, CW5 8PR**

No further comments raised

c.

Application No: **18/0001N**
Proposal: **Listed building consent for repainting of building exterior**
Location: **SPRINGE LANE HALL, SPRINGE LANE, BADDILEY, CW5 8NP**
National Grid Ref: **361165 352329**

No Representation

d.

Application No: **17/5378N**
Proposal: **Conversion of garages to create a home office as well as raising roof above said garages to create new bedroom suite. Demolition of bay windows/doors and addition of new garden room . Removal of 2 windows to create new door opening.**
Location: **Barncroft, Heatley Lane, Broomhall, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8BA**

Ni representation

II. Results of previous applications :

a.

17/5345N

THE MAGGOT FARM, HACK HOUSE LANE, BADDINGTON

Demolition of former Hack Green maggot breeding farm buildings and erection of 5no. barn style residential units with associated garages parking and garden areas

approved with conditions

III. Applications/Planning Matters before this meeting:

a.

Application No: **18/0049N**
Proposal: **Extension to existing garage block and raising of the roof to create first floor area(s) inc external staircase**
Location: **BRIDGE FARM, BADDINGTON LANE, BADDINGTON, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE, CW5 8AD**

After a full consideration of the application there was a prop., by P. Griffiths, sec., Mrs J. Park, of No Representation, an amendment to support the application was made by R. Blackburn, sec., A Brown. A vote took place:- No Representation 2; Support 5 and 1 abstention. It was therefore agreed to support the application.

9. **Sound Common Report:** it was reported that the sign on the gate across the Common appears to have been replaced to read Footpath only. Clerk to write and thank Suddenstrike for amending this.
10. **Police Report:** P. Griffiths reported that there had been a spate of burglaries last year which have now stopped and generally no issues in this area.
11. **Next Meeting:** - proposed date of next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 27th March 2018

Meeting closed

