

SOUND & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the above Council, held on Tuesday 27th March 2018
at Broomhall Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

Present: A Brown (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), R. Brassington, L. Wright, G. Bebbington, Mrs J. Park, P. Griffiths, R. Blackburn, P. Hitchen, Mrs R. Ruscoe, Mrs E. Hollinshead, F. Wright, and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** D. Tomlinson, 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. Also, 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 6th February 2018 were unanimously confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of R. Brassington, sec., Mrs J. Park,
 4. **Matters arising** from last minutes
 - a. **P. Hitchen:** further to the last meeting when the Clerk reported on the reply from Antoinette Sandbach M.P by Roz Buchanan | Office Manager to Antoinette Sandbach MP

Mr Hitchen has made further representation to advise that he is unhappy with the reply and feels the Parish Council should request this comes from the MP herself and not her Office Manager, and a request to be made to the M.P. direct at her House of Commons office. On the prop., A Brown, sec., G. Bebbington, it was agreed that the Clerk should write again as per above.
 - b. **Broadband Speeds:** further to the last meeting the Clerk has raised the matter of broadband speeds yet again and has received the following reply:-

“The broadband speed reading was taken on the basis of one random premise using the ADSL checker.

If you wish to explore the ADSL checker, you can search specific addresses to find out their estimated broadband speeds. https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/adsl.htm?s_cid=ws_furls_adslchecker

Dean Burrows, Innovation & Growth, Engagement Officer

The meeting discussed again and on the prop., A Brown, sec., R. Blackburn, asked the Clerk to write again re:-

 - Baddiley Hall Lane – the wires are on the poles but no connection, when will this be installed, as it is badly affecting businesses with such poor broadband speed currently being experienced.
 - What would be the cost to a house/premises taking up the Better Broadband Scheme.
 - What would the subsidy be towards this for those currently experiencing less than 2mbps
 - c. **Speedwatch update:** Clerk reported that he has received the following from Mike Hartland
“We still seem to have very little progress on obtaining the SIDS data on the A530 in our area from Cheshire East Highways. Nick Jarvis tells me that he has written to them but no response. I know it has been raised at the police liaison meeting as well.
Therefore can I ask that the Parish Council formally write and request this data from Cheshire East and I suggest copy our county councillor.
Could you please advise me of the actions taken and any response”.
- J. Batho, Chairman, Newhall Parish Council and Chairman Police Cluster Group will take the matter up with PC N. Jervis and report back.

- d. **Railway Bridge – Baddington;** the Clerk reported that he has received the following information:-
A530 Road Closure
The closure is necessary to enable Structural Soils Ltd to carry out structural inspections.
It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Sunday 8th April 2018 to Sunday 8th April 2018 between times 08.00AM & 04.00PM.
- e. **Overgrown hedge at Holly Bank, Heatley Lane:** reported that still not cut back, and it is now not possible for two vehicles to pass each other at this location. On the prop., L. Wright, sec., Mrs J. Park, the Clerk was asked to follow the matter up with Cheshire East Highways
- f. **Street Light;** no. 3 Heatley Lane is an 'all day-burner' – Clerk reported ref 3316048
- g. **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 reported.
- h. **Flooding:** floods @ junction Mickley Hall Lane/Heatley Lane and Chapel Lane/Wrenbury Heath Road – Clerk reported.
- i. **Pot Hole:** reported a particularly bad pot hole, around a gully, on Coole Lane at junction with French Lane End – Clerk reported. Mrs R. Ruscoe reported that this has been attended to but is already breaking up again. Clerk to report further.
- j. **Canal Bridge:** on French Lane End to Broomhall Road – reported that wall cracked and coping loose – Clerk reported

5. Highway matters:

- a. Email received as follows:-
"I wonder if you could help as I am getting no response from highways. Sound lane is a National cycle route and it was closed last month. This was necessary for vehicles, but not for Cycles and I asked that the appropriate signs be deployed as the detour is very long and on more dangerous roads. Keeping local roads open is a boon to those trying out cycling for the first time as it makes an instant segregated route at no cost, but can save thousands on fuel, health and lifestyle proxy measures. Could you ask that in future signs are put out, as DFT asks (pictured), but be clear, I do not think Highways actually have any as they have never been deployed, unlike every other authority I know"
Ben Wye
Parish Council noted for future possible instances.

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

a. Cheshire East:

1. Connected Communities newsletter
2. Sustainable Modes of Travel to Schools Strategy - Consultation
3. Changes to bus services – posters have been displayed re this
4. SPATIAL PLANNING UPDATE - FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018
5. Consultation on proposals to bring in charges for new or replacement bins

b. Councillors - none

c. Parishioners:-

1. At the last meeting of Sound and District Residents association (SADRA) I volunteered to look into what was needed to create a neighbourhood plan. My research has identified that it is only the parish council who can apply for a neighbourhood plan. We understand that the process of developing the plan and submitting to the local authority is both time and resource consuming, so we would like to ask the parish council to allow SADRA to form a working group to formulate the plan, with the parish council being the neighbourhood planning body. Dr Anthony Shuker

Clerk advised that he has acknowledged this and suggested that they talk to Newhall Neighbourhood Plan to ascertain the amount of work needed to undertake such a scheme. The Parish Council could be the host for funding but the planning and work would likely be by a separate committee, albeit some members of the Parish Council may wish to be involved.

The Parish Council were supportive of such a scheme providing it covers all the Parishes within Sound & District. Clerk to respond to Dr Shuker

d. Other

1. Clerks and Councils Direct
2. ChALC's e-bulletin
3. Glasdon Guide
4. Cheshire Rural Touring Arts

7. Accounts

I. Income since last meeting:- it was reported that a refund claim has been made for 2017 VAT of £34.81

II. Accounts paid since last meeting – none

III. Accounts to pay at this meeting

1.	Chq No 500207 Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church – Room Hire	£15.00
2.	Chq No 500208 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – Jan - March 2018	£371.87
3.	Chq No 500210 HMRC – Jan - March 2018	£93
4.	Chq No 500209 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – Jan - March 2018	£128.60

The above account(s) were unanimously approved for payment on the prop., R. Blackburn, sec., Mrs R. Ruscoe.

IV. Other:

1. **Internal Audit:** the Clerk/RFO reported that once the Annual Accounts have been approved at the next meeting these will be sent to JDH to undertake the Internal Audit.

8. Planning Applications:

I. Applications received since last meeting:-

a.

Application No: **18/0872N**
Proposal: **Variation of condition 2 on approval 16/3106N**
Location: **The Willows Caravan Site, COOLE LANE, AUSTERSON**
National Grid Ref: **365535 350025**

No representation

P. Griffiths reported that he had been unable to open this application on Cheshire East website. It was agreed that if this glitch happens again the Clerk should be informed who will raise the matter with the Planning Dept.

b.

Application No: **18/0799N**
Proposal: **Proposed construction of an outdoor equine school (ménage)**
Location: **HACK HOUSE, HACK HOUSE LANE, BADDINGTON, CHESHIRE, CW5 8BL**
National Grid Ref: **364373 347978**

No representation

c.

Application No: **18/0805N**
Proposal: **Extend kitchen and locate utility area to the rear of the current garage.**
Location: **8, BADDILEY CLOSE, BADDILEY, CW5 8PU**
National Grid Ref: **361960 350561**

No representation

II. Results of previous applications :

a.

17/5378N

Barncroft, Heatley Lane, Broomhall, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8BA
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.

approved with conditions

b.

17/4993N

Fir Tree Farm, 35 Barracks Lane, Ravensmoor, Nantwich, CW5 8PR
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 (within curtilage) and new access from Barracks Lane

approved with conditions

III. Applications/Planning Matters before this meeting:

a.

Application No: **18/1376N**
Proposal: **Proposed Extensions to and Remodelling of Rose Cottage to modernise property and provide additional living accommodation.**
Location: **ROSE COTTAGE, COOLE LANE, COOLE PILATE, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE, CW5 8AU**

After a full consideration of the application on the prop., A Brown, sec., Mrs R. Ruscoe it was unanimously agreed to support the application.

9. Sound Common Report: none

10. Police Report: next meeting 17th April

11. Next Meeting: - proposed date of next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 17th April 2018

Meeting closed

