

## SOUND & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Virtual Meeting of the above Council, held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Present:** D. Tomlinson (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), Mrs E. Hollinshead, M. Hartland, Ms. H. Paterson, M. Wright, P. Griffiths, Mrs JR Park, Ms N. Watson, F. Wright, R. Blackburn, and Clr. RA Bailey

1. **Apologies:** L. Wright, R. Brassington, and Mrs R. Ruscoe
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 Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were unanimously confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of D. Tomlinson, sec., Ms N. Watson.
4. **Matters arising:-**
  - a. **AGM** – Clerk reported clarification from Cheshire East that Coronavirus Regs have removed the requirement to hold Annual Council and Annual Parish Meetings. Chairman remain in post until 2021.
  - b. **Litter Picking** - requesting volunteers to help with work on the common. It is a huge task, & all done by dwindling volunteer numbers, & students from Reaseheath.
  - c. **Telephone Lines:-** report from Ms N. Watson - trees on the common have increasingly encroached onto the telephone wires. The upshot of this is that every time it rains, the trees rub on the telephone wires, damage them, and many of us in Sound lose our landlines and/or broadband. This is a frequent occurrence, and can happen as often as every three months, with several days or weeks(in one case), before communications are restored.

The problem is that BT says the trees are privately owned, and they have no right to cut them back. I suspect this may be a red herring, as an excuse for doing nothing, but just in case, is it possible for Cheshire East to contact BT and give them permission to cut the trees back any time they want? That is what happens with Scottish Power...they just immediately remove any offending branches.

Alternatively, is Cheshire East responsible for getting the trees cut back? Sent to R. Doran and Clr Bailey.  
Reply from Mark Arnold states that BT need to contact Natural England and they will then be given the permission to undertake this work.
  - d. **Parish Council Vacancies:** it was reported that there is one vacancy for Austerson; and two for Baddington of which Mrs R. Ruscoe is taking one as per Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

On the prop., F. Wright, sec., M. Hartland, Mrs R. Ruscoe was co-opted to fill a vacancy at Baddington.

    - a. Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Declaration of Acceptance form was returned to the Clerk, and he will file this, display on website and send to Cheshire East Council
    - b. Code of Conduct for Members: Code of Conduct form have been distributed to all Parish Councillors, and they were advised that they must follow this Code at all times in relation to Parish Council business. By completing their Declaration of Acceptance form all Parish Councillors state that "I undertake to observe the code as to the conduct based on the Cheshire East Council Model" as per item 3 above.
    - c. Register of Members Interest: General Notice of Registrable Interest forms were returned to the Clerk, and he will file this, display on website and send to Cheshire East Council
    - d. GDPR: GDPR form was duly completed and given to Clerk for filing
5. **Highway matters:** the following matters were raised:-
  - a. Joint Parish Council Group has now been formed re Highway matters and D. Tomlinson has represented Sound & District Parish Council at the first Meeting.  
Initial comment:-

The Parish Councils of Marbury and District, Newhall, Sound and District and Wrenbury-cum-Frith have established a Highways Group aimed at discussing highways issues and improving engagement with the highways authority. There is concern about the current lack of engagement from the Borough Council and thus we would welcome the Borough Council identifying a dedicated resource to act as a conduit for any issues and attend meetings where appropriate. We understand that there is an Area Highways Group being held on 19 October, therefore, we would like this matter considering at this meeting. We understand that highways funding is based on the length of highways within an area and as such, these Councils consider that more resources should be allocated to our areas.

Further meeting has been arranged, and any highway issues should be sent to D. Tomlinson and he would then forward to the group for action.

**b. Gritting Routes:** Cllr Rachel Bailey - Audlem Ward reported:-

"You will be aware that proposed 'cuts' to the winter gritting programme were challenged earlier in the year. The local Area Highway Groups, are now to consider responses of a streamlined consultation during October. I am aware that Audlem have received notification and email to ensure your inclusion. My view is that school routes, such as Coole Lane, continue to be gritted".

On the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., F. Wright it as agreed that the parish Council should outline their concerns re this:-

Sound & District Parish Council wish to raise serious concerns over any consideration of reduced gritting routes in the rural areas. Rural Roads take up a huge percentage of the highway and need to be maintained as any other roads in Cheshire East. Coole Lane is a busy daily commute road, it services an old people's home, Café, marina and 3 touring caravan parks, it is also a school bus route for two schools. As such it is imperative that it be maintained at all times and especially so during the winter months. Comments to be forwarded to Cllr Bailey.

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

**a. Cheshire East:**

**b. Councillors:** none

**c. Parishioners:-** none

**d. Other**

i. Clerks and Councils Direct

**7. Accounts**

**I. Income since last meeting:-** none

1. Cheshire East 2 <sup>nd</sup> Precept payment	£2,000.00
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**II. Accounts paid since last meeting –** none

**III. Accounts to pay at this meeting**

1. Chq No 500078 Purchase Order 16 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – July - Sept 2020	£378.95
2. Chq No 500079 Purchase Order 17 HMRC – July - Sept 2020	£94.80
3. Chq No 500080 Purchase Order 18 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – July - Sept 2020	£107.40
4. Chq No500081 Purchase Order 19 Bates Office Services - Purchase Order Book	£15.74 (VAT £2.62)

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

**IV. Internal Audit – Engagement Letter between Sound Parish Council and JDH Business Services Ltd.** On the prop., Mrs JR Park, sec., F. Wright, it was unanimously agreed to appoint JDH Business Services under the terms of the agreement

**8. Planning Applications:**

**I. Applications received since last meeting:-**

**a.**  
Application No: **20/3769N**  
Proposal: **Removal of condition 1 of existing permission 18/4381N**  
Location: **WITHY MEADOW, BADDILEY LANE, BADDILEY, CHESHIRE, CW5 8BP**  
National Grid Ref: **361003 349967**

No representation

**b.**  
**INQUIRY**

Application No: **18/5952N**  
Proposal: **Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing use - Use of land for purposes ancillary to the dwelling house.**  
Location: **BADDILEY LANE FARM, BADDILEY LANE, BADDILEY, CW5 8BP**

No representation

As per 8/III below

**II. Results of previous applications :**

<b>a.</b>
19/5225N
Sandford Bank, SLAUGHTER HOUSE LANE, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BZ
Retrospective application for demolition of existing stables and erection of outbuilding forming garage and agricultural implement store
refused
<b>b.</b>
20/1718N
OAK BANK BARN, HEATLEY LANE, BROOMHALL, CHESHIRE, CW5 8AH
Application for change of use of a former agricultural building with B8 to a mixed business / industrial use along with use of the associated hard standing
yard areas and new proposed development of a side extension to the existing
barn (part retrospective).
approved with conditions
<b>c.</b>
20/1928N
Bridge Farm, SOUND LANE, SOUND, CW5 8BE
Steel portal frame agricultural building to cover 1existing holding yard
approved with conditions
<b>d.</b>
20/1791N
The Willows Caravan Site, COOLE LANE, AUSTERSON

Retrospective application for four static caravan pitches on existing site and extension to existing site to provide 12 additional touring pitches (change of use from equestrian)
approved with conditions
<b>e.</b>
20/2688N
Hall O Coole Cottage, HEATLEY LANE, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BA
Non material amendment on application 20/2688N.
Withdrawn
<b>f.</b>
20/1937N
HILL COTTAGE, WHITCHURCH ROAD, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BZ
Change of use of land to include a cattery business, to include the erection of a 10 bay cattery.
approved with conditions

### **III. Applications/Planning Matters before this meeting:**

**a. SADPD – Cllr Bailey reported:  
Parish Council have received:-**

Town and Parish Councils have taken a close interest in the development of the Council's Local Plan so I wanted to let you know that, yesterday, a report recommending the next steps with the second part of the Council's Local Plan, the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) was published for consideration by the Council's Strategic Planning Board (SPB) on 23 September, ahead of a decision being taken by the Council's Cabinet on 6 October. The report recommends that a number of changes are made to the version of the SADPD published in 2019, and that it is republished so that further representations can be made about it ahead of its submission for examination by a Planning Inspector.

At this stage, these are only officer recommendations but as this information is now in the public domain it may generate some local interest. If the Cabinet agrees to the recommendations, all Town and Parish Councils will be invited to make representations about the revised SADPD.

Here is a link to the SPB agenda (The SADPD is Item 11): <http://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=279&MIId=8020>

Jeremy Owens | Development Planning Manager

And further

The Document has since been approved with the following wording – "there is a soundness to the housing land supply, no conflict within policies of NP's and further explanation on why there is further safe guarding land ie Prestbury, Bollington and Disley"

On the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., F. Wright it was unanimously agreed that Sound & District Parish Council should voice their following concerns:- The removal of sites from the SADPD is hugely concerning, as the recent appeals in the locality testify, this means that housing quota supply is once more no longer sufficient. Without known allocated sites this risks opening up areas of land to developers to fill the quota and override Neighbourhood Plans and their policies.

**b.**

Application No: **20/3704N**

Proposal: **Conversion and extension of existing building to a dwelling (resubmission of 19/4519N)**

Location: **Barn at Holly Bank, HEATLEY LANE, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BA**

National Grid Ref: **362740 347229**

After consideration of the application, on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., M. Hartland it was unanimously agreed to offer no representation

**c.**

Application No: **20/3953N**  
Proposal: **Proposed demolition of existing stables and erection of agricultural implement store (retrospective).**  
Location: **Sandford Bank, SLAUGHTER HOUSE LANE, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BZ**  
National Grid Ref: **362194 347148**

After consideration of the application, on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., M. Hartland it was unanimously agreed to offer no representation

**d.**

Application No: **20/4272N**  
Proposal: **Side and rear single storey extension and conversion of garage**  
Location: **SMITHY HOUSE, COOLE LANE, COOLE PILATE, CHESHIRE, CW5 8AU**  
National Grid Ref: **364926 346482**

After consideration of the application, on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., M. Hartland it was unanimously agreed to offer no representation

IV. **Neighbourhood Plan:** reported that all matters are in hand and moving towards consultation and referendum.

9. **Sound Common Report:** reported that there will be a meeting on Friday of this week. The Clerk was asked to contact Mark Arnold and request that the Parish Council are informed of any works programme that will take place. This would allow and comments they felt relevant to be made.

10. **Police Report:** no meetings held.

11. **Next Meeting:** - proposed date of next Parish Council Meeting – December

**Meeting closed**