

## SOUND & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Virtual Meeting of the above Council, held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Councillors:** D. Tomlinson (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), P. Griffiths, Mrs J.R. Park, R. Blackburn, F. Wright, M. Hartland, M. Wright, Clr R. Bailey

1. **Apologies:** Ms N. Watson, Mrs R. Ruscoe, L. Wright, Mrs E. Hollinshead, Ms H. Paterson, R. Brassington,
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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were unanimously confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of M. Hartland, sec., D. Tomlinson.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - a. Reported that local litter pick work has been undertaken. Equipment supplied by ANSA
5. **Highway matters:**
  - a. D. Tomlinson reported on the Parish Council Group Committee, and particular problems, other than potholes, should be directed through this group for joint action. It was further mentioned that complaints raised should be logged by the Parish Council, he Clerk advised that this already occurs through listing in Minutes.
6. **Correspondence:** Noted to members for their inspection and interest as follows:-
  - a. **Cheshire East:** -
    - i. Covid19 Updates
    - ii. Pre-Budget Consultation for 2021 to 2025.
  - b. **Councillors:-**
  - c. **Parishioners :-**
    - i. **Ann Pye:** contact to Clerk re Broadband. BT are looking to install this in Heatley Lane and request Parish Council write to support this installation. Clr R. Bailey agreed to supply the Clerk with a contact re this matter.
  - d. **Other**
    - i. Clerks and Councils Direct
    - ii. Audlem & District Community Action – Letter from Chairman of ADCA:-  
New Lunch Club at Broomhall and Sound Chapel  
I am writing to let you know about the above new lunch club which ADCA aims to start in early January 2021 each Monday between 11.30am – 2 pm. This new club is funded through a Covid Recovery Grant from Cheshire East Council. The start has been delayed because of the second lockdown. We are now working on a publicity leaflet which we will send to you shortly for circulation locally.  
We are also working in partnership with Wrenbury Together and will be providing transport via volunteer drivers and the local Wheelybus. If you know of any local people who would wish to volunteer as drivers, please let us know on the above contact details.  
The lunch club will be Covid-Secure and will provide for 9 people each week. We aim to provide attendance each fortnight for up to 18 isolated older people who may live alone and need company and support. Members will be asked for a £10 contribution for what will be a hot two course meal prepared by one of our paid cooks with coffee/tea on arrival.  
We are now looking for referrals of people who may want to come along for what will be a booked service. Please let us know of anyone who you think may be interested, with their permission, on the above phone number. Our Coordinator, Tracey Humphries, will then follow up people with a visit or phone call  
ADCA has funding for up to 6 months from Cheshire East Council but will be looking for further funding into the future if the club is a success. Could we ask if your Parish Council would consider a grant towards the running of the club during the financial year from April 2021.  
We will be also looking to undertake charitable fund raising in partnership with the Methodist Chapel and Wrenbury Together.

## 7. Accounts

### I. Income since last meeting:-

### II. Accounts paid since last meeting – none

### III. Accounts to pay at this meeting Parish Council

1.	Chq No 500082 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – Oct - Dec 2020	£378.95
2.	Chq No 500083 HMRC – Oct - Dec 2020	£94.80
3.	Chq No 500084 A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – Oct - Dec 2020	£26.99
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>		
4.	Chq No 500085 Cheshire Community Action	£342.00

The above accounts were unanimously approved for payment on the prop., F. Wright, sec., R. Blackburn.

### V. Precept 2021/22

An estimated budget for the Financial Year 2021/22 was presented to the Meeting by the Clerk/RFO as follows:-

Room Hire	150.00
Insurance	350.00
Assoc of Parish Councils	320.00
Clerk Salary: National Assoc of Local Councils LC1/SPC16	1932.84
Clerk Expenses	590.00
Internal Audit	210.00
Website	<u>350.00</u>

**Total £3902.84**

These budgeted expenses were approved on the prop., D. Tomlinson sec., R. Blackburn.

Further - on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., R. Blackburn.  
it was unanimously agreed to make the following donations:-

1. Baddiley Church for Churchyard Maintenance  
it was agreed to donate £100
2. Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church  
it was agreed to donate £100
3. Audlem First Responders  
it was agreed to donate £100
4. Highway contingency £150

= £450

**Therefore total estimated expenditure = £4352.84**

Further, it was reported

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – Bank Balances = Current A/C £8410.13, Bus Reserve A/C £182.89 = total £8593.02**

**Represented by:**

**Parish Council Balance**

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – Bank Balances = Current A/C £2620.13 Bus Reserve A/C £182.89 = total £2803.02**

- u/c cheques
- None

= cleared Bank Balance of **£2803.02**

Still to pay in this financial year (estimated):-

Broomhall Chapel – Donation	100.00
St Michaels, Baddiley	100.00
Clerks Salary	758.00
HMRC	190.00
Clerks Expenses	100.00
	= <b>£1248.00</b>

**Therefore = Parish Council c/f on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 approx. of £1555.02**

This figure is approx. the same to the previous year due to the Parish Council Precepting for the approx., estimated budget given for 2020/21.

**Neighbourhood Plan Balance £5790**

- u/c cheques

Cheshire Community Action	342.00
= cleared Bank Balance of	<b>£5448</b>

Minus any accounts still to pay in this financial year

**Therefore = on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 approx. of £5448 to be repaid (less expenditure to be cleared)**

(Also for information the Precept for the last year financial year had been £4000)

The Clerk declared an interest with respect to the Clerks Salary & Expenses and this was duly recorded. Clerks Salary @ LC1/SPC16 is equivalent grade within new grading structure and this will rise to SPC17 in subsequent years. Figures as National Joint Council for Local Govt Services new pay scales – was agreed on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec, F. Wright.  
– Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 7/V

**To summarise:-** Sound & District Parish Council estimated in Bank (31/3/20) £1555.02 costs (2020/21) estimated @ £4352.84  
= shortfall of **£2797.82**

Therefore on the prop., of M. Hartland, sec., R. Blackburn, to keep the balance approx. as of this year, it was unanimously agreed that Sound & District Parish Council should Precept for £4,500 for the Financial Year 2021/22

## **8. Planning Applications:**

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

#### **a.**

Application No: **20/4929N**  
Proposal: **Erection of fitness and education suite**  
Location: **Lower Farm, COOLE LANE, AUSTERSON, CW5 8AT**  
National Grid Ref: **365436 347855**

No representation

#### **b.**

Application No: **20/4898N**  
Proposal: **Demolition of Existing Conservatory to Rear and Replacement with Oak Framed Orangery Extension.**  
Location: **Bramble Cottage, NEWTOWN ROAD, SOUND, CW5 8BG**  
National Grid Ref: **362570 348070**

No representation

**c.**  
 Application No: **20/4802N**  
 Proposal: **Single storey side and rear extension**  
 Location: **1, Chapel Cottage, COOLE LANE, COOLE PILATE, Nantwich, CW5 8AU**  
 National Grid Ref: **365150 347232**

No representation

**II. Results of previous applications;**

<b>a.</b>
20/3518D
The Willows Caravan Site, COOLE LANE, AUSTERSON
Discharge of condition 8 on approval 20/1791N.
approved
<b>b.</b>
20/3704N
Barn at Holly Bank, HEATLEY LANE, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BA
Conversion and extension of existing building to a dwelling
(resubmission of 19/4519N)
refused
<b>c.</b>
20/4272N
SMITHY HOUSE, COOLE LANE, COOLE PILATE, CHESHIRE, CW5 8AU
Side and rear single storey extension and conversion of garage
approved with conditions
<b>d.</b>
20/3953N
Sandford Bank, SLAUGHTER HOUSE LANE, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BZ
Proposed demolition of existing stables and erection of agricultural
implement store (retrospective).
approved with conditions

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

**a.**  
 Application No: **20/5312N**  
 Proposal: **Retrospective planning application for alterations to access, formation of drive, timber garden shed and timber clad container**  
 Location: **Baddiley Lane Farmhouse, Baddiley Lane, Baddiley, CW5 8BP**  
 National Grid Ref: **360935.0629 349689.4221**

After consideration of the application it was agreed, on the prop., R. Blackburn, sec., M. Wright, to Support the application.

**b.**

Application No: **20/5006N**  
Proposal: **Construction of a wooden stable block**  
Location: **Whitegate Farm, SOUND LANE, SOUND, CW5 8BE**  
National Grid Ref: **362192.12 349591.89**

After consideration of the application it was agreed, on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., M. Wright, to Support the application.

**c.**

Application No: **20/5178N**  
Proposal: **Installation of 6.06lx2.44wx2.60h metre shipping container painted RAL colour 100 20 10 for storage of equipment in connection with the maintenance and upkeep of fishing ponds and surroundings. For example sit-on mower, aerator and generator, dredge, fencing equipment etc.**  
Location: **Land adjacent to Hack Green Lake, Hack Green Lake, Nantwich, Baddington**  
National Grid Ref: **364413.5067 347709.4745**

After consideration of the application it was agreed, on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., R. Blackburn, to Support the application.

**d.**

The Revised Publication Draft Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) includes non-strategic planning policies and site allocations. It has been prepared to support the strategic policies of the Local Plan Strategy. Following the previous consultation in 2019, the draft SADPD has been amended and the council has now published the Revised Publication Draft SADPD to invite further representations before it is submitted for examination by a planning inspector. Full details of the consultation are set out in the updated 'Statement of the Representations Procedure' which is also attached to this email. The deadline for representations is now 5:00pm on Wednesday 23 December.

Clerk to resend comments of 16<sup>th</sup> June as they do not appear to be visible on the Document.

- 9. Sound Common report:-** Clerk reported the following from Mark Arnold - Countryside Ranger, I am contacting you to let you know that we will be carrying out some habitat enhancement works on the common this winter using mechanical equipment. This will not be along the lines of the work done several years ago, but minor scrub control measures.  
Specifically the works are:-  
To flail the area of bramble and tree regrowth in the former alder area adjacent the enclosure field opposite 'Red Lion'  
The cut and treat the willow regrowth alongside the boardwalk  
The pull out the willow etc regrowth along the length of the central ditch  
To remove the bramble on the edge of the restored area adjacent the enclosure field.  
Warning notices will be displayed for public safety and the work should take four days.  
If you have any concerns or would like further information, please do get back in touch with me.

Mrs E. Hollinshead also advised:-

There has been quite a bit of work going on on the access up to the red lion on sound common. The access seems to have been widened and there have been boulders put at the end.  
I would like the parish council to ask CE if this work has been authorised on a SSSI, and also why the parish council have not been informed.

CE have promised in the past that nothing would be done without us being notified and also, I have requested in the past that it be logged that the access does not belong to Sudden Strike and therefore not entitled to treat it as such.

Reply from Mark Arnold:-

My understanding is that Suddenstrike applied to Natural England to dig a slit trench to feed an electric cable to the green gate in order that an automatic opening system can be installed. Suddenstrike do not have to have permission from Cheshire East Council for such works. As far as I am aware the driveway has not been widened.

I take on board the need to keep the parish council informed of any works that the countryside ranger service is carrying out and if I become aware of potential work by agencies such as Scottish Power and British Telecom I will similarly keep you informed.

I will certainly have a look and if report back to Natural England if required. I will e-mail you back when I have had chance to go down to Sound.

On a separate matter, the contractor maintenance work on the habitats has been completed. In addition to scrub and bramble removal the contractors have removed overhanging vegetation along the boardwalk, and moved debris that had inadvertently blocked an unofficial path from the enclosure field to Sandy lane. Hopefully this will improve access for local users.

On the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., M. Hartland, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Suddenstrike to ask the Parish Council be kept informed of any further proposed work.

**10. Police Report:** P. Griffiths reported that no meetings have been held of the group. Further there has been a spate of break ins to outbuildings and sheds.

**11. Next Meeting:** - proposed date – early February.

**Meeting closed.**