

SOUND & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the above Council

Wednesday 15th December 2021, at Broomhall Chapel

Councillors: D. Tomlinson (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), P. Griffiths, F. Wright, M. Hartland, Mrs E. Hollinshead, R. Brassington, I. Blakeman & Clr R. Bailey

1. **Apologies:** R. Blackburn, Ms H. Paterson, Ms N. Watson
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 27th September and 16th November 2021 were unanimously confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., of I. Blakeman, sec., D. Tomlinson
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a. **Bus Service:-** from Chris Taylor | Transport Planner | Cheshire East Council | Strategic Transport Launch of a new Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service on the 4th October 2021 named 'go-too'. This service will operate within the rural area south and west of Nantwich.
Information on how to book the service and which areas are included etc., can be found on the go-too service's website at: <http://www.go-too.co.uk>
As we continue to develop our Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) solutions such as Demand Responsive Transport are continuing to be considered. This pilot scheme is a good opportunity to test the ability of DRT to serve rural communities in the future.
Reported that the new service appears to be working very successfully.
5. **Highway matters:**
 - a. **Gritting Routes:** great concern was expressed re the removal of Coole Lane from the gritting routes and the spate of accidents which have since occurred. Clr Bailey advised that the matter can be reviewed but the matter would have to go back to Council which will take some time.
Similarly the condition of the road on Coole Lane is appallingly bad.
On the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., M. Hartland it as unanimously agreed the Clerk should write the Chief Executive of CE, and cc Edward Timpson MP to ask:-
 - CE are ignoring their statutory duty on road safety in removing Coole Lane from the Winter Gritting Route.
 - Sound & District Parish Council advise that no responsibility for any accidents and subsequent actions can be levelled at the Parish Council.
 - It has resulted in children being unable to get to and from school in the recent bad weather which is totally unacceptable
 - Can the Parish Council be advised where the £2,000,000 taken from the Highway Budget has been allocated.
 - Can the Parish Council be advised what is the minimum basic standard required for road condition of Coole Lane, and please justify how Coole Lane meets this standard
 - Coole Lane is regularly used as a diversion when CE are undertaking other road repairs. The Parish Council ask that this road be removed from any diversion route until, the above matters have been addressed.
 - b. Chairman reported that good progress has been achieved with the Highways Group for smaller work. Passing places have now been installed on Mickley Lane, and Gully work is ongoing. Members were advised that they should continue to report all defects in road conditions on a regular basis.
 - c. Cheshire East Council's Speed Management Strategy Consultation 2021

<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SpeedManagementStrategyConsultation/>

Meeting felt that Speed Management should be a priority for all rural roads. Many of which are experiencing excessive speeding, on what are generally poor quality and narrow roads.

- d. Sound Lane – the work being undertaken has blocked pedestrian access and the Clerk was asked to write to see if CE have permission to do this, or should it be maintained at all times.

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

a. **Cheshire East:** -

b. **Councillors:-**

c. **Parishioners :-**

d. **Other**

- i. Clerks and Councils Direct
ii. ChALC's e-bulletin

7. Accounts

I. Income since last meeting:-

- a. Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy
2 Grants of £900 £1,800.00
This levy can be spent as per Govt guidelines only
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy#spending-the-levy>

II. Accounts paid since last meeting – none

III. Accounts to pay at this meeting

Parish Council

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| 1. | Chq No 5000 | Purchase Order 45 | |
| | A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – Oct - Dec 2021 | | £386.65 |
| 2. | Chq No 5000 | Purchase Order 46 | |
| | HMRC – Oct - Dec 2021 | | £96.60 |
| 3. | Chq No 5000 | Purchase Order 47 | |
| | A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – Oct - Dec 2021 | | £46.40 |
| 4. | Chq No 5000 | Purchase Order 48 | |
| | Broomhall Chapel – 2 meetings | | £30 |
| 5. | Chq No 5000 | Purchase Order 49 | |
| | Baddiley Church for Churchyard Maintenance | | £100 |
| 6. | Chq No 5000 | Purchase Order 50 | |
| | Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church - donation | | £100 |
| 7. | Chq No 5000 | Purchase Order 51 | |
| | Audlem First Responders - donation | | £100 |

The above accounts were unanimously approved for payment on the prop., M. Hartland, sec. I. Blakeman

V. Precept 2022/23

An estimated budget for the Financial Year 2022/23 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., I. Blakeman sec., D. Tomlinson

Further - on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., I. Blakeman 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

1st December 2021 – Bank Balances = Current A/C £9807.38, Bus Reserve A/C £183 = total £9990.38

This balance is represented by a/b/c below:

a.

Parish Council Balance

1st December 2021 – Bank Balances = Current A/C £3921.38 Bus Reserve A/C £183 = total £4104.38

- u/c cheques

expenditure as above 7/III

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Total £859.65

= cleared Bank Balance of **£3244.73**

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

Clerks Salary	386.00
HMRC	96.00
Clerks Expenses	50.00
=	£532.00

Therefore = Parish Council c/f on 31st March 2022 approx. of £2712.73

This figure is more than the previous year due to the Parish Council Precepting for more than the actual expenditure occurred during 2021/22.

b.

Neighbourhood Plan Balance - £4086.00

- u/c cheques none

Minus any accounts still to pay in this financial year

Therefore = on 31st March 2022 approx. of £4086 to be repaid (less expenditure to be cleared)

C. Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy - £1,800.00

Which can be held for up to 5 years for specific appropriate expenditure

(Also for information the Precept for the last year financial year had been £4500)

To summarise:- Sound & District Parish Council estimated in Bank (31/3/21) £2712.73 costs (2022/23) estimated @ £4352.84 = shortfall of **£1640.11**

Therefore on the prop., of Mrs E. Hollinshead, sec., P. Griffiths it was unanimously agreed that Sound & District Parish Council should Precept for £3650 for the Financial Year 20022/23 To return to an estimated c/f on 31st March 2023 of approx., £2,000.

VI. Internal Audit: JDH Business Services - unanimously agreed to continue with their services as per engagement letter

8. Planning Applications:

**I. Applications received since last meeting :-
As per 8/III below**

II. Results of previous applications;

a.
20/0333N
Hill Farm, WHITCHURCH ROAD, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BZ
Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)
approved with conditions
b
21/3162N
Hall O Coole Cottage, HEATLEY LANE, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BA
Variation of condition 2 on application 19/3362N - Proposed extension and garage.
approved with conditions

III. Applications/Planning Matters before this meeting:

- a. Application No: 20/0333N – Hill Top Farm – update from Clerk who reported that he has written to the applicant to ask for a meeting with the Parish Council but ne reply has been received.

- b. Representation to the Parish Council by a local resident re Oak Farm, Heatley Lane – update by Clerk
Case Reference: 21/00989E Nature of problem: Creation of new access. Erection of new building Location: OAK BANK BARN, HEATLEY LANE, BROOMHALL, CHESHIRE, CW5 8AH Further to your enquiry regarding the above matter I can now confirm that the case has been allocated reference 21/00989E and passed to a member of the enforcement team. Planning Officer has advised that any parishioner with a problem should contact CE direct and they need to have a very specific issue that is requiring clarification.

c.

Application No: **21/6104N**

Proposal: **Left hand side first floor extension, rear single and two storey extension, front elevation bay window and canopy and brick skin around existing garage**

Location: **40, HEATLEY LANE, BROOMHALL, CW5 8BA**

National Grid Ref: **362715.6457 347697.683**

On the prop., P. Griffiths, sec., Mrs E. Hollinshead, No Representation was recorded

IV. Neighbourhood Plan: update that amendments to plan are still ongoing. With regard to Coole Parish it was advised that if/when the Plan is approved it may be possible to then extend to cover other Parishes.

9. Sound Common report:- no report

10. Police Report: last meeting of Cluster Group, which was very poorly attended, advised there was little to report for this area.

11. Next Meetings: - Thursday 3rd February and Tuesday 15th March were proposed.

Meeting closed.