

SOUND & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes - Meeting of the above Council, Wednesday 4th October 2023

at Broomhall Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

Councillors: I. Blakeman (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), L. Wright, D. Tomlinson, F. Wright, Mrs E. Hollinshead, M. Wright, P. Griffiths, Clr R. Bailey and 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Ms N. Watson, R. Blackburn, 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 18th July 2023 were unanimously confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., F. Wright
4. **Matters arising:-**
 - a. **Bus Service** – comments from joint Newhall, Audlem and Sound PC
There seems to be little point in providing a service for the over 80's and then isolate all other groups (assuming this is a strategy to discontinue GoToo), instead of embracing GoToo for "all" in the rural community, with all the benefits of joining the communities/businesses.

By adding FlexBus, they will be essentially doubling up on services now (GoToo has to be the collateral damage for this initiative), I don't know the business model costing for these services, but another bus doing something similar, picking up fewer people is going to cost the tax payer more, the natural conclusion of this seems to be:

Promote GoToo expand its popularity to all-not if they are introducing Flexbus
FlexBus & GoToo working in the same environment makes little sense, cost prohibitive (or should be)

FlexBus seems to be the pseudo replacement for GoToo, operating for a very limited group of people, missing the opportunity to connect everyone, and miss the opportunity to claw back costs by getting people to pay for the service (O-80's mostly being pensioners who will travel for free) others would pay if promoted correctly.

In summary, the GoToo bus service can be promoted to all, build it to a zero sum gain/loss proposition to the Council, benefiting ALL the rural & urban communities, terminate the idea of a limited supply service (FlexBus), as this has zero chance of wiping its own face financially equaling cost to the Council/taxpayer. It really wouldn't take much to cover the costs of the GoToo service, it would just have to be promoted correctly, this really is a non risk/dynamic proposition.

Clr Bailey advised that the current contracts expire in March 2024. Further details will be circulated and if a joint response is necessary the Chairman will liaise the joint meeting with Newhall and Audlem to formulate this.

5. **Co-Option to Parish Council.** As per last Minutes, M. Hartland advised he would stand for the vacant seat at Broomhall – Clerk advertised accordingly, and with no call for an election the Co-option was confirmed on the prop., P. Griffiths, sec., D. Tomlinson

M. Hartland formally handed his Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interest Forms to the Clerk for filing as per 5/c/d below.

Austerson – Vacancy

Baddiley – R. Blackburn; M. Wright and one vacancy

Baddington – I. Bulkeley and one Vacancy

Broomhall – Mrs E. Hollinshead; G.L. Wright, M. Hartland

Coole Pilate – R. Brassington; I. Blakeman

Sound – D. Tomlinson; P. Griffiths; W.F. Wright; Ms N. Watson

The remaining vacancies, will be filled when Parishioners declare an interest to be a Councillor within the areas with a vacancy, and this will then be advertised by the Clerk as a Casual Vacancy at that time. The Clerk advised that Tanya Tucker-Arnold has advised she wishes to be considered for the Baddiley vacancy, as such Clerk to advertise accordingly with Cheshire East Council, and if no election called a co-option can take place at the next meeting.

- b. Code of Conduct for Members: Code of Conduct forms have been distributed to all Co-Opted Parish Councillors, and they were advised that they must follow this Code at all times in relation to Parish Council business.
- c. Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Declaration of Acceptance forms were returned to the Clerk, and he will file these.
- d. General Notice of Registrable Interest: General Notice of Registrable Interest forms were returned to the Clerk, and he will file with Monitoring Officer at Cheshire East Council

6. Highway matters:-

- a. CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - S14 (2) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cheshire East Borough Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers issues this notice temporarily to prohibit traffic in the following length of road:-
Coole Lane, Audlem Ward, Nantwich, Unknown from the junction of Back Coole Lane to the junction of Whitchurch Road
The alternative route will be via the following streets: - Whitchurch Road, Goldsmith Lane, Cock Lane, Baddington Lane, Coole Lane Location Map - <https://one.network/?tm=135516788>
Pedestrian access to any premises situated within the temporary closure will be maintained at all times. Cyclists will be required to dismount in order for access to be maintained. Vehicular access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents where possible.
The closure is necessary for works to be carried out by Openreach
It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Friday 17th November 2023
This notice will become operative on 17th November 2023 for a period of 5 days or for such less time as is necessary to enable the works to be completed.
Notice Date: 4th September 2023
- b. D. Tomlinson reported that the Pan Parish had discussed expansion to other Parishes but it had been decided to keep to 4 which would keep things more relevant and manageable. Money was now a bigger issue than ever and even emergency repairs are proving to be difficult. Any issues should be recorded on Fix My Street and any long outstanding issues should be reported to D. Tomlinson who will liaise with these and CE

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

a. Cheshire East: reported to meeting:-

- i. On 27 July, Cheshire East Council's environment and communities committee approved the implementation details of a green waste subscription service, which is one of the initiatives included in the council's adopted medium-term financial strategy 2023-27.

Residents will be able to sign up to the council's green waste collection scheme in early October 2023, and the paid for collections will then commence from 15 January 2024 (dependent on their scheduled collection date).

Until January, residents should continue to dispose of their waste in the normal way. Collections will continue as normal.

By opting-in to the green waste recycling scheme, residents can continue using their garden bin to recycle their green waste and will pay an annual subscription fee of £56 for it to be collected.

If residents choose to subscribe, they will continue to receive green waste collections on their usual scheduled collection day, which takes place fortnightly.

We recognise that residents may be contacting you with specific questions about the subscription service, and the answers to many of these are likely to be found on our website – [Garden bin subscription \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/garden-bin-subscription)

To assist you, I have also provided the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions below.

A full communications campaign will launch imminently. The first stage of this campaign will be to create awareness among residents that their garden bin collection service is changing. This will run alongside ongoing waste prevention work.

The council's waste strategy encourages residents to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste as much as they possibly can, so that less waste needs to be disposed of.

This includes encouraging people to try home composting and to minimise food waste through the 'love food hate waste' programme.

More information about home composting [Home composting \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/home-composting) and food waste reduction [Reducing household waste \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/reducing-household-waste) is available on our website.

We will be in touch with you again before subscriptions launch in October, to provide you with further information about the service.

Tom Shuttleworth - Interim Director Environment and Neighbourhoods

- ii. Final Draft Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document (SuDS SPD) consultation.
- iii. Live Well – poster has been displayed.
- iv. Definitive Map Modification Order – addition of a footpath Newtown Road to Sound Lane now number 15 in waiting list.
- v. Sent on behalf of Cheshire East Council Parking Services - Following our request for initial feedback from Town and Parish Councils in August 2023, we can confirm that the statutory public consultation for the parking review will run from Wednesday 20th September 2023 to Wednesday 1st November 2023.

The proposals will be on display at each car park as well as in local newspapers, and on the council's website. The proposals will also be available to view in local libraries and further information will be provided as part of press releases issued to the local media and promoted by the council.

During the six-week statutory public consultation period, every ward councillor, town and parish council will be invited to make representations, alongside other stakeholders and the wider public.

Clr Bailey shared the link re the Audlem petition with the Clerk and he will circulate to all.

b. Councillors: none

c. Parishioners:- none

d. Other

- i. Clerks and Councils Direct
- ii. ChALC's e-bulletin
- iii. Nantwich Town Council - Nantwich Food Bank supporting those facing hardship and requesting financial support - £50 for Sound & District. On the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., L. Wright it was agreed to donate £50 towards this and the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries re the implementation of this.
- iv. The Mayor, Cllr Rod Fletcher is holding his civic service on Sunday 5th November; he would be delighted to see representatives of our Parish Councils attend.

8. Accounts

I. Income since last meeting:-

- 1. Precept – half year £2000.00

II. Accounts paid since last meeting – none

III. Accounts to pay at this meeting

- 1. Chq No 500322 Purchase Order 108
Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church – Room Hire £15.00
- 2. Chq No 500323 Purchase Order 109
A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Salary – July - Sept 2023 £623.35
- 3. HMRC – July - Sept 2023 £0
Due to change in Clerks Tax Codes - Teasdale & Co, Payroll administrators advise that Clerk will pay this Tax through his annual self-employed
- 4. Chq No 500324 Purchase Order 110
A.G. Lawrence – Clerk Expenses – July - Sept 2023 £37.05

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

9. Planning Applications:

I. Applications received since last meeting:-

a.

Application No: **23/3126N**
Proposal: **Proposed single storey extensions and outbuilding**
Location: **Rosemount, SOUND LANE, SOUND, CW5 8BE**
National Grid Ref: **361942.014 348186.0668**

No representation made

b.

Application No: **23/3401N**
Proposal: **Single storey lean to extension to rear of dwelling**
Location: **1, Coole Barns, COOLE LANE, COOLE PILATE, CW5 8AU**
National Grid Ref: **364962.3919 346357.5125**

No representation made

II. Results of previous applications:

a.
23/2532N
Badgers Hollow, WRENBURY HEATH ROAD, SOUND, CW5 8BT

Proposed amendments to existing vehicular access arrangements and construction of new driveway
Delegated Agenda
b.
23/2256N
LAND ADJACENT TO, Lane Farm, HEATLEY LANE, BROOMHALL
Field Gate
approved with conditions
c.
23/2758M
Fields Farm, SOUND LANE, SOUND, CW5 8BE
Proposed Silage Clamp
Determination - appvl not reqd (stage 1)
d.
23/1542D
Coole Acres Fishery And Leisure Park, COOLE LANE, NEWHALL, CW5 8AY
Discharge of Conditions 3, 5, 10, 11, 15 & 19 on 22/2403N - Remodelling of hatchery ponds to create a new lake, use of land for the siting of 19 no. holiday lodges, 2 no. mobile camping pods, accessways, parking & ancillary
Part approved/part refused

III. Applications/Planning Matters before this meeting:

- a.** Land off Newtown Road – consultation of key stakeholders. With regard to this item it was agreed:-
- Those Parish Councillors who helped formulate the Neighbourhood Plan should start to formulate points for consideration taking into account what had been outlined in this.
 - The item will then be discussed at the next meeting when the above will give a starting point for the Parish Council response for when an application is submitted.
 - Clerk to ascertain if these proposals can be circulated to parishioners.
 - The Meeting agreed that it was good to have received a consultation of the proposal rather than just without knowledge receiving a planning application re the matter

- b.**
- Application No: **23/3480N**
- Proposal: **Removal of condition 4 on approval 18/4424N: ERECTION OF 3 CAR GARAGE WITH WORKROOM ABOVE**
- Location: **WITHY MEADOW, BADDILEY LANE, BADDILEY, CHESHIRE, CW5 8BP**
- National Grid Ref: **361040.9644 349932.0719**

No representation made

- c.**
- Application received after agenda circulated and therefore just for reference
- Application No: **23/3687N**
- Proposal: **Single storey rear bedroom, wetroom, and utility extension with flat roof**
- Location: **White House, Heatley Lane, Broomhall**

- 10. Sound Common:** no report

11. Police Report: from PCSO N. Jervis:- incidents in parish and surrounding area Crime data for the area for the month of

Incidents in parish and surrounding area - Crime data:-

July

- 7/7. Concern For safety: French Lane.
- 9/7. Concern For safety: Baddington lane.
- 10/7. Violence: Oaks Close Aston.
- 10/7. Concern for Safety: French Lane.
- 10/7. Burglary Dwelling. Sheppenhall Lane Aston.
- 12/7. Warrant: Austerson.
- 12/7. Concern for Safety: French Lane.
- 14/7. Violence: Oaks Close Aston.
- 19/7. Theft Of Motor Vehicle: Sound, vehicle found in Nantwich.
- 20/7. Abandoned 999 call: Sound Heath.
- 20/7. RTC: Whitchurch Road Newhall, no injuries.
- 22/7. ASB: Hollin Lane, dog related.
- 23/7. Road Related Offence: A530 Broomhall.
- 26/7. RTC: Sheppenhall Lane, no injuries.
- 27/7. Missing Person: Newhall, found safe and well.
- 28/7. Animals Domestic: French Lane.
- 30/7. Road Related Offence: Baddington.
- 30/7. Concern for Safety: Baddington

August:

- 2/8. Animal/Domestic. A530 Baddington, sheep in the road.
- 6/8. Missing Person. Newhall, found safe and well.
- 12/8. Theft from Motor Vehicle. Sound Lane.
- 13/8. Missing Person. Overwater Marina, found safe and well.
- 14/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound Lane.
- 17/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound Lane.
- 17/8. ASB. Baddington Lane. Laser pointed at helicopter.
- 17/8. Violence. Sound Lane.
- 17/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound Lane.
- 19/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound Lane.
- 19/8. Stop and Search. A530 Baddington.
- 19/8. Highway Disruption. A530 Broomhall, sheep in the road.
- 20/8. Violence. Sound Lane.
- 23/8. Animals/Domestic. Slaughter House Lane, dog related.
- 25/8. Suspicious Activity. Sound lane.
- 26/8. Road Related Offence. A530 Newhall, possible drink driver.
- 29/8. Theft of Motor Vehicle. Wrenbury Road Aston. Flatbed truck stolen. Found on Audlem Car Park.
- 30/8. Vulnerable Person. Aston.

12. Next Meeting: - date of next Parish Council Meetings 11th December

Meeting closed.