



AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 14 September 2017
at The Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



Part I – Public and Press present

1. Attendance	Cllr J Clowes Cllr A Armitt Cllr B Bath Cllr M Blomeley Cllr S Ranger Cllr D Savage Cllr M Street	Mrs S McKay – Acting Clerk to the Council Mr Stephen Harrison – Westbourne Care Home.		
2. Apologies	None			
3. Declarations of Interest	Cllr Armitt declared an interest in item 7, planning application 17/4302C as a friend of the applicant.			
4. Public Speaking	None			
5. Minutes	RESOLVED (A17/18/17) to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 13 July 2017.			
6. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skatepark – Canvas have commented on the skatepark surface, indicating that the cracks are normal for this stage of settling. These will be repaired in the Spring 2018. • PCSO – several members are attending a meeting on 26 September 2017 to meet the new Community Sergeant and PCSO for Dane Valley; • Memorial Benches – The memorial benches near Bessancourt have been installed. • Defibrillator – this has now been installed in the phone box at Chester Road. Phone box signs have been ordered. • Dane Meadow Drainage – the issue with the drain is still outstanding, and will be pursued. 			
7. Planning Applications	The Committee considered the application listed below and RESOLVED (A17/18/18) to comment as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="421 1473 1465 1877" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="421 1473 724 1877"> 17/4302C 2 Chester Road CW4 7BH </td> <td data-bbox="724 1473 1465 1877"> To split an existing single household into two properties NO OBJECTION but with following comments on access: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The supplied plans seem inadequate for a major change of access. II. The car should be clear of the highway whilst opening the gated access to the property. III. The property must sustain a vehicle to turn, to prevent a vehicle backing out onto the A54. </td> </tr> </table>		17/4302C 2 Chester Road CW4 7BH	To split an existing single household into two properties NO OBJECTION but with following comments on access: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The supplied plans seem inadequate for a major change of access. II. The car should be clear of the highway whilst opening the gated access to the property. III. The property must sustain a vehicle to turn, to prevent a vehicle backing out onto the A54.
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8. Elm Drive Play Area	The Committee noted a letter received regarding an accident at the play area which is currently under investigation by Ansa. The Committee commented that they have no objection to a warning sign being installed at the play area. The Committee also considered the quotation provided to repair the goal posts, which had suffered vandalism earlier in the year.			

	<p>RESOLVED (A17/8/19) to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. accept the report II. not to proceed with the repair of the goalposts. They are currently safe, useable and there has been no request to have the nets fitted.
9. Sensory Garden	<p>Cllr Clowes reported progress with the project, and the Committee reviewed the submitted plans and work schedule. The HC Partnership have approved the plans, and are willing to fund most of the project.</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/20) to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Obtain an initial quote for the work from ANSA, to enable funding to be consolidated. II. Contact the fire station and precinct for definite confirmation of permission for the scheme. III. Request permission to relocate the salt bin.
10. Bus Shelter London Road	<p>The Committee noted that CEC have contacted the Parish Council regarding the licence agreement for the bus shelter on London Road. The current licence relates to Congleton Borough Council and there may be a requirement to change the licence.</p> <p>Cllr Street has recently repaired and renovated the shelter, including painting and drainage. The Committee thanked him for his time and work.</p>
11. Defibrillator	<p>The Committee considered the request to maintain the defibrillator situated in the Co-op and the associated cost of such. It was noted that a map of defibrillator locations needs updating.</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/21) to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Establish ownership of the defibrillator II. If appropriate, consider re-location to allow 24hr access III. Ask what contribution the Co-op might make to maintenance costs.
12. Conservation Area Project	<p>Cllr Clowes updated the Committee, further to the meeting of the working group held on 22 August 2017. The group are seeking to improve the Conservation Area, by initially enhancing it with display boards and working with shop owners to bring consistency with signage. The group have a further meeting on the 17th October 2017.</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/22) to accept the report.</p>
13. Holmes Chapel Community Centre	<p>The Committee heard the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The drainage work was completed in July and was satisfactory • The driveway was resurfaced as a donation from Highways England early September 2017, vastly improving the access to the site. • Fencing work has now been completed by Willis Bros. • The upcoming JLMC was discussed. <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/23) to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Accept the report II. Write a letter of thanks to Kier / Highways England for the generous donation of the resurfacing III. Accept submissions for the next JMLC (11 October 2017) at Full Council on 28th September 2017.
14. Reports from Outside Bodies	<p>The Committee heard the following reports from the representatives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandbach Almshouses: No further news

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport: No further news • Holmes Chapel Partnership: The Partnership are planning to install a memorial bench for PCSO Jill Cope, by the skatepark at the Community Centre. • ChALC – Cllr S Ranger and Cllr Cotton hope to attend the upcoming annual meeting on the 19th October
15. Public Speaking	None
16. Future Agenda Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HCCC Masterplan 2. Landscaping at Skatepark area 3. Sensory Garden 4. Elm Drive public land provision of benches 5. Dane Meadow
17. Chairman and Clerks reports	<p>The Chairman reminded members of the first meeting of the “memory cafe” on Saturday 16 September, at the Methodist Church from 10 – 12 noon</p> <p>The Acting Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passed on the note of thanks received from the ex-Clerk, Nicola Clarke. • Informed the Committee that the bird hide in the Dane Meadow, which had suffered recent vandalism, has been repaired by Cllr Street.
The meeting closed at 6.32 p.m.	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Committee meeting scheduled for 12 October 2017.

Signed as Chairman of the Committee as a true and accurate record:

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