



**AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of meeting on 8 March 2018**  
 at The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



**Part I – Public and Press present**

<b>1. Attendance</b>	Cllr J Clowes Cllr A Armitt Cllr B Bath Cllr M Blomeley Cllr S Ranger Cllr M Street	Mrs S Davies - Clerk to the Council  5 members of the public				
<b>2. Apologies</b>	<b>RESOLVED (A17/18/51)</b> to accept apologies from Cllr D Savage (health reasons)					
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b>	None					
<b>4. Public Speaking</b>	Residents from the area around Bank Farm, Middlewich Road made comments regarding the re-submitted planning application, 18/0925C. The spokesman noted that little had changed on this re-submission, and that it is still disruptive to the area especially those members of the public in Dane Housing bungalows. These residents are amongst those who would struggle to submit an objection to the application. It was also commented that the environmental reports (namely the bat report) did not accurately reflect the position.					
<b>5. Minutes</b>	<b>RESOLVED (A17/18/52)</b> to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 25 January 2018, parts I and II.					
<b>6. Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Report and follow up by the partnership: no further news.</li> </ul>					
<b>7. Planning Applications</b>	The Committee considered the application listed below and <b>RESOLVED (A17/18/53)</b> to comment as follows: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="419 1361 724 1933" style="width: 40%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>18/0925C</b>            Bank Farm House,            Middlewich Road,            CW4 7ER         </td> <td data-bbox="724 1361 1461 1933" style="width: 60%; vertical-align: top;">           Full planning permission for demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of 6 no. Dwellings and ancillary infrastructure (Resubmission of 17/4804C)   <b>OBJECTION:</b>  <b>Despite slightly pushing back the building line and a slight reduction in housing density, the previous objections (17/4804C) are still valid. An objection statement will be prepared for submission.</b>             Cllr Clowes suspended standing orders to allow further resident comments-            - poor reports e.g. ecology            - wrong houses for needs of Holmes Chapel             The meeting was resumed         </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="419 1933 724 2094" style="width: 40%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>18/0932C</b>            Land adjacent to            Manor Lane Farm,            Manor Lane.         </td> <td data-bbox="724 1933 1461 2094" style="width: 60%; vertical-align: top;">           Non material amendment to application 14/4130C             The committee noted receipt of the amendment and to make no comment.         </td> </tr> </table>		<b>18/0925C</b> Bank Farm House, Middlewich Road, CW4 7ER	Full planning permission for demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of 6 no. Dwellings and ancillary infrastructure (Resubmission of 17/4804C)  <b>OBJECTION:</b> <b>Despite slightly pushing back the building line and a slight reduction in housing density, the previous objections (17/4804C) are still valid. An objection statement will be prepared for submission.</b>  Cllr Clowes suspended standing orders to allow further resident comments- - poor reports e.g. ecology - wrong houses for needs of Holmes Chapel  The meeting was resumed	<b>18/0932C</b> Land adjacent to Manor Lane Farm, Manor Lane.	Non material amendment to application 14/4130C  The committee noted receipt of the amendment and to make no comment.
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	<p><b>18/0969C</b> 7, Manley Close, CW4 7HL</p> <p><b>NO OBJECTION</b></p>	<p>Single storey rear extension</p>
	<p><b>18/0979C</b> 7, Chester Road, CW4 7DP</p> <p><b>NO OBJECTION</b></p>	<p>Rear two storey extension</p>
<b>8. s106 monies</b>	<p>Cllr Clowes informed the committee of funding available for Holmes Chapel, arising from recent housing developments built in Holmes Chapel.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (A17/18/54)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. to arrange to meet with Mr J Baggeley of Cheshire East Council regarding S106 money available for ecological environment. Cllr Clowes and the clerk will attend, with the aim of identifying sites to which the funding can be allocated.</li> <li>II. to arrange for the clerk and Cllr Street to meet with the Green Spaces team at Cheshire East Council, regarding various S106 monies which can be spent on play equipment.</li> </ol>	
<b>9. Footpath Link between Persimmon and Seddon Estates.</b>	<p>Cllr Clowes updated the committee on the lack of progress in establishing a footpath linking the new housing development on Cotton Farm into the existing Bramhall Drive estate. Efforts to progress an agreement between the legal parties concerned have so far been unsuccessful.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (A17/18/55)</b> for Cllr Clowes to draft a letter to senior management at Persimmon homes, explaining the desire for a footpath and requesting urgent attention, as this request has been stagnant now for over two years.</p>	
<b>10. Precinct</b>	<p>The committee noted the meeting held with the managers of the precinct on 2 February 2018. Matters discussed included littering, benches and the shrubbery border to London Road.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (A17/18/56)</b> for the Clerk to follow up the meeting with a letter to chase the issues raised, and to ask about progress with alternative litter bin solutions.</p>	
<b>11. Memorial Benches</b>	<p>The following updates on memorial benches were received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parkway: The precinct management have agreed to move the bench onto the precinct, re-siting it at their expense. The donor of the bench has been informed, but as yet there is no date for the relocation.</li> <li>2..Skatepark at HCCC (Jill Cope memorial) – Further to meetings with the HC Partnership, it has been agreed that the Parish Council will further progress the ordering of the commemorative bench.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED (A17/18/57)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. To accept the offer from the Precinct management to resite the bench from Parkway.</li> <li>II. To note the Parish Council are to take the responsibility for ordering the “Jill Cope” commemorative bench and installation required. This will then be included on the Parish Council register of assets.</li> </ol>	
<b>12. Holmes Chapel Community Centre</b>	<p>The Committee were updated on the following issues at the community centre:</p> <p>12.1 The proposed RFQ for changes to the perimeter of the community centre was noted by the committee. This will be sent out to seven potential suppliers week commencing 12 March with 4 weeks to respond. The responses will be evaluated by Cllrs Ranger and Bath, with the Clerk, and brought to full council for approval. It was requested that a letter be sent to residents in the area informing</p>	

	<p>them of the works.</p> <p>12.2 A meeting, attended by Parish Council, HC Hurricanes and Tom Barton from ES&amp;R was held on the 7 March 2018 to discuss options for the outdoor pitch. Whilst a 4G pitch is desirable, the funding is prohibitive at present. Alternative drainage arrangements to improve the condition of the pitch were discussed. A further meeting is due to be held early April 2018.</p> <p>12.3 Operational matters:</p> <p>10.3.1 The annual ROSPA safety inspection for the skatepark is due. This will be scheduled for April at a cost of £90 + VAT, with a request for ES&amp;R to include this as part of their annual checks of the community centre in future years.</p> <p>10.3.2 A new contract for grounds maintenance has been established.</p> <p>10.3.3 The poplar trees will be discussed at the next JLMC – Clerk to chase up for a response from telephony company.</p> <p>10.3.4 The leaks in the roof have mainly subsided.</p> <p>10.3.5 The thermal imaging report is underway.</p> <p>10.3.6 Economies with outdoor lighting are in place.</p> <p>10.3.7 The pump system for the outdoor changing room is again operational further to repair work.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (A17/18/58)</b> to receive the report and actions.</p>
<b>13. Dane Meadow</b>	<p>Cllr Clowes updated the committee – the drain is still an issue, with United utilities in attendance. There are occasionally mini motor cycles being ridden in the meadow.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (A17/18/59)</b> to receive the report and for the office to arrange for quotations for signage to deter motorcycle riding in the meadow.</p>
<b>14. Sensory Garden</b>	<p>Cllrs Clowes and Blomeley updated the committee; funding for the project has been secured by the HC Partnership. The Parish Council are now seeking quotes for the work, which will be brought for approval at the next full council meeting in April.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (A17/18/60)</b> to receive the report.</p>
<b>15. Conservation Area Project</b>	<p>The Council received the notes from the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and a verbal update from the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from Cllrs Clowes and Ranger. Letters have been sent to all local businesses in the conservation area, a display of proposed interpretation panels is currently in the library and quotations for these will be brought for approval at the next full council meeting in April. The working group is now seeking to hold interviews with businesses and are working on heritage style street signage for the area.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (A17/18/61)</b> to receive the notes of the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> January and the verbal report.</p>
<b>16. Village Tree Survey</b>	<p>No further news.</p>
<b>17. Bus review</b>	<p>The committee noted the revised bus timetable for the 319 rural bus service, which has been saved from termination. The service from April consists of 4 services per day, Monday - Friday.</p>
<b>18. Reports from Outside Bodies</b>	<p>The Committee heard the following reports from the representatives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandbach Almshouses: Cllr Cotton due to attend a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rail report: There has been further anti-social behaviour at the station, which has been reported to the police and rail authorities.</li> <li>• Holmes Chapel Partnership: Cllr Blomeley attended the meeting on the 28 February 2018, where it was noted that a volunteer has expressed interest to run the "Santa Sleigh" routes over the Christmas period, after the disbanding of the local rotary group. Progress with the pedestrian safety petition related to the proposed roundabout at Chester Road/London Road was reported.</li> <li>• Police – The next cluster meeting is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>19. Public Speaking</b>	None
<b>20. Future Agenda Items</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HCCC Masterplan</li> <li>2. Landscaping at Skatepark area</li> <li>3. Friends of the Dane Meadow</li> </ol>
<b>21. Chairman and Clerks reports</b>	<p>The Chairman reported on contributions received by the local history group towards the WW1 exhibition project of £1000 from Persimmon and £250 from Russell Homes.</p> <p>The Clerk informed of a forthcoming mayors charity ball. Unfortunately, Holmes Chapel Parish Council do not have a representative able to attend.</p>
<b>The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.</b>	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Committee meeting scheduled for 3 May 2018.

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

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