



THE HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting on 10 November 2016



At the Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Holmes Chapel, CW4 8AA

Part I – Public and Press present

<p>1. Attendance</p>	<p>Cllr A Armitt Cllr B Bath Cllr M Blomeley Cllr J Clowes Cllr P Cotton Cllr R Parry Cllr M Ranger Cllr S Ranger Cllr D Savage Cllr MJ Street</p>	<p>Mrs NL Clarke – Clerk Mrs S Mckay - Assistant Mr L Gilbert – Ward Councillor Mrs K O'Regan Mr. P Allerton Mr A Keppel-Garner Mr R Jarvis Ms D Barber Mr J Dutton Dr M Rippon Mr A Houston</p>
<p>2 Apologies</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>3. Declaration of interests</p>	<p>The Clerk handed out to the members an updated summary of their obligations regarding code of conduct and reminded members to keep their Register of Interests up to date.</p>	
<p>4. Resignation and Co-option</p>	<p>The Council noted the resignation of David Grice, due to work commitments. The Clerk has informed Cheshire East Council, and the vacancy is being advertised. Mrs Katy O'Regan stood to fill a vacancy on the Council, and gave a short introduction about her past and present experiences. The council voted unanimously and RESOLVED (c16/17/52) that Mrs Katy O'Regan join the Council. Mrs O'Regan signed the Declaration of Office and joined the meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Public Speaking</p>	<p>Mr. J Dutton, a Holmes Chapel resident, commented on the Planning procedures with Cheshire East, noting with regret the failing of Cheshire East to produce their Local Plan, which would have been invaluable to support the appeal against Gladman's proposals for a large development on London Road, Brereton, close to the border of Holmes Chapel. He strongly believes that Holmes Chapel cannot support these new houses, and expressed his disgust for the incompetence displayed by Cheshire East Planning in general. Mr. R Jarvis, also a Holmes Chapel resident, introduced himself and his planning consultant, Ms D Barber. Ms Barber gave an overview of the revised submission for Dane Bank Bungalow, 16/5202C, explaining to the Council how they had striven to amend the planning submission to be in line with the views expressed by the Council and residents, chiefly in the height of the dwellings.</p>	
<p>6. Council Minutes</p>	<p>RESOLVED (c16/17/53) to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 October 2016</p>	
<p>7. Committee Minutes</p>	<p>RESOLVED (c16/17/54)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the minutes and approve the actions and recommendations of the Strategy Committee held on 27 October 2016 (draft minutes circulated) • To note the minutes and approve the actions and recommendation of the Amenities Committee held on 20 October 2016 (draft minutes circulated) 	

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8. Matters arising	<p>The Clerk reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards ceremonies – Cllrs Bath, Savage and Street attended and press informed. • LGA Financial Settlement – comments made to the LGA on proposals to cap precepts. ChALC and NALC also lobbying against the proposals. • Village Vandalism – Cllr Savage and the Clerk attended the Restorative Justice meeting on 13 October 2016, with the apologies from the culprits being accepted by all parties. • Faulty SID on Chester Road has been repaired. • 2 new SIDs, funded by Highways England, have been installed on London Road and Knutsford Road. 				
9. Planning Applications	<p>The Council considered the planning applications detailed below and RESOLVED (c16/17/55) to comment as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 954 1522 1429"> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 954 999 1189"> 16/5202C. Dane Bank Bungalow. </td> <td data-bbox="999 954 1522 1189"> Construction of 3 dwellings (dormer bungalows), new access and landscaping. NO OBJECTION, with comments (see Appendix 1) </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1189 999 1429"> 16/5249C Aldi Foodstore, CW4 8AB </td> <td data-bbox="999 1189 1522 1429"> Advertisement of 1 No. 48 Sheet Poster Sign and 1 No. tower totem OBJECTION To the no. 48 Sheet Poster Sign, not the tower totem. </td> </tr> </table> <p>Gladman Appeal</p> <p>The Council noted the decision made by the Secretary of State to recommend that planning permission be granted for up to 190 dwellings and 350sq.m of employment use, on a site to the south of Holmes Chapel. Cllr Bath gave a verbal report on a meeting attended by the Clerk, Ward Cllr Gilbert, members of the Holmes Chapel Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Neighbouring Parishes and Sean Hannaby (Director of Planning CE) on 9th November 2016. Brief minutes are to be circulated. The legal procedures involved to appeal the case were summarised by Cllr Bath; CE has asked a barrister for their opinion on whether an appeal might be viable. The impact and status of the CE local plan and 5yr Housing Plan were also noted. Mrs F Bruce, MP, has also offered robust support to the case.</p>	16/5202C. Dane Bank Bungalow.	Construction of 3 dwellings (dormer bungalows), new access and landscaping. NO OBJECTION, with comments (see Appendix 1)	16/5249C Aldi Foodstore, CW4 8AB	Advertisement of 1 No. 48 Sheet Poster Sign and 1 No. tower totem OBJECTION To the no. 48 Sheet Poster Sign, not the tower totem.
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10. Neighbourhood Planning	<p>Cllr Bath gave a report on the status of the Neighbourhood Plan Project. The Council noted that the independant examiner is due to submit her report on 21 November 2016. It is hoped the referendum will take place in February 2017, for which publicity plans are being made by the Steering Group.</p>				

	RESOLVED (c16/17/56) to receive the report.
11. Holmes Chapel Community Centre	<p>The Council received a summary of the report submitted by Cllr Bath on completion of the refurbishment work at the Community Centre, along with other matters for the future of the site. The Council also were informed of the final plans for the official opening of the Community Centre, on 12th November 2016.</p> <p>RESOLVED (c16/17/57) to receive the report.</p>
12. Police	<p>Cllr Blomeley updated the Council on the latest status of the PCSO contract and funding, following a meeting with the PCCC D Keane on 8th November 2016. Whilst there is no positive indication that improved Police presence is expected in the village, Holmes Chapel will not be expected to pay the outstanding bill for the PCSO, either for 2016/17 or 2017/18.</p> <p>Further discussions relating to the Police presence in the village, reporting of such and the terms of the contract will be discussed at the Amenities Committee meeting on 24 November 2016. The ACC Ms S Boycott is expected to attend this meeting.</p>
13. Cheshire Fire Authority – Draft plan 2017/18	The Council reviewed the draft plan and RESOLVED (c16/17/58) that members send any comments to the Clerk for forwarding.
14. Project List	<p>Cllr Clowes gave an overview of the Project List which has been produced from the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan. This list will be submitted to the relevant Committees to aid prioritisation in budget setting, the outcome of which will be a 5-year plan, to be forwarded to the Finance Committee in December. It will also be given to the HC Partnership.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED (c16/17/59) to accept the draft document.</p>
15. Ward Members report	<p>RESOLVED (c16/17/60) to suspend standing orders to receive a report from Cllr Gilbert. He reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the drive from central Government to have self-funding Local Government, the funding from such is shrinking, which is resulting in a likely 4% rise of Council Tax in Cheshire East. • Strategic Highways update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing into the Crewe Green roundabout, to ease traffic congestion. • Congleton relief road is now at the procurement phase. • The route of the Middlewich relief road is being re-evaluated, to bring benefit to Middlewich Town, as well as the Middlewich-18 industrial area. <p>Cllr Gilbert requested help from the Parish Council, in lobbying CE for a relief road in Holmes Chapel to be on the Strategic Highways agenda. With the improvement of the east-west route at Congleton and Middlewich, Holmes Chapel will become the bottleneck.</p> <p>An initial meeting with the CE Head of Strategic Infrastructure and Council members will be arranged.</p>
16. Finance	<p>RESOLVED (c16/17/61) to approve</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Bank reconciliation – balance at 31 October 2016 is £185,782.00 II. Internal Auditor - to approve the recommendation from Finance Committee to replace the internal auditor (JDH Business Ltd) with McEllin Kelly for the 2016/17 financial year.

	III. Accounts for payment – as per the schedule attached in Appendix 2.
17. Remembrance Service	The Council noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The arrangements for the Church Service on 13 November 2016. • The award given by the Royal British Legion, Holmes Chapel Branch, to the Council “for continuous help & support”.
18. Chairman and Clerk’s report	The clerk reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Christmas Tree and lights to go up on the 25th November 2016, in time for the Christmas market. • There have been more requests for memorial benches and plaques in the village; A policy to manage these will be discussed at Strategy Committee. • The Chairman reported on a letter from Sanofi to inform the council of possible changes to the management of the site. This will not affect the manufacturing output of the site, which will continue as before.
19. Future Agenda Items	None.
20. Public Speaking	Mr Jarvis thanked the Council for their careful consideration of planning application 16/5202C, and expressed a wish to be kept informed of any changes.
The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 15th December 2016.

Until then they are draft minutes

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

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Appendix 1

Planning Application 16/5202C

The following comments to be submitted to CE Planning:

1. The footpath through the site would enhance the village should it be designated as a public right of access.
2. There are no garages proposed, which could potentially cause a parking problem.
3. Can a covenant be imposed on the adjoining land, to prevent any building on this site for the next 50 years.

Appendix 2

Schedule of Payments: October 1st – October 31st 2016

Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
16115	Morreys HC	Perspex for Noticeboard	26.99
16116	SLCC	Training – Code of Conduct 2016	174.00
16117	Flowercraft	Flowers for Jill Cope	31.00
16118	Mr Dave Monks	Plants – Village Volunteers	40.00
16119	BT Payment Services	Phone & Internet Sept 2016	118.46
16120	The Royal British Legion	Supply of wreath/s137 donation	50.00
16121	North Staffs Fire Ltd	Service fire extinguishers	37.80
16122	Came and Co. Insurance	Insurance for 2016/17	9010.28
16123	Cheshire East Council	Installation of Boundary Signs	1893.60
16124	Public Works Loan Board	2nd Payment for 2016/17	28668.80
16125	Weaver Business Machine	Photocopier costs	156.81
16126	Alan Bethell	Hedge work at HCCC	3708.00
16127	Shield On-site services	Asbestos certification	2400.00
16128	Holmes Chapel Roofing	Roofing work at HCCC	4970.00
16129	South Cheshire Print	N-plan publicity	240.00
16130	Mr. J Clowes	Reimburse for plant purchases	24.00
16131	Scottish Power	Streetlighting 2 nd quarter	188.50
16132	South Cheshire Print	N-plan printing	120.00
16133	Salaries	Staff Salaries October 2016	2003.95

Receipts: October 1st – October 31st 2016

Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
R1613	The Veolia ENV Trust	Grant Donation for Skatepark	23,862.00
R1614	W. Pye Ld	Donation for Hydro Plant Sign	242.50