



Holmes Chapel Parish Council

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TECHNICAL SERVICES

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE – Cllr M Ranger, Cllr A Armitt, Cllr M Blomeley, Cllr D Grice, Cllr RC Parry, Cllr S Ranger and Cllr MJ Street.

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Technical Services Committee on **Thursday 5 May 2016** at 1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Planning applications will be available for inspection at 6.45 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. **Apologies** - to approve any apologies for absence.
2. **To receive Declarations of any**
 - a) **disclosable pecuniary interests**
 - b) **any other disclosable interests****as required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.**
3. **Public Forum** - The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow questions from members of the public to last no more than 15 minutes. After questions the Chairman will reconvene the meeting.
4. **Minutes** - to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10 March 2016
- copies circulated
5. **Matters arising** – To receive verbal reports on any matters arising from the above minutes:
 - **Station Road bridge** - work has now been completed on the bridge although there is one gap which still needs filling.
 - **Community payback** - work has been completed around Bessancourt, Picton Square and the path from Portree to London Road. Friends of the Dane Meadow have been liaising with their manager to organise work at the Meadow.
 - **Phone mast at Sam Dales** - enforcement have been involved as the mast has been up for more than 6 months. See appendix 1. A planning application has now been submitted which was discussed at Full Council.
 - **Dog bins and fouling** - to note the clerk has stickers available for use. Additional bins have been requested for Picton Square and Chester Road. A request to move a bin on Station road has been made.

- **Boundary signs** - the order has been placed with Signs of the Times and CEC. Delivery is expected mid to end of May 2016.
 - **Street lighting** - GR Bayley have been informed they have the contract and discussions are taking place on a timetable of work.
- 6. Planning applications** – To consider any applications on lists recently circulated.
- **16/1996C** - 5 Brookfield Drive, CW4 7DT. Proposed conversion of existing loft space to habitable accommodation including new dormer windows and velux windows. Side extension to provide extended kitchen, porch extension and alterations to window dressings.
 - **16/2040C** - 8 Gleneagles Drive, CW4 7JA. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
- 7. Highways Issues Review** - To consider the following issues raised at previous meetings:
- a) HGV Re-routing** - the order has been signed off and signs need to be erected
 - b) SIDs and Speedwatch** - to receive an update on SID movements and to review any data.
 - c) Parking issues** - parking issues around residential roads and schools are still being reported including Brookfield Drive, Sandiford Road. See appendix 2 for reply from Holmes Chapel Primary school
 - d) Puffin crossing on Middlewich Road** - a request has been made for an additional crossing on Middlewich Road.
 - e) Pelican crossing on Knutsford Road** - email from resident requesting assistance from the Parish Council.
 - f) Sandiford Road** - to note the complaints to the police and parish council about inconsiderate parking and comments received by the police and CEC Highways and the recommendation from TS committee
- 8. Issues raised by Members of the Public:**
- a)** Request for an additional Bus-Stop by the petrol station on Middlewich Road.
 - b)** Request for improvement to lighting at Chester Road – London Road junction.
 - c)** Request for removal / improved maintenance of grass verges on Brookfield Drive.
 - d)** Request for the gaps in the hedge on Jubilee Walk to be filled.
- 9. Summer planting** - to note the village volunteers will purchase and plant the baskets and tubs for the parish council and to approve the contract for watering of the summer planting in the village centre.
- 10. Benches** - to review the benches around the village and identify any areas for either replacement or new benches.
- 11. Review of committee structure and responsibilities** - to review the comments from Strategy and Partnerships on committee structure and responsibilities. See appendix 2.
- 12. Chairman and clerk's report**

Nicola Clarke
Clerk of the Council
29 April 2016

Appendix 1

The planning enforcement team received a complaint in July 2015 regarding the erection of the above telecom mast. The matter was investigated and, as you say, it was established that it was an emergency mast, which operators are permitted to erect for a period of six months. As there was no breach of planning control at that time, the case was closed and both the complainant and Councillor Gilbert informed.

Your email of the 22nd March was forwarded to the enforcement team and, as a result, the enforcement case officer, Neil Roberts, investigated the matter. The operators have been notified that the mast is now in breach of planning regulations as it has been in place for over 6 months. The operators have committed to submitting an application in an attempt to regularise the mast and we are currently awaiting that submission. If the operators do not submit an application as promised Neil will follow it up. He was intending to update you as a result of his further investigation and will let you know of any further developments in this case. I have copied my response to Neil and the Principal Planning Officer (Enforcement), Deborah Ackerley for their records.

Appendix 2

Apologies that I did not reply to you directly (I thought I had). I did put a reminder re parking in our newsletter and regularly do so. We do not have long term plans to improve the situation as the parking outside our grounds is outside of our control. We are in the process of planning the installation of bike/ scooter shelters and we do encourage families to walk to school. However it is parent choice and we have limited control. Attempts by school to start walking buses have not been successful – parents are concerned that all routes involve very busy roads. Kind regards

Helen Scott
Headteacher

Appendix 3

Technical Services Committee Functions

Planning applications
Liaison with relevant task group(s)

Village Infrastructure

Shops and businesses
Churches
Car Parking
Pedestrian issues
Public facilities – e.g. toilets

Highways

Road Safety;
Street lighting;
Improvements
Traffic problems
Complaints and repairs
Highway Programmes

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Street Cleaning
Street Naming
Street Signage

General Maintenance

Village volunteers
Christmas lights
Annual planting and maintenance
Grass Cutting
Litter and cleanliness and Recycling