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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Village Infrastructure Committee on **Thursday 7 September 2017** at the Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. **Apologies** - to receive 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 Speaking** - 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. **Paul Carroll** – to suspend standing orders to receive a report from Paul Carroll, Practice Manager at the Holmes Chapel Health Centre.
5. **Committee minutes** – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017 – copy circulated.
6. **Matters arising** –
 - To note the intention to carry out a survey by CEC on Sandiford Road to collect speed of vehicles, traffic number and type for 7 days during September 2017.
 - Bus Review – nothing further to report
 - Hermitage Bridge – work is currently being undertaken on repairs.
7. **Planning applications** – To consider any applications on lists recently circulated.
 - **17/4301C** 117 London Road, CW4 7BG. Single storey rear extension and associated alterations.
 - **17/4233C** – The Coach House, 2B, Sadlers Close, CW4 7EG. Variation of condition 2 on approval 17/1495C (To vary Condition 2 on approved application 16/1186C)

8. **Highways Hours Review** - To review the attendance of CEC officers at Full Council. See Appendix 1.
9. **SIDs and Speedwatch** – to receive a verbal report from Cllr Blomeley and Cllr Armitt.
10. **Hermitage School parking** – to note the request by the school to contain parking in the area and agree plans produced by CEC Highways. See attachment.
11. **Memorial benches** – to receive a report on a proposal to move the bench on the Parkway entrance from Cllr Blomeley. To note work is due to take place on benches at Bessancourt.
12. **Arclid HWRC** – to receive a verbal report on meetings held with Sandbach Town Council. See Appendix 2.
13. **Lengthsman** – to receive a report on activities undertaken by the contractor. See Appendix 3.
14. **Local Council Awards** – to determine any submissions to the Awards scheme. See Appendix 4
15. **Dog fouling** – to consider an offer by a local company to highlight the requirement for owners to pick up after their dogs.
16. **Boundary Signs** – to review the status of the recently installed Boundary Signs.
17. **Christmas Tree and Lights**
 - To note the Christmas tree will be delivered on Friday 24 November 2017 at 12 noon and erected free of charge by R Street and Son.
 - The tree will be dismantled on Friday 5 January 2018.
18. **Village Competitions** – to receive updates from Cllr P Cotton and Cllr M Street and arrangements for presentation of prizes for the Garden competition and Skatepark competition prior to Full Council on 28 September 2017.
19. **Office matters** – to receive a report on the following:
 - **Fire extinguishers**
 - **Office alarm**
 - **Pat testing**See information at Appendix 5
20. **Public Speaking.**
21. **Future agenda items** – Air Quality report at 5 October 2017, Website update.
22. **Chairman and clerk's report**

Nicola Clarke
Clerk of the Council
1 September 2017

Appendix 1

Highways meeting

1. Design and Road Safety
 - Chester Road / London Road / Station Road – further exploratory work to be done
 - Chester Road / Middlewich Road junction – junction priority to be assessed and information brought back
2. Condition of road surfaces, especially by mini-roundabouts
 - Discussed surfacing but would require road closures
3. Pedestrian crossings
 - Middlewich Road – waiting for the school to confirm the design. Likely to be programmed for the autumn 2017
 - Chester Road – this needs to be put forward via the Minor Highways programme to be assessed - This has now been allocated to the AHG as item no 1407:

Pedestrian crossing: Chester Road adjacent The Drive	The request is for a ped crossing on Chester Rd between The Drive and the A50. We will give this a unique No. on the AHG database and carry out an assessment
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4. Zebra crossing – London Road
 - this has been identified as a high priority to upgrade to a Puffin crossing
5. Hermitage Bridge repairs – work is currently taking place
6. Street lighting
 - Bus shelter on London Road – waiting for CEC to complete repairs
 - Heritage lamp opposite Church – all the heritage lamps need upgrading to LED and a review to take place of effectiveness
 - Lamp post on Macclesfield Road – PC unhappy with site of replacement post
7. Maintenance and Operations
 - Redundant sign removal – agree that the delay in work is unacceptable. Currently waiting on National Grid to reply to queries on what is buried along the footpaths
 - State of pavements – Mr Davies explained the programme of weed spraying and admitted that some areas need further work. Resurfacing is unlikely.
8. Sandiford Road
 - Traffic survey to take place
9. Request for a bus stop at Chester Road, opposite to the current stop.

Appendix 2

Update on Arclid HWRC meeting held on 24th August 2017

The following attendees were present:

Carolyn Lowe - Sandbach TC

Keith Haines - Sandbach TC

Gill Merry - Sandbach TC & Cheshire East Council

Jane Deans - Brereton PC

Fiona Stops - Bradwall PC

Ben Minshall – CreweTC

Mike Blomeley – Holmes Chapel PC

Plus one other

Julie Mason sent apologies for her Councils.

Background & general discussion on Sandbach TC's role to date & dialogue with CEC

No representation from CEC at Cabinet / Officer level due to holidays

Topics discussed: Costs to April 2018; Future costs - higher / lower; capital cost issues at Arclid; alternative site options; Consultant support; local opposition from Arclid residents; mode of future operation; double taxation issue; level of public support / engagement; cost allocation.

Sandbach TC have no free funds to cover any contribution for 2017/18

Crewe / Alsager TC's to be asked for support (maintaining Arclid reduces pressure on their sites)

I floated the option of letting Arclid close, then carrying out a review of / support for, a new site. This wasn't pursued. I also mentioned we had heard CEC were looking to sell the site for housing. No one else had heard this. It is not in Local Plans as a housing site.

It is proposed to meet the key CEC personnel: Cllr Don Stockton - Portfolio holder; Ralph Kemp - Corporate Manager, Waste & Environmental Services .

Sandbach TC are going to work through the cost / precept equations to determine the approx cost per Council for the £50k initial contribution for 2017/18

Next meeting scheduled for w/c September 4th - date TBC.

M Blomeley.

Appendix 3

Summary of “Lengthsman” activities

The contractors from Congleton Town Council have now attended 4 times, clearing paths, weeding and generally tidying up the village. Prior to each visit a list of jobs is passed to the organiser, which they then work through. What hasn't been done is carried over to the next visit. Apart from the occasional reminder, the men work to a high standard and we have been pleased with the results.

The cost of each visit is £200, with weed killer being charged extra. This is within the allocated budget of £5000, if the visits continued at 2 per month throughout the year. It may be the case that visits will drop off during the winter months, as weed growth abates.

The work carried out so far includes:

- Weed removal and path sweeping throughout the conservation area
- Weed killing around Alumbrook estate and pathways.
- Clearing footpath up Knutsford hill. (this was a big job)
- Tree trimming at junction of Chester Road/London Road
- Path clearing on Chester Road
- Clearing dead weeds and rubbish from alley between precinct and Sandiford Road

30 August 2017

Appendix 4



LOCAL COUNCILS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2017

This year on the evening of the 24th October we are delighted to be holding the 2017 Local Councils Excellence Awards evening at Cheshire Fire and Rescue HQ, Winsford.

Building on the success of the event held in March 2015 the Cheshire Association of Local Councils and Cheshire West and Chester Council are again joining forces to host an awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of our town and parish councils.

Having listened to your feedback this year we are splitting each of the awards into ‘Larger’¹ and ‘Smaller’² Council categories to encourage our smaller and medium sized councils to participate. Why not join us this year to recognise and celebrate the vital role that you, our local councils, play.

There are a number of different awards – which one will your council enter?

¹ Electorate in excess of 6000

² Electorate less than 6000

AWARDS:

1. Working in Partnership

In this category we were looking for examples of where local councils had collaborated with others to generate service improvements and community satisfaction.

2. Providing care and support in the community

This category sought examples of where local councils have used their powers to influence, design and in some cases deliver people focused services, particularly for vulnerable local residents.

3. Innovation in Service Delivery – doing things differently

In this category we looked for examples of local councils who were prepared to challenge the status quo and adopt more creative approaches to getting things done.

4. Effective Communications

This category recognised the importance of local councils as conduits for the exchange of information. We were looking for local councils who had achieved effective communication through traditional and/or innovative approaches.

5. Community Involvement

This category sought to showcase the depth and breadth of community campaigns and projects championed by local councils and involving local people.

6. Rural woman of the year

This is an ideal opportunity to recognise the work of women working in the rural communities of Cheshire West and Cheshire. Entries must be on behalf of women who live in West Cheshire. They need not be public figures but can be from any walk of life and have given considerable service to their community. They are often unsung heroines who undertake voluntary work that makes a significant impact.

7. Outstanding Service - Clerk

The local council clerk has a critical role to play in the effective operation of any local council. This award recognises those individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in fulfilling this role.

8. Outstanding Service - Councillor

Town and parish councillors invest a great deal of themselves in their local community with no financial reward or compensation. This award sought to showcase the work of these committed individuals without whom local councils would not function.

9. Council of the Year

This award looked for the local council which was able to demonstrate a level of excellence and innovation that took their work beyond basic service provision and offered learning to other councils.

HOW TO ENTER

For further information contact Jackie Weaver (jackieweaver@chalc.org.uk) or Pam Bradley (PAM.BRADLEY@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) or if you are ready to enter **NOW** please complete the attached application form.

CLOSING DATE

Please make sure your application is returned by **Friday 29th September, 2017.**

APPLICATIONS TO:

Hazel Merrill
Cheshire Association of Local Councils
Park View Business Centre
Combermere, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 4AL
HazelMerrill@chalc.org.uk

LOCAL COUNCILS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2017
APPLICATION FORM

Name of Council:

Award being entered (please tick by the relevant category):

1. Working in Partnership	
2. Providing care and support in the community	
3. Innovation in Service Delivery – doing things differently	
4. Effective Communications	
5. Community Involvement	
6. Rural woman of the year	
7. Outstanding Service - Clerk	
8. Outstanding Service - Councillor	
9. Council of the Year	

Please provide details of why your Council, Clerk or Councillor should be considered for this award (*you may use supplementary sheets for additional information*)

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Appendix 5

North West Fire Extinguishers are a local company offering testing services. They provide full certification following the tests.

It seems they may be more cost effective than the service providers we currently use.

2016 – Service of fire extinguishers cost £31.50. NWFE would charge £20
PAT testing cost £54. NWFE would charge £25
(note these costs exclude VAT)

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ABOUT OUR **BUSINESS**

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AND **DEDICATED TO**
PROTECTING YOURS

WHAT WE DO

FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICING
£20 PER YEAR | UP TO 5 EXTINGUISHERS
£25 PER YEAR | 6-10 EXTINGUISHERS
£30 PER YEAR | 11-15 EXTINGUISHERS
£2 PER UNIT | 16+ EXTINGUISHERS



WE ALSO OFFER
FIRE ALARM TESTING | EMERGENCY LIGHT TESTING | PAT TESTING
FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS | FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

HOW WE DO IT

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