



VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 11 October 2018
 at The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



Part I – Public and Press present

1. Attendance	Cllr M Blomeley Cllr A Armit Cllr B Bath Cllr R Parry Cllr M Street Cllr M Ranger	Mrs S Davies – Clerk to the Council Cllr J Clowes (non committee member)						
2. Apologies	RESOLVED (VI18/19/51) to accept apologies from Cllr K O'Regan (work) and to note the non attendance of Cllr D Savage							
3. Declarations of Interest	None							
4. Public Speaking	None							
5. Committee minutes	RESOLVED (VI18/19/52) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2018 parts I and II.							
6. Matters Arising	1. Street Sign replacement – Streetscape have replaced the street signs and painted the frames to the satisfaction of the committee. It was noted that Cheshire East Council (CEC) have still not completed the work that they had agreed on the four most damaged signs.							
7. Planning applications	The committee considered the application listed below and RESOLVED (VI18/19/53) to comment as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1285 1489 1854"> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1285 804 1424"> 18/4694C 13 Westmorland Terrace. CW4 7EE </td> <td data-bbox="804 1285 1489 1424"> Replacement Garage NO OBJECTION </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1424 804 1585"> 18/4692T 25 Hawthorn Villas CW4 </td> <td data-bbox="804 1424 1489 1585"> Tilia Europea crown lift to 4.5m and crown thin 15% and crown reduce by 2.3m. NO COMMENT </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1585 804 1854"> 18/4675T 63 Portree Drive </td> <td data-bbox="804 1585 1489 1854"> Works to TPO trees OBJECTION This is a substantial tree, with no evidence of damage or decay. Can see no reason given in the application why this tree should be cut back. </td> </tr> </table>		18/4694C 13 Westmorland Terrace. CW4 7EE	Replacement Garage NO OBJECTION	18/4692T 25 Hawthorn Villas CW4	Tilia Europea crown lift to 4.5m and crown thin 15% and crown reduce by 2.3m. NO COMMENT	18/4675T 63 Portree Drive	Works to TPO trees OBJECTION This is a substantial tree, with no evidence of damage or decay. Can see no reason given in the application why this tree should be cut back.
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8. Highways Issues	1. Puffin Crossing Installation, London Road – Cllr Blomeley updated the committee on the meeting with CEC Highways signals engineers. RESOLVED (VI18/19/54) to monitor the following improvements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Adjustment to timing to allow shorter wait time of 20s max II. Position of display panel altered to allow better visibility for waiting 							

	<p>pedestrians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> III. Position of signal lights to be adjusted to give better line of vision for southbound vehicles. IV. To note that the position of the pole is determined by underground services, and whilst not satisfactory, is unlikely to be moved. V. To publicise documentation on the use of the crossing via various media and local groups. <p>2. Highways Issues log report – RESOLVED (VI18/19/55) to note and receive the new fault logging report for use by the office.</p> <p>3. Outstanding Highways Issues: The committee noted the log of issues and RESOLVED (VI18/19/56) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Receive the report II. To redesign the log to include only strategic issues <p>4. Proposed double yellow road markings; The committee were updated further to the meeting with C Hodgson, CEC, where the following improvements to the proposals were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Crofters Court: lining to be extended to George & Dragon car park entrance on east side II. Crofters Court: lining to be extended to house gable on west side. III. Selkirk Drive: Lining to also be installed opposite to junction to allow access into Portree Drive. <p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/57) to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Accept the report II. To request further extension of lining than proposed at the meeting on Crofters Court, east side, in consultation with Cllr L Gilbert. III. To ensure affected residents are aware of any consultations. <p>5. Proposed Toucan crossing, Middlewich Road by Cottons Development: RESOLVED (VI18/19/58) to note that the crossing is due to be installed 3 and 4 November 2018.</p> <p>6. Pedestrian Survey, London Road; Cllr Ranger explained the results from the pedestrian survey undertaken by Cllrs Armit and Ranger, close to the Library. The figures quoted appear higher than those found by CEC survey, with a high proportion being high school students. A few incidents of dangerous crossing were observed.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/59)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. To receive the report II. To work with PCSO to educate high school pupils and the community in general on safer crossing. III. To request additional lighting from CEC.
<p>9. Milestones</p>	<p>The Clerk updated on the condition of the milestones.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/60) to further appraise the condition of the milestones and obtain quotations from Streetscape for refurbishment.</p>
<p>10. Library Path</p>	<p>The Council considered the supplied report, and after debating the issues surrounding use of the desire line path. RESOLVED (VI18/19/61)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Arrange a meeting with Paul Davies, CEC Assets, to further

	<p>discuss the installation of the path</p> <p>II. To investigate the cost of installing turf at the area, to deter use of the path.</p>
11. Parish Street Lighting	<p>The Clerk informed the committee of the lack of communication with CEC lighting department, which has prevented progress with establishing ownership of the lights.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/62) to write a formal letter of complaint, in consultation with ward Cllr Gilbert. The draft letter will be taken to Full Council for approval.</p>
12. Benches	<p>12.1 The Committee received the updated bench report prepared by Cllr Street, which highlights the condition of the public benches throughout the Village. Cllr Street was thanked for this work.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/63)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To obtain quotations for restoration of the benches. II. To establish a maintenance schedule for the benches, on a rolling program. <p>12.2 The Committee debated the report relating to options for repair of the bench at Brookfield Drive.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/64) to proceed with option 2a, installing recycled brown plastic spars onto the existing frame.</p>
13. SIDs and Speedwatch	<p>The Committee heard the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SID movements have taken place as planned, with data due to be downloaded again soon. 2. The Clerk updated regarding the request to CEC for additional SID posts on Manor Lane. A meeting will be arranged on site with D. Chan of CEC Highways, Cllr Blomeley, Cllr Les Gilbert, the Clerk and the Police to discuss this further. 3. The Speedwatch group is struggling for volunteers again, and has not been active. PCSO Chesters has informed the group that because they are an established group, they can operate with fewer numbers (3 or 4 as opposed to at least 6). It was agreed to try and promote the scheme to encourage new volunteers. The PCSO is continuing to carry out a lot of enforcement in the Village. <p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/65) to accept the report</p>
14. Police Matters	<p>The Committee :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the beat report for September 2018. 2. Noted the date of the next Cluster meeting is Monday 12 November 2018 at 7.30pm 3. Any other Police issues: PCSO Lee Berry moving temporarily to another area. <p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/66) to accept the report.</p>
15. Lengthsman	<p>The Committee were updated by the Clerk with recent activities of the Lengthsman service.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED (VI18/19/67)</p> <p>I. to draft a list of issues with the current service for consideration.</p> <p>II. To contact Northwich Town Council for an alternative quote.</p>
16. Office Matters	The committee noted that PA Testing and servicing of Fire extinguishers will now take place on Friday 12 October 2018.
17. Project List	The committee noted the updated project list, with no changes to be made at this time.
18. Public Speaking	None
19. Future Agenda Items	<p>1. Bus Stops 1. Cleaning, 2. Lighting and 3. Seating (22 November)</p> <p>2. Rail Report update (22 November)</p>
20. Chairman and Clerk's reports	<p>The Clerk informed members of the request for judging at the Everybody Junior Sports on Wednesday 24 October 2018.</p> <p>The Connected communities hub is being launched in Goostrey and Holmes Chapel on 24 November 2018</p>
The meeting closed at 9:15pm	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Village Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for 22 November 2018

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

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