



VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 18 January 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 P Cotton Cllr K O'Regan Cllr R Parry Cllr M Ranger Cllr M Street Cllr Clowes, not a committee member, also attended.	Mrs S Davies – Clerk to the Council
2. CCTV presentation	Stuart Hobson sent apologies due to a family bereavement, and hopes to attend the meeting on the 1 st March 2018.	
3. Apologies	None.	
4. Declarations of Interest	None.	
5. Public Speaking	None.	
6. Committee minutes	RESOLVED (VI17/18/45) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2017.	
7. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hermitage Bridge – A delivery of sandstone has been received by CE Council and work on the bridge is due to re-commence. The wing wall of the bridge will be extended to match with the existing undamaged wall, restoring the bridge to its original condition. • Update on the parking on the green amenity area at the end of Westway causing rutting from vehicle tyres: It has been established that Cheshire East own the land. The Clerk to contact CE Highways to highlight the damage and asking permission to plant trees in this area. • Power washing outside Barclays Bank and Mandeville's – To note that Cheshire East have been contacted regarding the 'stripey' result, but no feedback has been given. 	
8. Planning applications	None.	
9. Highways Issues	<p>9.1 – The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting with Rob Welch, CE Highways. Cllr Blomeley highlighted some of the issues and the following actions were noted::</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">9.1.1 Crossing on Chester Road opposite the Drive – a recent assessment indicates that pedestrian numbers are insufficient to warrant a crossing.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">9.1.2 London Road, at Sutton Oaks – A crossing island has been suggested here, as a potential improvement. This is dependent on sufficient width in the road. Pedestrian usage data is required</p>	

	<p>– Cllr Ranger to perform a survey of usage.</p> <p>9.1.3 Balmoral Drive pavements – comments were raised as to the quality of the finished work.</p> <p>9.1.4 Balmoral Drive & Selkirk Drive - Repair work needed to the surface of the road.</p> <p>9.1.5 Double mini roundabout in Village centre – resurfacing required and new white lines.</p> <p>The Committee RESOLVED (VI17/18/46) for the Clerk to write to CE Council regarding the issues raised and to request a progress report.</p> <p>9.2 Pedestrian Crossing on Middlewich Road: The installation of the new pathway and widening of school entrance is underway, in line with the revised schedule. The final surfacing to the pathway and installation of the bollards are awaited. The mechanics of the crossing are still scheduled to be installed during February half term.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/47) to receive the report.</p>
<p>10. SIDs and Speedwatch</p>	<p>10.1 The movement of SIDS has been undertaken. Funding for further poles has been allocated to the 2018/19 budget. Further to negativity from CE Highways in regard to increasing the number of monitoring points, this has been raised with the Police, who will liaise with CE Highways, as it is their view that SID monitoring is useful and effective. The Police will also loan a mobile SID device to the Parish and Cllr Blomeley has requested use on Manor Lane, once the roadworks in that area are complete.</p> <p>10.2 Consultations will be held with Brereton PC, with a view to approaching CE Highways to change the speed limits on London Road from the new Bloor development site. It was noted that this would be another spot that could utilise the Police owned mobile SID</p> <p>10.3 A meeting is being arranged with PCSO Chesters, relating to the Speedwatch group. It is hoped that this will restart the group, and more sessions will take place in the near future.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/48)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To receive the report II. For the Clerk to contact Brereton Parish Council to discuss speed limits on London Road.
<p>11. Police Matters</p>	<p>11.1 The Committee heard a verbal report on a meeting held between the PCSO, the Clerk, Cllr Blomeley and Cllr M Ranger on Tuesday, 19th December, where issues of anti-social behaviour, HGV violation of restrictions and community meetings were discussed.</p> <p>11.2 The Committee noted the Beat report for December 2017. It was noted that the report gave little indication as to how the PCSO's time is utilised and that detail is lacking. Comments as to empowering PCSOs in the near future were noted.</p> <p>11.3 The draft minutes from the cluster meeting on the 15th January 2018 were noted. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9th April 2018.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/49)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To receive the report II. For the Clerk to write to the Police Sergeant seeking answers to the questions raised regarding the Beat report.

12. Lengthsman Activities	<p>The Committee RESOLVED (VI17/18/50) to undertake the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Snickets – alleys need clearing and bushes need attending to. The Clerk to prepare a maintenance schedule of these 2. Chester Road – Cutting back tree growth causing pavement obstruction. 3. Bench renovation 4. Street sign cleaning / renovation
13. 2018 Photography Competition	<p>The Committee debated the arrangements surrounding the photography competition, which the parish council have run for the past two years. Further to liason with the HC partnership, it was noted that they may be interested to run the competition, as part of their “celebrating Holmes Chapel 2018” event. The Committee RESOLVED (VI17/18/51)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. For Cllr Blomeley to suggest the HC partnership take on the running of the competition. II. To note the Parish Council will still supply the prizes - £25 per category
14. Air Quality Measurement for Holmes Chapel	<p>The Committee noted the report from CE Environmental department, and RESOLVED (VI17/18/52)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. to receive the report. II. to publish on our website, making available as public information, along with an introduction. III. For Cllr Blomeley to request data from CE Council for Cranage, in the vicinity of the motorway.
15. CCTV	<p>No further news</p>
16. Office	<p>The appearance of the office was debated, the Committee noting the comments from the landlord re. the removal of the shutters in the windows. RESOLVED (VI17/18/53)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To recommend to full council that the shutters be removed from the office windows, improving the external appearance. II. To note that the grill on the door is to be retained.
17. Social Media	<p>The Committee noted the useful aspect of social media to instantly disperse information to the community, although concerns were also raised. RESOLVED (VI17/18/54) to recommend to Full Council that the social media policy be updated and that a working party be put in place to investigate the best use of social media by the Council.</p>
18. E.mail news	<p>The Committee RESOLVED (VI17/18/55) to recommend to Full Council that the use of an email list be considered by the working party and included in the social media policy.</p>
19. Public Speaking	<p>None</p>
20. Future Agenda Items	<p>Website update.</p>
21. Chairman and Clerk's reports	<p>The Clerk reported on the request from ChALC for nominations of Chairs for the Buckingham Palace garden Party and it was agreed that Cllr Bath be submitted to the draw. The Clerk and assistant are attending a webinar on the transfer of external</p>

	auditing to PKF Littlejohn on 23 rd January at 11:00am and that the office will be shut during this time. The Clerk informed of a consultation regarding the portion of the Council Tax precept that Cheshire Police are allocated and suggested that councillors answer as individuals should they wish. The consultation will also be put onto the Parish Council website.
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The meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Village Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for 1 March 2018

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

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