



**VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of meeting on 1 March 2018**  
 at The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



**Part I – Public and Press present**

<b>1. Attendance</b>	Cllr M Blomeley Cllr B Bath Cllr K O'Regan Cllr M Ranger Cllr M Street.	Mrs S Davies – Clerk to the Council				
<b>2. CCTV Q &amp; A</b>	Stuart Hobson apologised for not attending. He had to staff the CCTV control centre over the time of the meeting due to the extreme weather.					
<b>3. Apologies</b>	<b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/56)</b> to accept apologies from Cllr A Armitt (family matter) Cllr P Cotton (unwell) and Cllr R Parry (awaiting surgery)					
<b>4. Declarations of Interest</b>	None.					
<b>5. Public Speaking</b>	None.					
<b>6. Committee minutes</b>	<b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/57)</b> to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2018					
<b>7. Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee were updated further to the request made to CE Highways for permission to landscape/plant trees in the green amenity area at the end of Westway, where rutting from vehicle tyres is damaging the grass. A planting plan would need to be formally submitted to CE Highways, which they would investigate, with a possible fee. Investigations to establish if services run under the area are currently underway, which would prevent a planting scheme taking place. A meeting with John Tickle to be arranged to consider any scheme further.</li> <li>• Cllr Blomeley updated the committee with data from the air quality monitoring points on the M6. The data presented, which was within limits, was from 2015/16 (see appendix 1). 2017 data is not yet available.</li> </ul>					
<b>8. Planning applications</b>	<p>The Committee considered the application listed below and <b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/58)</b> to comment as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1637 1489 1998"> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1637 767 1877"><b>18/0709C</b> <b>13, Station Road,</b> <b>CW4 7AU</b></td> <td data-bbox="767 1637 1489 1877">Removal of existing single garage and lean-to greenhouse and replace with one double garage.  <b>No OBJECTION</b> with comment; “We acknowledge measures are in place to protect the existing trees”</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1877 767 1998"><b>18/0687C</b> <b>52 Macclesfield Rd</b> <b>CW4 7NQ</b></td> <td data-bbox="767 1877 1489 1998">Two storey extension to rear.  <b>NO OBJECTION</b></td> </tr> </table>		<b>18/0709C</b> <b>13, Station Road,</b> <b>CW4 7AU</b>	Removal of existing single garage and lean-to greenhouse and replace with one double garage.  <b>No OBJECTION</b> with comment; “We acknowledge measures are in place to protect the existing trees”	<b>18/0687C</b> <b>52 Macclesfield Rd</b> <b>CW4 7NQ</b>	Two storey extension to rear.  <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
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	<b>18/0607C</b> <b>16 Lochmaben</b> <b>Close,</b> <b>CW4 7HU</b>	Single Storey Side and Rear Extension.  <b>NO COMMENT</b>
<b>9. Highways Issues</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cllr Blomeley gave a verbal report regarding the Strategic Transport Group Consultation event that he attended at Crewe Alexandra Stadium on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. The event focussed on cross boundary issues both in the present and future and the following key ideas were raised:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was proposed that a higher proportion of transport funding should be directed to the Local Authorities.</li> <li>• The idea of the possibility of a future transport authority for the north of England was put forward.</li> <li>• Proposals include more co-ordination regarding public transport in relation to such things as timetables, particularly in corridors of movement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The committee noted the current petition initiated by Holmes Chapel Partnership in regard to pedestrian crossing provision at the proposed Chester Road / London Road roundabout. It runs until 31 March 2018 and currently has 300 signatures. All councillors can sign the petition in capacity as a resident.</li> <li>3. The committee received a progress report on the progress of actions raised at the meeting with R. Welch of Cheshire East Highways on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. It was commented on that the Parish Council need to communicate Highways work undertaken to the parishioners, for awareness. It was agreed that a report be produced for future reference.</li> <li>4. The committee was updated with the status of the new pedestrian crossing on Middlewich Road, which is due to be completed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/59)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. To receive the verbal report</li> <li>II. To write to CE Highways, informing them that the petition is running and that the parish Council are supportive of the ethos for pedestrian safety. It will also be requested that the parish council have early involvement in the design process.</li> <li>III. To produce a summary report of highways issues.</li> </ol>	
<b>10. SIDs and Speedwatch</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.1 A mobile SID on loan from the Cheshire Constabulary has been installed on Chester Road for data collection. The PCSO has been asked to arrange for the unit to be used on either Manor Lane or London Road.</li> <li>10.2 A response from Brereton Parish Council is awaited before progressing the proposed speed limit reduction on London Road.</li> <li>10.3 There was no further news on Speedwatch activities.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/60)</b> to receive the report.</p>	
<b>11. Police Matters</b>	<p>The Committee noted the beat report for January 2018. The Clerk has contacted the constabulary requesting more detail in the reports but it was felt that the Parish Council should request more information on specific items when required rather than take more of the PCSOs time in routine report writing.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/61)</b> to receive the report, and to invite PCSO Chesters to the Annual Parish meeting.</p>	

<b>12. Street signs</b>	<p>The committee noted the report on street signs, along with the quotation for replacement of those recommended for such. Comments relating to the cost of the new signs were made and it was proposed a more detailed breakdown be produced, separating the cost of the signs and the installation/repair work.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/62)</b> to produce a specification and to arrange for further quotes to be sought, to be brought back to the next Village and Infrastructure meeting.</p>
<b>13. CCTV</b>	<p>There was no further news to report. Members plan to visit the control centre mid March 2018.</p>
<b>14. Photography Competition</b>	<p>The HC partnership are happy to take over the running of the photography competition, with the prize to be presented at the "Celebrating Holmes Chapel" event in September 2018</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/63)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. To pass the running of the competition over to the HC partnership.</li> <li>II. To provide funds for framed pictures of the winning photographs as prizes for the event.</li> </ol>
<b>15. Grass Verges</b>	<p>It was noted that several of the grass verges across the village are being systematically and severely damaged by vehicles, for differing reasons.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/64)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. To raise the issue with CE Highways, via a meeting with John Tickle.</li> <li>II. For the office to compile a report of damaged verges to be brought back to the next VI meeting.</li> </ol>
<b>16. Sustainable Modes of Travel to School consultation</b>	<p>It was noted that the consultation is currently running. The committee</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (VI17/18/65)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. For the office to contact each of the schools by letter to ensure awareness of the consultation and to ask what issues they currently have, and to offer assistance with such.</li> <li>II. To not submit comments to the consultation as a Parish Council.</li> </ol>
<b>17. Public Speaking</b>	<p>None</p>
<b>18. Future Agenda Items</b>	<p>Sid Post locations</p>
<b>19. Chairman and Clerk's reports</b>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.</b></p>	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Village Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for 26 April 2018

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

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## Appendix 1

Tube No.	Address	2015 Annual Average ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	2016 Annual Average ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
CE65	Intack Farm, Intack Lane, High Leg	30.87	34.54
CE248	Woodlands Farm, 62 Northwich Road, Cranage	-	36.69
CE156	West Side of M6, Oak Tree Lane, Cranage	17.86	21.33
CE139	Allotment View, Oak Tree Lane, Cranage	-	23.17
CE146	221 Heath Road, Sandbach	25.03	31.69
CE249	1 Mistletoe Cottage, Hassall Green	-	19.71
CE234	Whitemoss Farm, Nursery Road, Oakhanger	26.67	31.35