



VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 23 November 2017
 at The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



Part I – Public and Press present

1. Attendance	Cllr M Blomeley Cllr A Armitt Cllr B Bath Cllr P Cotton Cllr M Street	Mrs S Davies – Clerk to the Council Mr A Bethell		
2. Air Quality presentation	The Committee heard a presentation from Mr Nick Kelly and Mr Martin Brown, Environmental Services, Cheshire East Council, on the work that CEC are doing to monitor and preserve air quality in Holmes Chapel. A single monitoring tube is presently positioned at the Chester Road, London Road crossroads. This is due to be re-sited at that junction for improved efficiency, and a further monitoring tube installed on Middlewich Road. The CEC representatives then answered questions from the committee members. It was requested of the representatives that they submit a short report of issues which could be released to the public. Mr Kelly and Mr Brown left the meeting at the end of the presentation.			
3. Apologies	RESOLVED (VI17/18/35) to receive apologies from Cllr R Parry (awaiting surgery) and Cllr M Ranger (holiday), and Cllr K O'Regan (family matter)			
4. Declarations of Interest	None			
5. Public Speaking	Mr. Alan Bethell introduced himself; a member of the public, with specialist tree knowledge who is interested in the activities of the council and has been asked to assist with the village tree survey.			
6. Committee minutes	RESOLVED (VI17/18/36) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2017.			
7. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Matters - PA testing is now complete. • Hermitage Bridge – the work is awaiting completion (due in January) • Update on the parking on the green amenity area at the end of Westway: Vehicles are consistently parking there at weekends. There is evidence of damage to the green caused by vehicle tyres. Clerk to establish ownership of area and investigate further. • Pavements by Barclays Bank and by Mandeville's have been power washed. • The lengthsman has trimmed the overgrown hedge at the Chester Road corner and is continuing with leaf collection and removal. 			
8. Planning applications	<p>The Committee considered the following planning application listed below and RESOLVED (VI17/18/37) to comment as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1888 1490 2020"> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1888 895 2020">17/5648C 12 Gleneagles Drive CW4 7JA</td> <td data-bbox="895 1888 1490 2020">Single storey rear extension replacing a conservatory. NO OBJECTION</td> </tr> </table>		17/5648C 12 Gleneagles Drive CW4 7JA	Single storey rear extension replacing a conservatory. NO OBJECTION
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	<p>17/5750C Saltersford Hall farm Macclesfield Road CW4 8AL</p>	<p>Variation of condition 2 on 16/5271C – demolition of barn and construction of new dwelling.</p> <p>NO OBJECTION</p>
	<p>17/5721C Land to west of London Road Holmes Chapel</p>	<p>Retention of highway works</p> <p>NO OBJECTION</p>
<p>9. Highways Issues</p>	<p>The Committee were updated further to the meeting with Rob Welch (CE Highways) on 14 November 2017.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/38)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. to receive the report. II. For the Clerk to compose a draft letter requesting a consultation process regarding the proposed roundabout at the Chester Road/London Road roundabout. III. For the Clerk to request a copy of the s106 agreement 	
<p>10. SIDs and Speedwatch</p>	<p>The Committee noted the SID data supplied, covering the period to mid October 2017. Also noted that further to the SID post on Knutsford Hill being moved, all the SID's are now functioning correctly. The committee debated the best positions for SIDs in the village at present. Speedwatch volunteers have been performing sessions in the village.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/39)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To move the SID on Macclesfield road from post 09 to 11 II. To move the SID on Middlewich Road from post 06 to 07 III. To request 3 new poles in the budget for next year, to be sited on London Road (Northbound) Knutsford Road (Northbound) and Manor Lane (southbound) IV. To purchase an additional SID, as soon as funds permit. V. To ask CEC for a timescale for the reduction in the speed limit from 40 to 30, on London Road from the parish boundary. VI. For Cllr Armitt to request feedback from Speedwatch activities from the police. 	
<p>11. CCTV</p>	<p>The committee noted the commitment of the Council to continue the CCTV service for another 3 years, and reviewed the reports supplied for the 2nd quarter. The CCTV centre in Macclesfield has been updated, and councillors have been invited to visit. Mr S. Hobson (CEC CCTV manager) is due to attend the committee meeting on the 18 January 2018.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/40) to request a change in the method of reporting and an update on the camera positions, at the next meeting when S Hobson in attendance, and to arrange a visit to the centre prior to this.</p>	
<p>12. Office</p>	<p>As the office is situated in the conservation area of Holmes Chapel, the Committee debated how to improve and enhance the appearance of the office.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/41)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To request of the landlord if the shutters and iron grill can be removed from the door/window, without impacting on the insurance costs. II. To paint the exterior woodwork. III. To better utilise historic pictures stored in the office - either in 	

	<p>the office or donate to the Church.</p> <p>IV. To experiment with the office layout, possibly using a smaller meetings table.</p>
13. Cheshire Fire Authority	The Committee noted the annual draft consultation and RESOLVED (VI17/18/42) to make no comment.
14. Holmes Chapel Library	<p>Whilst 3 libraries in Cheshire East are scheduled for closure in 2018/19, with the service being passed to ES&R, there is no intent to close the facility in Holmes Chapel.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/43)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To contact CEC and Everbody Sport & Leisure, to ensure that the Council is kept aware of forthcoming plans and are involved in any consultation process. II. To contact the towns/villages where libraries are closing to gather information on their response to the proposals. III. To consider future contact with neighbouring parishes, in view of potential closure in Holmes Chapel.
15. Budget setting	<p>The committee reviewed the 5 year plan and project index supplied and RESOLVED (VI17/18/44)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. to request 3 new SID posts and a new SID, at a cost to the council of £3,000 and £5,000 respectively. II. To investigate use of s106 monies for this purpose.
16. Public Speaking	None
17. Future Agenda Items	<p>Website update.</p> <p>Social media and e.mail distribution of news.</p> <p>Photography competition</p>
18. Chairman and Clerk's reports	<p>The Clerk reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting has been arranged with Goostrey Parish Council to discuss the impact of the supported bus service review on 29th November 2017. • A proposal has been received from a telecommunications company to remove the poplar trees at the HCCC. • To note the inclusion of HC parish Council as a supporter of the Everybody Junior sports awards. • It was noted that there are some issues around the validity of the licence of a "Big Issue" seller in the centre of Holmes Chapel. <p>Cllr Bath reported to note the application for Happy Days nursery 16/6197C is due to be heard at Southern planning committee on 29 November 2017</p>
The meeting closed at 9.25p.m.	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Village Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for 18 January 2018

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

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