



VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 7 September 2017
 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 J Clowes Cllr P Cotton Cllr R Parry Cllr M Ranger Cllr M Street	Mrs NL Clarke – Clerk Mr Paul Carroll
2. Apologies	RESOLVED (VI17/18/15) to note the non-attendance of Cllr K O'Regan	
3. Declarations of Interest	Cllr Street declared an interest in item 10, as a family member works at the Hermitage School. Cllr Parry declared an interest in item 11, as a friend of Mrs Horn.	
4. Health Centre Update	RESOLVED (VI17/18/16) to suspend standing orders to receive an update from Mr Paul Carroll Practice Manager of the Holmes Chapel Health Centre. He reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the health Centre is a very busy surgery, with various doctors sitting on regional committees. Despite a rising population in Holmes Chapel, patient numbers have been declining. At present, 2000 new patients would be required in order to fund an additional doctor and support staff. • There is £100,000 of s106 funds currently lodged with CEC, with 9 years remaining to spend this money on capital projects. • They are launching an Econsult service in due course, for on-line consultations. Flu clinics are scheduled for 7 October and early November this year. • The surgery have an active patient panel, offering feedback and support, meeting every 2 months. Mr Carroll then answered various questions from the committee relating to appointments, post-operation care and delays with prescriptions. The chairman thanked Mr Carroll for his attendance. Mr Carroll then let the meeting.	
5. Public Speaking	None	
6. Committee minutes	RESOLVED (VI17/18/17) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017.	
7. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEC has indicated a survey on Sandiford Road to collect speed and type of vehicles along with traffic numbers for 7 days during September 2017; • Bus review – nothing further to report; • Hermitage Bridge – work is expected to continue for a further week. 	
8. Planning applications	The Committee considered the following planning applications listed below and RESOLVED (VI17/18/18) to comment as follows:	

	<p>17/4301C 117 London Road, CW4 7BG</p> <p>Single storey rear extension and associated alterations</p> <p>NO OBJECTION</p>
	<p>17/4233C The Coach House, 2b Sadlers Close, CW4 7EG</p> <p>Variation of condition 2 on approval 17/1495C (to vary condition 2 on approved application 16/1186C)</p> <p>NO OBJECTION</p>
9. Highways Hour Review	<p>The committee reviewed the attendance of CEC Highway Officers at Full Council on 17 August.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/19)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To arrange a follow-up meeting with CEC highways in December II. To ask CEC for an update on issues raised at CEC Highways hour III. To ask CEC about hedge work on the Balmoral estate.
10. SIDs and Speedwatch	<p>Cllr Blomeley reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on lack of CEC moving the post on Knutsford Road. • Chester Road SID has been repaired • SID data is due to be downloaded shortly. <p>Cllr Armitt reported that no Speedwatch sessions have taken place due to lack of numbers. She will try to stimulate the group once the new PCSO is in place.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/20) to receive the report.</p>
11. Hermitage School Parking	<p>Cllr Street reported on a meeting with CEC Highways and the school on suggested parking restrictions outside the school. The committee reviewed the proposed plan drawn up by CEC and RESOLVED (VI17/18/21) for Cllr Blomeley to contact Cllr Les Gilbert to determine if further input is needed from the Parish Council.</p>
12. Memorial Benches	<p>Cllr Blomeley reported on the request by a resident to move her memorial bench at Parkway and her reasons.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/22) that the committee agree to meet Mrs Williams to outline the potential pitfalls and consequences of moving the tubs and bench, including possible damage to the bench, and costs of restitution.</p>
13. Cllr Cotton	<p>Cllr Cotton left the meeting at 8.30pm</p>
14. Arclid HWRC	<p>Cllr Blomeley gave a verbal report on meetings held with local Councils (led by Sandbach TC) on the imminent closure of the Arclid HWRC. Confirmation of the closure of the facility on 30th September 2017 has been received. Cllr Blomeley is attending a meeting on 11 September 2017 with CEC cabinet members and head of recycling. A list of questions has been sent by the Town & Parish Councils for response on 11 September.</p>
15. Lengthsman	<p>The Clerk reported on activities undertaken and that the work is within budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED (VI17/18/23) to receive the report.</p>

16. Local Council awards	This item was deferred to the next Committee. It was subsequently confirmed that these awards apply only to Cheshire West; no further action is required.
17. Dog Fouling	Cllr Armitt reported on an offer from a local resident to highlight the problem of dog fouling. RESOLVED (VI17/18/24) to accept the offer.
18. Boundary signs	Cllr Parry expressed his concern about the visibility of the boundary signs. RESOLVED (VI17/18/25) to engage the lengthsman to tidy the foliage and planters.
19. Christmas Tree and Lights	Cllr Street confirmed the arrangements for the displays for this winter.
20. Village Competitions	Cllr Cotton and Street updated the committee on the garden competition. The judging is due to be finalised in the coming weeks.
21. Office matters	The Clerk confirmed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire extinguishers – due to be serviced in September 2017 • Office alarm – will be serviced in October 2017 • PAT testing – will be carried out in November 2017
22. Public Speaking	None
23. Future Agenda Items	Air Quality, Website, CCTV, Tree survey, Street Signs
24. Chairman and Clerk's reports	Cllr Bath reminded members of the Holmes Chapel show on 17 September 2017.
The meeting closed at 9.10p.m.	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Village Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for 5 October 2017

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

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