



HIGHER HURDSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting

Held at the HOLY TRINITY C of E CHURCH
197 Hurdsfield Road, Macclesfield, SK10 2PX

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8th December 2022

PRESENT: -

Parish Cllr's - Mr. A. Broadhurst (Chair), Mr. C. Fleming (Vice Chair), Mrs. M. Street, Mr. P. Torr, Cllr. Mr. N. McArthur. Mrs. D. Grindrod
Ward Cllrs. Ms. A. Stott, Mr. J. Nicholas
Parish Clerk & RFO - Mrs. W Carter
Mr. Paul Keep

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council reviewed and unanimously approved by resolution the reasons for absence.
Mr. Tim Simpson,

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS.

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM.

None.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eileen Wilson, after being a Parish Councillor for over fifty years, reluctantly resigned on the 8th November, due to ill health.

The relevant notice "Vacancy for a Councillor" was posted on the Cheshire East web site, our own website and on a notice board for the required 14 days and no applicants came forward. We have now received written confirmation we can co-opt a councillor.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD 27th October 2022

The minutes were approved by all members and signed by the Chairman Cllr. A. Broadhurst.

6. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Having met all the required criteria Mr. Paul A. Keep was co-opted and welcomed onto the Parish Council.

UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING

a. Current bank balance on the 4th November 2022 - £6,311.61

b. General enquiries. - none

7. ASSESSING THE PRECEPT REQUIREMENT.

The Precept was discussed taking into account: -

- the current economic climate causing increases in cost of many services for our residents
- the cuts in funding for local government making it likely the Parish Councils we will have to pay for items such as road grit etc.

- The current and estimated figures of the Parish Councils financial position detailed on the spreadsheet supplied by the clerk.
- The information estimated on band D Council tax, supplied by Cheshire East Council.

It was unanimously decided not to ask for an increase in the precept, our request would remain at £7,000.

8. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Postal Cost of Queens Card	£ 3.45
Plants for Higher Fold flower trough	<u>£12.00</u>
Chq. No. 000938, refund A. Broadhurst Total	£15.45

Meeting Room Rent 3 x £12.50 incl. Dec.	
Chq. No. 000939, Holy Trinity Church. Total	£37.50

It was unanimously agreed that the Church rent will be increased to £15 per meeting in 2023.

123 Reg. Web Hosting	£ 66.61
12 months expenses for W. Carter	<u>£181.70</u>
Ch No. 000940, refund W. Carter Total	£248.31

Income Tax Pay to end of Dec. 2022 for the clerk	
Chq. No. 000941, HMRC	£240.00

Plannings for Higher Fold Road repair.	
Chq. No. 000942 refund P. Torr	£453.36

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER & COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS, ENFORCEMENTS & DECISIONS.

APPLICATION No: 22/4198M

Proposal: Install Conservatory at the right elevation.

Location: 31, RAINOW ROAD, HIGHER HURDSFIELD, SK10 2PG

National Grid Ref: 393131.145 374436.4405

The Planning Committee reviewed the application and has no objections.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENTS

Application No: 20/2743M – ON GOING

Proposal: [OBJ] Demolition of a vacant pub (A4) and the construction of a terrace of 4 two- storey dwellings and one two-storey detached infill dwelling (C3) with associated car parking

Location: THE GEORGE AND DRAGON, 61, RAINOW ROAD, HIGHER HURDSFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK10 2PD.

The above application was refused by the Planning Authority on 03.10.2022. Cheshire East Planning Dept. have confirmed it is an active case There is growing concern about the deteriorating condition of the building.

43-47 Rainow Road, Higher Hurdsfield. Enforcement case reference 20/00480E

The owner had until 30th April 2022 in which to submit an application. No application has been received.

Cllr. Stott has advised Rachel no longer works for Enforcement.

Andy Cush is now reviewing the case and will contact us when he has an update.

10. REVIEW AND DISTRIBUTE CORRESPONDENCE.

Independent Councillors Amanda Stott and James Nicholas, who represent Higher Hurdsfield and Bollington, have produced a very interesting newsletter which will be posted on our website.

Community Speed Watch Scheme.

The scheme was discussed and it was clear we do not have the manpower to carry it out.

11. PC CHRISTOPHER HOWARD-REPORT

We have a new PCSO, PCSO Lorcan Cannard, who took up his position on 22/11/22

The Clerk has requested him to confirm what duties he is able to perform.

PC Howard had reviewed the last month across the Higher Hurdsfield parish area, these are the reported incidents

12/11/22 Neighbor dispute

08/11/22 Historic sex offence

04/11/22 Road Traffic Collision, (driver error)

12. ROAD MARKINGS TO BE REPAINTED.

All requested road markings have now been repainted.

13. CLIFF LANE

a. Notice of temporary road closure

Cliff Lane, Macclesfield, SK10 2 at the junction of Cliff Lane

The closure was necessary for Cheshire East Highways to carry out Sign Replacement.

It was very disappointing to see that money was being spent on replacing "like for like" signs, when more urgent work is required.

b. Road Gullies

John Denwood has been up Cliff Lane to check the gully on the hill outside Cliff Farm. He has seen it is blocked, however there was no adverse effect on property or highway users. This problem has been added this to the priority list for carriageway and drainage works for the next financial year, although no one is sure what the budgets has in store for the next financial year.

15. ROEWOOD LANE.

a. Vehicle collision damage to wall and signage.

John Denwood is still pushing for a date regarding the wall repair, as he has been contacted by a number of residents about the blocked gullies on Rainow Road, which are to be emptied at the same time. He hopes to have a date for us soon.

b. Ground Maintenance around the Notice Board

Completed.

c. Hillside Drive Flats.

The footings dug in the front of the flats have now been filled in and made good.



16. HIGHER FOLD ROAD REPAIR COSTINGS.

Councillor P. Torr carried out the work, which now makes the road safe. We only paid for the materials.

17. RAINOW ROAD, BLOCKED GULLIES

To be emptied when the work is carried to repair the wall on the junction of Roewood Lane.

Two gullies have recently been cleared but the other seven remain blocked. The clerk to find out why only two were cleared.

18. WELL LANE, LARGE WAGONS, DEMOLISHED WALLS.

We have had two different reports of large wagons traveling along Well Lane

