



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 29th February 2024.

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PRESENT: -

Parish Cllr's - Mr. A. Broadhurst (Chair), Mr. C. Fleming (Vice Chair), Mr. P. Torr, Mr. N. McArthur., Mrs. D. Grindrod, Mr. P. Keep.

Ward Cllr. Mr. K. Edwards.

Six members of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The apology received from Cllr. D. Grindrod was unanimously accepted by resolution.
Cllr. J. Place.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Four members of the public attended to put forward their views and discuss the following item, which the Chairman brought forward: -

Item 16) WELL LANE, LARGE WAGONS, DEMOLISHED WALLS.

a) Large vehicles damaging walls and road surfaces Ref. 3452223.

b) No entry / weight limit signs requested.

Road width restriction signs had previously been available. CEC suggested the local council pay for the signs.

ACTION Cllr. K. Edwards to ask CEC if that meant Bollington Council, because HHPC could not afford to pay for them.

The question was asked, "could signs be erected on private land"? This was affirmed but CEC had previously stated that if there was too much clutter of signage, they would have to be removed. Confusion over the existing speed limit signs causes traffic to misinterpret the information.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. COUNCIL CLERK VACANCY

Mrs. Allison Poyser was interviewed for the role of Parish Clerk, and it was unanimously agreed that she should join us on a three month trial, with a view to a permanent contract after that time.

Mrs. Poyser was given a copy of her job description and the standing orders.

Mrs. Poyser also took the minutes of the meeting.

6. CO-OPTING A NEW COUNCILLOR

Mrs. Amber Owens, who had been a valuable member of the Council some years ago, was interviewed, unanimously accepted and co-opted onto the council.

7. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD 21st December 2023

The minutes were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman.

8. CLERK TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING

- a. **Current bank balance** on the 5th February 2024 was £4621.12
- b. **General** – The Clerks final salary cheque to be signed.

9. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Final Salary Cheque for the Clerk.

Chq. No. 000963 Amount £320

10. REVIEW OF THE ASSETS REGISTER

The asset register was reviewed and approved by the Council.

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

PLANNING ENFORCEMENTS

- a) **THE GEORGE AND DRAGON, 61, RAINOW ROAD, HIGHER HURDSFIELD, MACCLESFIELD, SK10 2PD.**

20/2743M application was refused by the Planning Authority on 03.10.2022.
Enforcement Case heard at Crewe Crown Court.

There seems to be total confusion regarding this case. Cllr. K. Edwards has been trying to find out what occurred, but as yet nothing has come to light. It has not been confirmed that the court case has been heard.

- b) **23/00482E ERECTION OF A SHED. 6 ROEWOOD LANE, HIGHER HURDSFIELD, MACCLESFIELD.**

No further information is available.

12. REVIEW AND DISTRIBUTE CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

13. PSCO LORCAN CANNARD'S REPORT

No report submitted.

14. CLIFF LANE

- a) **Damaged wall.**

The wall has been repaired.

- b) **Flooding and potholes.**

Owing to the severe erosion of the road surface around the gullies, water is just cascading past them.

Erosion is now taking place at the base of the retaining wall. Cllr. N. McArthur reported the problem to the Highways Dept. but was told it was not a serious matter.

It was suggested that any remedy would be a large engineering project.

15. ROEWOOD LANE.

a) Vehicle collision damage to wall and signage.

CEC have tried several times to carry out the repairs. They were unable to do so, due to parked vehicles prohibiting the siting of the necessary traffic control measures.

b) Yellow Lines on the canal bridge.

A previous request for yellow lines had been acted on by CEC but has now been discontinued. No further action.

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SEE ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM.

17. SID

CEC Highways Dept. have offered to provide a redundant SID. Regrettably the Parish cannot afford the upkeep and have to decline.

However, residents have been approached by the police regarding the siting of an ANPR camera on a lamp standard on Rainow Road. Although this is not a speed device, many people would not know that and the sight of it could have the effect of slowing traffic.

18. CHANGING PARISH BOUNDARIES.

CEC, through their "Ward Boundary Review" have decided that Higher Hurdsfield Parish should be moved in with Hurdsfield.

This move along with other Bollington ward boundary changes, will have the effect of evening out the number of residents per ward. CEC have informed the Boundary Commission of their decision, and it is now up to the Parish Council to make representation to the Boundary Commission as to our preference. The consultation closes on the 1st April 2024 so it was suggested that we form an emergency working group to discuss the matter. However, no decisions were taken on this action.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 28th March 2024.

Meeting Ended approx. 19.30