

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ACTON EDLESTON AND HENHULL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ACTON PARISH HALL ON 23RD MARCH 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Mike Houlston
Councillor Carol Mace
Councillor Steve Kuenne
Councillor Dave Taylor
Councillor Tony Coxhill
Councillor Les Hobson

APOLOGIES: Councillor Michael Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Annie Coombs
Charles Roundell
Mr Thompson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mike Houlston and Les Hobson declared an interest in any matters relating to the Parish Hall.

DISPENSATIONS

No Dispensation Forms were submitted.

MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING:

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Carol Mace reported on the progress with the Plan. She had been in contact with the Wildlife Trust about carrying out a detailed report to be included in the Plan. A price of £975 plus Vat was quoted. This was felt a little excessive for the works to be done as the Parish had no designated sites. Carol to check price again with Wildlife Trust and report back to next meeting.

Clerk to check with Neighbourhood Planning Team at Cheshire East for possible grant towards this cost.

AGREED: The decision regarding the report by the Wildlife Trust can be cleared by email.

Carol asked Parish Councillors to take as many photographs as possible for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Annie Coombs and Chris Driver offered to carry out a Landscape Assessment on a voluntary basis and the Parish Council had no objection to this.

WEBSITE

Steve Kuenne reported that the Website was being updated by himself and the Clerk on a regular basis.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Steve Kuenne reported that the Defibrillator box had been attached to the wall of the Parish Hall but still awaiting the Electrician to connect up. Will report more at next meeting.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Michael Jones had given his apologies for the meeting.

Cllr Stan Davies was in attendance and made a report to the Parish Council. Sound Bridge was being looked at provisionally to install a weight limit. Cheshire East talking to surrounding Parishes and business people in the area. Will report back at a future meeting.

The link road at Taylor Drive – a design has been drawn up and it looks like work will start approximately 24th April with a view to the road being opened at the beginning of May.

The bridge at Ravensmoor has had priority arrows, new line markings and a new kerb installed.

Cheshire East looking to cut back the footpaths by Acton School so as to widen the surface area – this to be carried out beginning of April.

The Parish Council asked Cllr Davies if anything could be done to improve the footpath from the Car Park towards the Parish Hall and to the School. Some parts are in a very poor state. Cllr Davies to look into this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk issued correspondence received. Thank you letters had been received from the Trustees of Acton Parish Hall and Acton PCC for the Parish Council's donation of £250.00 each.

ACCOUNTS:

The following were approved for payment from the Parish Council Account:-

(a)	Acton Parish Hall – 23.03.17	£ 12.30
(c)	Shire Accountants – Payroll Jan-Mar 17	£ 24.00
(d)	Donation to Parish Hall – cheque issued 18.01.17	£250.00
(e)	Donation to Parish Burial Grounds – cheque issued 18.01.17	£250.00

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Tony Coxhill had been in contact with the new Owner of the Star inn to ask him if he would tidy up the area. The new owner said that he was waiting for funds before starting on the Star site. He agreed that for the present time he would tidy the area and he has made a small attempt.

Mike Houlston had been in contact with Dorfold Estates regarding their pre-enquiry application for Wedding facilities and the walled garden. Mike had spoken with Turnberry who have asked for a meeting with the Parish Council before our AGM meeting on 18th May. Charles Roundell was in attendance and he suggested that the Parish Council make a visit to Dorfold before this special meeting to see for themselves the suggested proposals. The Parish Council agreed this was an excellent proposal.

Steve Kuenne to contact the Conservation Officer, Elizabeth Rodgers at Cheshire East about the possibility of removing part of the hedge on the car park to create a footpath. Carry this forward to the next meeting.

Mike Houlston reported that Reaseheath College Students had completed one section of the footpath to the Canal and were hoping to carry out another Section w/b 27th March. However they were almost at the end of their course and their assignment so further works would have to be as a project in the future. Mike to speak to Reaseheath.

Meeting finished at 8.00pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting on 18th May 2017.