MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF ACTON EDLESTON AND HENHULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON 21 JANUARY 2021

PRESENT: **Councillor Les Hobson**
Councillor Carol Mace
Councillor Philip Percival
Councillor Paul Weaver
Councillor Tom Doyle
Councillor Claire Lewis-Jones

APOLOGIES:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: **Charles Roundell**
Cllr Sarah Pochin – Cheshire East Councillor

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

DISPENSATIONS

No Dispensation Forms were submitted.

MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING – 26 NOVEMBER 2020

AGREED: That the Minutes of the Remote Meeting held on 26 November 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PRECEPT 2021-2022

AGREED: The Precept be set at £8,300 for 2021-2022.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

As no written claim by 10 electors was received by the Elections Department within the requisite period for an election to be held, the Parish Council are free to fill the vacancy by co-option.

AGREED: Clerk to put Vacancy on noticeboard and website.

NEW BANK SIGNATORY

AGREED: Claire Lewis-Jones be the new Bank Signatory. Clerk to arrange.

ANNUAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

CAR PARK

Tom Doyle had carried out a litter pick of the Car Park before Christmas but due to more litter being left he agreed to carry out another pick.

WIFI FOR PARISH HALL

Carol Mace reported that she had met with BT on site at the Parish Hall. BT have said that a new telegraph pole is required. They have requested a BT Surveyor to come out. The existing Electricity Pole cannot be used at present because of the trees and the electricity cables. If it were agreed to remove the trees altogether it may then be possible to use this Electricity pole. If the Parish Council needs to pay for a new telephone pole, Carol to contact CE to ask if there is any funding available.

Claire Lewis-Jones asked if the Church could possibly benefit from the Wifi. Philip Percival reiterated this point. Paul Weaver said a "line of sight" would be needed between the Parish Hall and the Church. It was asked "How much would it cost for Wifi to be provided for the Parish Hall and the Church"? Carol Mace and Paul Weaver to meet BT on site and put these suggestions forwarded and get a quote.

AGREED: The Church be included in the Wifi installation at the Parish Hall.

THE STAR CAR PARK, ACTON

Les Hobson reported that the Builder had put the land up for sale with the planning permission for 4 houses. Butters John Bee are the Agents and the price is £350,000. Carol Mace felt that there was nothing the Parish Council could do about this unless the buyer decided to put a new planning application in. Tom Doyle asked about issues with it being in the Conservation Area but this would have been taken into account in the original planning application.

DORFOLD ESTATES

Charles Roundell attended the meeting but didn't have any further information to give to the Parish Council. The planning application was supposed to be going to Southern Planning Committee in January but the meeting had been cancelled.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Pochin reported that the last 24 hours had seen horrendous flooding in the area, specifically in her Ward.

She reported the following from Cheshire East Councillor:-

- CE is supporting the Vaccination Programme against TB for Badgers.
- Discretionary Business Grants were available and easy and straightforward to apply for – details on CE website.
- CE updated its Brownfield Site Regulations in Dec 2020. It was last updated in Dec 2017. Les Hobson asked "How many Brownfield Sites in Cheshire East had planning permission been given"? Cllr Pochin to look into this.
- Consultation taking place on the Budget 21-25.
- Consultation taking place on Transport and Parking – looking into a Car Park Strategy.
- CE teamed up with Merseyside Forestry to boost tree planting ambitions. Cheshire East Council has become a member of The Mersey Forest partnership, supporting

the council to significantly increase tree planting. The council has an ambitious target of becoming carbon neutral by 2025, and influencing the wider borough to reduce their emissions. By partnering with The Mersey Forest, the council will have access to funding and expertise that can help Cheshire East to deliver on both their carbon neutral ambitions and the objectives set out in their environment strategy.

- Covid-19 Vaccinations were on track and going well.
- CE is distributing vouchers on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions up until the end of March 2021 to the most vulnerable children and families to pay for essentials such as food and energy. A 20 supermarket vouchers is available per child per week and/or a £49 fuel voucher per household.
- Households across Cheshire East will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. It will also be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

Cllr Pochin had been in talks with Penny Doyle about her property on the corner of Monks Lane and damage being caused by vehicles. Cllr Pochin has asked for a site meeting with Highways regarding this ongoing issue. Charles Roundell said he had spoken to Highways about the possibility of Monks Lane being changed to One Way but said that the Highways Officer had insisted that the Lane stay as it is.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were **AGREED** for payment from the Parish Council Account:

(a)	Clerk's Salary – December 20 & January 21	£ 287.00
(b)	Shires Payroll – 4th Quarter	£ 41.40

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Philip Percival asked Cllr Pochin if she could find out how much it cost to put the railings in over the culvert in Welshman's Lane. He felt it was a disgraceful and amateurish job and would be interested to know the cost.

Paul Weaver asked about the circular walk – it needed to be made safer along Marsh Lane Bridleway to Dairy House and Green Lane. He asked Charles Roundell of the possibility of putting a footpath on Dorfold Land. Charles asked that a marked map be sent to him and he would take a look. Paul to email Charles.

Paul asked about Plans for Malbank Waters Phase 3 and a footpath through from Robin Drive. Cllr Pochin suggested he get in touch with Genni Butler at CE.

Paul reported about parking on double white lines on Chester Road. This was happening usually at School drop off and pick up times. Cllr Pochin said she can escalate this concern but needed to know how regular it was happening. Paul to keep a check.

Claire Lewis-Jones mentioned about the recent flooding and the problems on Monks Lane. The Lane frequently floods, on the bend, and is dangerous. Would it be possible to put flashing 30mph signs up to slow the traffic down, particularly in these circumstances. This

item to be put on the next agenda. Cllr Pochin said that other local Parish Councils had portable speed signs that worked perfectly well. Paul Weaver said if the Parish Council purchased one he would be happy to store it and charge it when necessary.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm Next meeting - Thursday 25 March 2021.