

# **Curborough, Elmhurst, Farewell and Chorley Parish Council**

**11 July 2019**

**In attendance:** Councillor Brown, Smith, Robinson, Onions, Jennings, Derry, Tisdale, Gulliver, Hammersley and Keen

**Also in attendance:**

Members of public: 3

Other Councillors: Councillor Tittley, Staffordshire County Council (SCC)

Clerk: Ellen Bird

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs, Baiyle, Meior and Packwood.

**Noted**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**3. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Noted**

**4. Public Forum**

Pot Holes Grange Lane

A parishioner reported that problems persisted with pot holes on Grange Lane

**Resolved to ask the Clerk to report to SCC Highways.**

**5. To approve the minutes from 13 June 2019**

**Resolved to approve the Parish Meeting minutes held on 13 June 2019. The Minutes were signed by the Chair.**

Date:

Signed:

## **6. To receive County/District Councillor Reports**

Councillor Tittley provided an update from Staffordshire County Council.

He reported that works on HS2 continued in a chaotic fashion creating a lot of work for the County.

He reported that SCC were targeting their limited funds at protecting vulnerable people and that this meant other work undertaken by the Council was being impacted upon. He said the financial environment was very difficult.

### **Noted**

No District Councillor was in attendance.

## **7. Police Report**

The local Police Officer and Police and Community Support Officer attended the meeting and provided details of local policing issues.

It was noted that the policing areas did not match Parish Boundaries and that the figures covered North Lichfield which distorted the picture of Crime in the Parish. The officers took the opportunity to advise Parishioners to ensure doors and windows were locked at night and if they were in the back garden during hot weather, to advise that keyless entry keys were stored in faraday bags and to inform residents of Lichfield District Council (LDC) funding for heating installation for older people.

Councillors reported several issues of concern including:

- Cars meeting for suspected drugs related issues at Goosemoor Green, Chorley
- Dark Astra driving recklessly at 10.30 in Elmhurst
- Cannabis Farm detritus Farewell

**Noted with thanks. Councillors requested further Police updates to future meetings.**

## **8. Parish Lengthsmen/women**

The Chair reported that the County Council had indicated that Parish Council's would have to take on more tasks in future regarding upkeep of the local area. He suggested that the Council may wish to look at appointing a Lengthsman/woman – essentially a caretaker for the Parish to undertake small jobs like grass cutting, repairs etc. He reported that Shenstone had adopted this approach.

**Resolved to ask the Clerk to circulate the research provided by the Chair.**

## **9. Meeting regarding A515 turning restrictions**

The Chair reported that a meeting had taken place between SCC Highways, National Farmers Union (NFU) and Local Councillors to discuss the problems created by the turning restrictions on the A515. Farmers had been asked to provide detailed feedback on the problem to provide evidence for an exemption. It was hoped that a speedy resolution to the problem could be found as harvest would soon be underway.

**Noted.**

Date:

Signed:

## 10. Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided an update on items received and sent since the last meeting.

It was noted that more detail had been received regarding the investment of the funds from the sale of the school in Elmhurst.

### Resolved to

- a) **Note the Clerk's report**
- b) **Request that the Clerk produce a detailed financial report for the September meeting**
- c) **Ask the Clerk to request Alan Topliss review the proposal to move the funds to CCLA Investments.**

## 11. Accounts for Payment

The balances on the current account and business reserve accounts are £147,958.49 (as at 30 May 2019) and £116.68 (as at 5 June 2019) respectively. The latest bank statements have not yet been received.

The Parish Council are asked to approve the following payments at their meeting on 11 July 2019:

	Cost	VAT amount	Invoice No	Cheque Number
Clerk's wages July 2019	£213.76	-	-	710
WCAVA (Payroll/HMRC Payment July)	£25	£1.10	2020101	711
Clerk's Wages August 2019 (post dated to 8 August 2019)	£210	-		712
Clerk's Expenses	£10.02	-	-	713
SPCA Training Invoice	£20	-		714
Imperative Training Limited (Defib Case)	£645.60	£107.60		715
X2Connect Ltd	591.02	£98.50	13008	716

**There was no income to report.**

**Resolved to approve the Accounts for Payment.**

## 13. Any other Items (For Information only)

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**There were none.**

**Meeting ended: 21:00**

Date:

Signed:

## **Curborough and Elmhurst Sub Committee**

### **1. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **2. Minutes of any Sub-Committee/s and Divisional meetings held since the last full parish council meeting.**

There were none.

### **3. Planning Applications Received.**

#### **19/00865/FUL The White House, Watery Lane, Curborough:**

Councillors felt that as the application for the variation in condition 2 of the approved plans (with reference to the addition of a timber framed, glazed extension) had been refused by the planning department at Lichfield District Council in April 2019, this appeared to be a repeat application and the reasons for original refusal should still be applied.

**Resolved to ask the Clerk to submit comments on behalf of the Council**

### **4. To receive an update from the Hall Sale Working Group.**

Councillor Onions reiterated information he had shared during the full meeting about the need to formalise investment proposals and in co-operation with the parish clerk, commit those proposals to paper for the Parish Council meeting on the 12th September 2019 when the council could discuss, vote on and formalise those proposals so that practical investment could begin.

**Noted.**

### **5. Phone box update and defibrillator installation progress.**

It was noted that the defibrillator case had been ordered and work on refurbishing phone box was in hand.

**Noted**

### **6. Highways latest.**

Pothole in Grange Lane logged and Staffordshire Highways notified.

**Noted**

Date:

Signed:

**7. Any other items for information.**

There were none.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Date:

Signed:

## **Farewell and Chorley Sub Committee**

### **1. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **2. Minutes of any Sub-Committee/s and Divisional meetings held since the last full parish council meeting.**

There were none.

### **3. Planning Applications Received.**

19/00946/FUH - Springfield, Shute Hill, Chorley, Lichfield

Councillors were concerned that the window on the upper floor of the left hand side elevation may create a problem with overlooking. They felt the materials in the application and the design were not in character with the street scene. They objected to the rise in the ridge line.

**Resolved to ask the Clerk to submit comments to LDC on behalf of the Parish.**

19/00998/FUH - Farewell Mill, Cross in Hand Lane

**Resolved to defer this to a Planning Sub Committee to allow Councillors time to look at the plans as they had only been distributed by LDC shortly before this meeting.**

### **4. Highways latest:**

No items to report.

### **5. Any other items for information.**

There were none.

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm**

Date:

Signed: