

Curborough, Elmhurst, Farewell and Chorley Parish Council 12 March 2020

In attendance: Councillor Brown, Keen, Derry, Tisdale, Jennings, Meior, Gulliver and Smith.

Also in attendance:

Members of public: 2

Other Councillors:0

Clerk: Ellen Bird

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Packwood, Hammersley, Robinson, Bailey and Councillor Strachan, Lichfield District Council (LDC) and Councillor Tittley, Staffordshire County Council (SCC)

Noted

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair asked that with the likely impact of social isolation for Coronavirus, (which were likely to be announced over the next few days) that Councillors work with their communities to look after vulnerable and older residents.

Staffordshire Parish Council Association (SPCA) and the National Association for Local Councils (NALC) would be informing Clerk's about any legalities that would affect the Parish.

Noted

4. Public Forum

Potholes

A local resident reported large pot holes on Grange Lane and the A515 near Seedy Mill Golf Club.

Resolved to ask the Clerk to report these issues to SCC Highways.

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5. To approve the minutes from 9 January 2020

Resolved to

- a) approve the Parish Meeting minutes held on 9 January 2020. The Minutes were signed by the Chair.
- b) Approve the adoption of the defibrillator in Chorley by the Parish Council and add it to the Council's Asset Register
- c) Ask the Clerk to investigate whether the defibrillator in Chorley could be insured through the Parish Council.

Councillors resolved to appoint the following Councillors as signatories on the bank mandate

- Jenny Smith
- Dorothy Robinson
- Sally Keen
- Linda Jennings

6. HS2 Update Cappers Lane

Councillors received and noted an update on the local works that were being carried out in relation to the development of HS2

The HS2 Representative agreed to raise the following issues with HS2 on behalf of the Parish Council

- Compulsory Purchase notices had been displayed on the wrong properties and information regarding compulsory purchasing was very limited.
- Western Power were making very slow progress with the power lines, parishioners asked when this would progress.

7. To receive County/District Councillor Reports

No County/District Councillors were in attendance

8. Police Report

There was no report.

9. Clerk's Report

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

Noted

10. Accounts for Payment

The balance on the current account as at 28 February 2020 was £143,100.82 and business reserve as at 5 March account was £116.84.

The Parish Council are asked to approve the following payments at their meeting on 12 March 2020:

Date:

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	Cost	VAT amount	Invoice No	Cheque Number
Clerk's Wage March 2020	£259.33		12	£255 to be paid by SO 15 th of month
Clerk's Expenses (Inc £4.33 wage payment/ Post costs £1.66)	£	-	-	
WCAVA (Payroll/HMRC Payment Feb)	£36.60	1.10	2020325	
WCAVA (Payroll/HMRC Payment March)	£36.40	1.10	2020363	
Staffordshire Parish Council Association Annual Fee	£173	-	20/51	
SPCA Training Invoice	£20	-	19/357	

Resolved to approve the accounts for payment and to approve Black Rose Solutions as the internal auditor for the 2019/20 Accounts.

11. Investment of Parish Funds

Noted

13. Any other Items (For Information only)

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Noted

Meeting ended: 20:05

Date:

Signed:

Curborough and Elmhurst Sub Committee

- 1. Declarations of Interest**
- 2. Minutes of any Sub-Committee/s and Divisional meetings held since the last full parish council meeting.**
- 3. Planning Applications Received.**

20/009137/CLE. Lea Grange.

Unanimously agreed that as it was for a Certificate of Lawfulness existing, regarding use of one of the applicant's barns, there was no objection.

- 4. Phone box update and defibrillator installation progress.**

As Cllr Onions was not present no progress report was forthcoming. It was agreed unanimously that if the voluntary work on the phone box and defibrillator could not be completed by the end of June 2020, then an outside contractor should be paid from 'Elmhurst money' to have the work done. The chair to contact Cllr Onions to assess viability of completion by end of June 2020.

- 5. Highways latest.**

No Items

- 6. Any other items for information.**

Flooding in the village

Cllr Keen said that Cllr Packwood, on behalf of the landowners, has agreed to dig out the ditch at the top of the hill out of the village when the weather has improved and Cllr Keen and a small work party would provide traffic management and road tidying. If this work does not improve the current flooding problem, Staffs Highways would need to be contacted with a view to more significant highways drainage improvements being made.

Asked for comment, a member of public suggested that a small, solar-powered traffic light system (similar to that at Wychnor) on each end of the top-of-hill bend, would reduce danger at the bend and also slow traffic thereby diminishing verge erosion, which, in turn, adds to the flooding problem. Councillors agreed that this would be worth investigating when the flooding problem has been resolved.

Cllr Keen said that there are a number of dangerous trees around the village (particularly by the Mission entrance) which need a proper survey. It was noted that TPOs applied to a number of trees and it was agreed that the clerk should contact the District Council's Tree Officer to arrange a condition survey as soon as possible.

Resolved to ask the Clerk to co-ordinate this with Cllr Keen.

Village Playing Field Long Term Plan

Cllr Keen initiated a discussion on a long-term plan for the currently unused village playing field. She suggested a recreational area with a possible sub-area used for a village apiary. The chair suggested and it was agreed that members of the community should be canvassed for their ideas.

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and he said that it would be included on the agenda for the parish meeting on 23rd April 2020 where wider discussion could take place and proposals be made/agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date:

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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.

There were none.

Resolved to only hold a Planning Meeting if objections were received on the application.

4. Highways latest.

Councillor Gulliver updated Councillors on the progress with obtaining a 30 MPH speed limit in Chorley.

He informed the group of the funding that had been secured and what further funding was required in order to afford the change in the speed limit through the village.

Noted

5. Any other items for information.

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9pm