

SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Council held on THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr M Chaloner (Chair), Cllr M Wilson, Cllr A Brown, Cllr G Bowles, Cllr J White.

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P Roberts and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

One member of the public in attendance raised concerns:

i) Castletown Lane: Road surface severely rutted, previously reported and now catching the bottom of vehicles.

Resolved: To re report and keep Cllr Roberts informed.

ii) Broadband: Poor connectivity in Castletown continued to be a major issue.

Noted: A Shocklach resident was currently making enquiries of Chorlton as they had recently secured better broadband provision through a neighbour's scheme.

Resolved: Cllr Roberts advised that OpenReach should be reminded of the Universal Service Obligation and be asked what they are doing to deliver it to Shocklach residents. Ian Carr, member of the public agreed to write to OpenReach and Member of Parliament with a copy to Cllr Roberts and the Clerk.

4. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Report circulated prior to meeting.

Noted: Cheshire Police had launched a New Approach to Community Policing with effect from 24 September 2020.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated prior to meeting.

i) Communities Framework and Devolution White Paper: Cllr Roberts main concern was that the Paper would remove any significant control from local planners.

Resolved: Cllr Chaloner would draft a comment/letter of concern.

ii) Unauthorised encampment at Saighton:

Noted: Encampment now moved on.

iii) Emergency lorry park: Noted: Cheshire West and East were both on a list where Government had granted planning permission to build emergency lorry parks for Brexit although they had said that they were not actively considering either locations currently.

Resolved: Noted.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held 25th June 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr M Chaloner Seconded: Cllr A Brown.

7. MATTERS ARISING.

i) Bishop Bennett Way: CWAC had advised that they had instructed the contractor to use smaller stones to fill the uneven patches.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Richard Ankers to chase progress.

ii) The Bull / ACV: Should the Parish Council ever be in the position of being asked to trigger the moratorium on the ACV any local group looking to place a bid would have to be a legally constituted body. Residents should be aware of this requirement.

Resolved: Cllr Chaloner's view was that the Parish Council should not lead on this but he would mention it to any enthusiastic/interested residents.

iii) The Bull / Defibrillator: **Resolved:** Cllr Brown offered to speak with the tenant to check that the defibrillator remained accessible and necessary checks were still being carried out.

8. PLANNING.

Planning applications/decisions received by the Parish Council since/outstanding from the last meeting:

Applications received or still awaiting decision:

20/01107/OUT Caldecott Farm Worthenbury Road Caldecott CH3 6PE Erection of 1 dwelling.

Decisions:

Approved: 20/01935/FUL The Manor Parr Green Lane Church Shocklach SY14 7BJ Construction of detached double garage.

Approved: 20/01972/FUL Barns at The Manor Parr Green Lane Church Shocklach SY14 7BJ Conversion of existing redundant barns to 2 No dwellings and demolition of redundant farm buildings.

9.ACCTS.

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

Proposed: Cllr M Chaloner **Seconded:** Cllr G Bowles.

10.CORRESPONDENCE.

i) Invitation to LIFE Dee River Project online launch: Cllr Roberts had attended and gave a report. The project was about fish species/river channel only and not environmental issues.

Resolved: Noted.

ii) Keep Britain Tidy Campaign – CWaC Toolkit: **Noted:** The toolkit was offered on a loan basis and more suited to requesting for litter picking events as opposed to being used for regular weekly clean ups.

11. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Land adjacent to Gayhurst: Flooding reported as resolved but a large hole had not been dealt with and the area was still closed off due to subsidence. **Resolved:** Clerk to request update from CWaC.

ii) Little Green broken drain: **Resolved:** Clerk to request update from CWaC.

12. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020. THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING PENDING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME (TBC).