

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 7.15pm on **THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022**
at Saighton Village Hall.

1.PRESENT: Cllr M Davies (Chair), N Goodwin (Vice Chair), Cllr B Roscoe, Cllr A Cotton, Cllr J Roscoe, , Cllr L Humphries, Cllr H Gornall.

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Borough Cllr P Roberts, S Dawson (Grosvenor Estate).

2.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr D Weaver.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

3.DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Cllr H Gornall signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

4.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.

5.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Nothing raised.

6.POLICE UPDATE.

No monthly report received prior to meeting. Police not in attendance.

i) Road safety Sandy Lane/Chester Lane:

Cllr Roberts reported that Huntington Parish Council had suggested/proposed using some of the Saighton Camp funding to reduce the speed limit on the B5130 Huntington to Aldford.

ii) Road safety Chapel Lane:

Cllr Roberts reported that he had asked CWAC for a progress report on the Chapel Lane speed limit assessment. With regards to complaints received regarding parking around Abbey Gate College it was noted that there had been no improvement. The school wanted a crossing patrol and a reduced 20mph speed limit. Resolved: Cllr Roberts to enquire as to whether there had been any progress on the request for the reduced speed limit and to ask

if CWAC and the college would agree to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the situation.

iii) Speed gun: Chester Road/B5130 (outside Brook Cottage, Aldford): CWAC had advised that the location could not be approved for community speed gun use. Resolved: Clerk to ask PCSO if the police could offer any enforcement at this location.

7.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

- i) Members Budget: Cllr Roberts reported that there was a budget surplus this year and that he therefore had additional grant money available. Members suggested the possibility of applying for a grant to be spent on enhanced road signage within the villages. Resolved: Sarah Dawson to ask the estate if this would be acceptable.
- ii) Neighbourhood Pride Scheme: Funds available as part of the above to enhance communities.
- iii) Footway: Chester Lane (Saughton to Huntington): Cllr Roberts had raised the possibility of uncovering and utilising the covered footway as a functional footway.
- iv) Road signs on Lower Lane: Cllr Roberts had asked if the 50mph signs could be removed but was still awaiting a response.
- v) Reinstatement of footpath at junction of Chester Road/Lower Lane: Now reinstated and in use.
- vi) Cobblestones at School Lane (outside Church View): Sarah Dawson to forward contact details for the Conservation Officer to Cllr Roberts to progress the hoped-for reinstatement.

8.MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 May 2022 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr M Davies **Seconded:** Cllr B Roscoe

9.MATTERS ARISING.

i) Defibrillators:

Cllr Goodwin reported that the Saughton defibrillator continued to be registered with the emergency services and that it may be moved to the front of the hall building pending the estate considering the move.

Cllr Humphries reported that the new defibrillator was now in place at the Aldford hall and was registered with the emergency services.

Resolved: Noted.

10. ACCOUNTS.

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 Davies **Seconded:** Cllr L Humphries

i)Additional signatory process: **Noted:** Cllr Goodwin still progressing.

11.PLANNING.

Noted: Applications received by the Parish Council since the last meeting and any decisions received circulated to members as and when received.

Applications awaiting decision:

22/02065/CAT Land to Rear of Aldford Village Hall Aldford Pine – fell to ground level.

22/02066/CAT Saughton House Saughton Lane Saughton Holm Oak adjacent to communal driveway – Reduce west upper crown and lower crown throughout.

22/02070/CAT 3 Hill Cottages The Hill Aldford Norway Maple – fell to ground level.

22/02067/CAT Elm House Saughton Lane Saughton Weeping Ash – reduce north spire to branch east developing.

22/00852/FUL Lea Manor Farm Lea Lane Aldford Construction of an Agricultural Anaerobic Digestion Facility at Lea Manor Farm, Underground Pipeline to Grange Farm, Construction of Biomethane Upgrade Hub at Grange Farm and Associated Infrastructure, including surface water balancing pond at Grange Farm.

Applications decided: None.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Correspondence, publications, and invitations.

Dealt with on email between meetings as and when received.

i)Notification received of MBNA Chester Marathon 2 October 2022.

ii)Invoice for Cheshire Community Action annual affiliation renewal received.

iii)Saughton Camp Travel Demand Management Survey: An update from the Clerk was received. Cllr Roberts had raised the possibility of an already present disused/covered footway (Saughton Camp to Saughton) being used as a cycle path.

13.STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i)Chapel Lane: CWAC had marked up the carriageway deterioration for attention but work had not yet been progressed. Resolved: Clerk to forward job reference to Cllr Roberts if possible.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

i)Election year 2023: The clerk reminded members that 2023 was an election year. Resolved: Clerk to request confirmation from CWAC regarding the ratio of members allocated to each village.

ii)Remembrance lamp post poppies: Resolved: Clerk to order 10 to share between the two villages.

iii) Parking on School Lane: Resolved: Sarah Dawson to speak to resident.

15. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.15PM AT ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL.