

Minutes of the Ordinary November meeting held on 14th November 2024 at 7.30pm at Coddington Parish Rooms.

Present: Cllrs. R. Sadler (Chair), M. Leigh, P. Roberts (apologies for lateness received due to meeting clash), P. Overmeer, P. O'Leary (remotely), A. Lessels, C. Lawton, Borough Cllr A. Waddelove, and the Clerk.

1.Apologies: None.

2.Formal Co-option to vacancy for Councillor.

Claire Lawton signed Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest forms and was formally co-opted as Cllr representing Clutton Parish alongside Cllr A Lessels.

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

4.Public speaking time limited to 15 minutes. Nothing raised.

5. Community Safety.

No police presence. Monthly report circulated prior to meeting. The Clerk reported that there had been issues with hare coursing in a neighbouring parish which the rural police team were taking very seriously. Advice was to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity via 999.

6. Borough Councillors Report.

i) CWAC Speed Limit Policy (A534): CWAC road traffic engineer that had been dealing with this had left and not been replaced. The report had been resubmitted.

ii)Grit bins: Street furniture licences now approved by CWAC for High Cross Lane and Lower Hall Lane and bins in situ. Grit fill scheduled as soon as possible.

iii)No cycling sign: track to golf course: Currently waiting for a response from CWAC.

iv) Beachin Lane road markings: Still no action. CWAC were £8.4m in deficit and were cutting down on some schemes and prioritising others.

v)Stretton Speed limit reduction scheme. As previously reported, was advertised with a comment deadline of 27 September. Cllr Waddelove had confirmed that this was to be funded in the majority by his Members Budget with additional crowdfunding and some individual contributions plus CWACs 50%. CWAC were now saying it might not happen this year as their 50% was not there in this financial year.

vi)A534 water leak at Barton: CWAC were now saying drainage of the substructure was apparent and jetting/contractor would investigate and identify improvements needed to rectify.

vii)CWACs next budget council meeting would discuss council tax for 2025/26 and they were currently saying no % rules were changing so residents should anticipate a 4.99% increase.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2024.

Proposed

Cllr. A Lessels

Seconded

Cllr. M Leigh

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 26 September 2024:

i)Defibrillator. An additional defibrillator was now positioned on the external wall of the parish room in Coddington. A local custodian had been identified and Cllr Overmeer was to meet with them imminently to confirm/explain responsibilities and to help register it on The Circuit. Agreed that reference be made to it in the Village News magazine according to deadline copy dates.

Cllr Overmeer reported that replacement consumables would be needed for the defibrillator placed at The Cock O Barton next year and that he would purchase them at the appropriate time with the PC to reimburse.

ii)Clutton school numbers. Cllrs Lessels had written to the CEO of the Samara Trust and had received a response thanking the Parish Council for their support and offering to meet in January to discuss.

iii)A534 water leak: Dealt with at Item 6 (vi).

9. Planning.

Applications still awaiting a decision:

22/03750/FUL Orchard House Barton Road Barton Erection of fence to the front boundary including (electrically operated) entrance gate.

23/03288/FUL Land to the North West of Carden Park Hotel Barton Road Clutton Chester Proposed siting of 67 lodges within the grounds of Carden Park Hotel together with associated landscaping and environmental improvements.

24/01656/FUL Broxton Gates Barton Wells Barton Road Barton The change of use of site to residential and erection of 6 dwellings.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

24/02814/LBC Aldersey Park Gate Pier Aldersey Park Handley Replacement gate pier.

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24/03367/CAT Rose Farm Barton Village Road Barton Tree works.

DECISIONS:

Approved:24/01286/FUL Annandale Aldersey Park Chester Demolition of existing conservatory, and single storey rear extension. Dormer alterations, re-roofing main dwelling and new solar panels.

Approved:24/01525/FUL Beachin Cottage Beachin Lane Coddington Change of use from Sui Generis to C3 and a single storey side and rear extension to existing building.

Approved:24/01940/LBC Stretton Water Mill Stretton Mill Lane Garden Repairs and Conservation works to address water ingress into the Mill building and a sinkhole adjacent to the overshot wheel.

10. Finance Matters. Cheques raised and approved/signed by signatories.

Proposed Cllr R Sadler Seconded Cllr M Leigh

11.Budget/Precept setting. Budget proposals for 2025/2026 were tabled and discussed. **Resolved:** A precept request of £5000 be agreed for 2025/2026.

Proposed: Cllr P Roberts Seconded: Cllr P Overmeer.

12.Clutton Play Area/MUGA Update: Cllr Lessels read out an update on behalf of the Play Area Committee. Various repairs had been undertaken and a very successful Come Dine with Me fundraiser had raised £812.80 **Resolved:** Noted.

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS. To receive correspondence, publications, and invitations.

All correspondence previously circulated on email.

14. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS. Members may inform the Clerk of any issues regarding highways and footpaths.

i)Lamppost poppy vandalism: One of the poppies in Clutton had been taken down and was found in the village having been cut up which was very disappointing and hugely disrespectful. **Resolved:** Clerk to order 20 more poppies for next year.

ii)Beachin Lane: Dips in the lane by a culvert were reported. **Resolved:** Clerk to report.

iii)Noted that there was going to be an audit by CWAC of roadside weeds.

iv)Noted that although CWAC had run out of funds for repairs any issues should still be reported to them.

v) Noted: Footpath Clutton to Mill Lane coming into Coddington was reported as having been covered in manure and complaints had been received.

15. Date of next meeting: 20 February 2025 at 7.30pm at Coddington Parish Room.

Future meeting: 15 May 2025.

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