

Minutes of the Ordinary May meeting held on 15th May 2024 at 8.15pm at Coddington Parish Rooms.

Present: Cllrs R. Sadler (Chair), P. Overmeer, M. Leigh, P. Roberts, P. O’Leary, A. Lessels, Borough Cllr A. Waddelove, 3 members of the public and the Clerk.

1.Apologies: None received.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Sadler declared an interest in planning applications at Yew Tree Farm at Item 11 on the agenda.

3.Public speaking time limited to 15 minutes.

Resident Ian Harrison attended to further discuss the report previously presented at the last meeting regarding speed limits on the A534 at Clutton and to comment on the response received from CWAC Highways on the report.

Resolved: Clerk to ask CWAC for a copy of the policy referred to in the response received from CWAC plus a copy of the original assessment that arrived at the 40mph limit with specific addresses detailed in that assessment.

4. Community Safety.

No police presence. Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

5. Borough Councillors Report.

i)Grit bins: Street furniture licences now approved by CWAC for High Cross Lane and Lower Hall Lane. Grit bins purchased.

ii)A534: CWAC had quoted £4500 plus vat for the A534 speed reduction scheme at Barton (60 to 40 to 60 mph).

Resolved: Parish Council not to progress. Proposed Cllr P Overmeer Seconded Cllr P O’Leary.

iii)Clutton planter initiative: No further action.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2024.

Proposed

Seconded

Cllr. P. Overmeer

Cllr. P. O’Leary

7. Matters Arising.

i)CWAC response to Clutton A534 speed limit report: Dealt with at Item 3 on the agenda (public speaking).

ii)Defibrillator: Dealt with at Coddington Parish Meeting held directly before this meeting.

8. Finance Matters.

i) General: Cheques raised and approved/signed by signatories.

Proposed Cllr R Sadler Seconded Cllr M Leigh

ii) **Noted:** that the Internal audit 2023/2024 had been carried out by Hacker Young.

iii) **Approved:** Annual Statement of Accounts (Section 1).

Proposed Cllr P Roberts Seconded Cllr P Overmeer

iv) **Approved:** Annual Statement of Accounts (Section 2).

Both Section 1 and 2, in that order, authorised and signed off by the Chairman Cllr Sadler.

Proposed Cllr P Roberts Seconded Cllr P O'Leary

v) **Declared:** Smaller Authorities Exemption from external audit.

The Council declared that it is an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. An exemption certificate was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr P O'Leary Seconded Cllr P Roberts

vi) Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2024/2025.

Agreed: to reappoint Hacker Young for the year 2024/2025.

Proposed Cllr P O'Leary Seconded Cllr P Roberts

9. Annual Insurance renewal.

Review of Insurance: **Agreed:** to renew through Clear Councils (Aviva) at a premium of £434.70 with effect 1 June 2024.

Premium acceptable and a cheque was raised in payment for £357.52

Proposed: Cllr R Sadler Seconded: Cllr P O'Leary.

10. Clutton Play Area/MUGA Update:

This Item was taken at the beginning of the meeting between Items 2 and 3.

Emma and Adam Davidson, Play Area Committee members, attended to report.

Minutes of their meetings had been shared with the Parish Council, maintenance had been progressed and Morral Play Services had been to carry out the Play Area Inspection that day. There were ongoing discussions regarding the deterioration of the wet pour, wooden fence surround, visual inspection procedures, possible

training requirements, restraining of equipment and fencing and the deterioration of the block paving edging.

Resolved: Cllr Lessels agreed to join the Committee as a Parish Council representative with a remit to report on the play area at Council meetings going forward.

Clerk to forward details regarding crowdfunding as a possible means of fundraising.

11. 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.

23/00777/OUT Highfield Farm Highfield Lane Coddington Chester CH3 6NA Rural workers dwelling.

22/03288/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.

23/03118/FUL Windmill House Carden Lane Carden Chester SY14 7HP Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling, detached garage and plant room, tennis court and associated, outbuilding and ground mounted solar array along with all associated works.

23/02961/FUL Huntsmans House Barton Road Clutton Chester Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and annexe, and the erection of a replacement dwelling, two garages and an annexe, along with associated landscaping works.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

24/00732/LBC Yew Tree Farm Dog Lane Chowley Chester CH3 9EL Two storey side extension to Grade II listed building.

24/00735/FUL Yew Tree Farm Dog Lane Chowley Chester CH3 9EL Two storey side extension to Grade II listed building.

Agreed: Cllr Waddelove to call this application in.

24/00547/CAT The Old Rectory Aldersey Lane Chester CH3 9LR Sycamore (4446) – Fell to ground level.

24/01202/FUL Laurel Grove Stretton Mill Lane Carden Chester Two storey front extension and rear extension to outhouse.

DECISIONS:

Approved: 23/03444/S73 Mill House Mill House Lane Coddington Single storey rear extension, new access, and erection of detached garage/workshop – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 23/01940/FUL.

12. Correspondence and Invitations.

Nothing not already discussed elsewhere on the agenda except for:

i)Local Plan Evidence Base Consultation 2024.

Resolved: Noted.

13. Highway Matters.

Nothing raised not already discussed elsewhere on the agenda.

14. Date of next meeting: 26 September 2024 at 7.30pm at Coddington Parish Room.

Future meetings: 21 November 2024, 20 February 2025, 15 May 2025.