



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Hatton Arms, Hatton Lane at 7.00pm 17th April 2023

In Attendance:

Cllr Paul Molphy (Chair)
Cllr Jayne Power (Vice Chair)
Cllr Robin Brocklehurst
Cllr Phil Young
Cllr Sue Spiteri
Cllr Stuart Tranter

G23/246 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Julian Wrigley, Ghazala Chapman (Borough Councillor).

G23/247 Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when the agenda item is reached.

No conflicts submitted.

Discussion took place as to what should be placed on the Parish Council website and what purpose the link to Warrington Borough Council website was. It was agreed that the redacted Declaration of Interest Forms shall be put onto the PC website together with the link directing people to WBC website Parish Council and Councillor pages.

G23/248 Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes were confirmed as a true record.

G23/249 Public Forum

A complaint has been received from a resident regarding a parked vehicle on Goose Lane. It was reported by the resident that the vehicle had been there for some time and they believe it is causing an obstruction when they are reversing from their drive. They also reported that the car was probably not adequately taxed or insured. The resident asked the PC to contact the local police and report the vehicle. It was decided that this was not an issue for the PC and that the resident should be advise to either liaise with the resident themselves or report the issue to the local police. It was agreed that the complainant be given the email address of the PCSO.

G23/250 WBC Councillors Report.

Nothing to report from Borough Councillor.

G23/251 PCSO Report.

PCSO Phil Hilton was not in attendance. Report as follows-

Incidents of note:

15/03/2023 Summit Close. Caller reporting a male urinating in the bushes in broad daylight and getting abusive when challenged.

This is an ongoing issue and I have applied for the installation of temporary CCTV cameras and signage to try and deter Anti-Social Behaviour and fly tipping.

19/03/2023 - Holly Hedge Lane. At the Runcorn Road end near humpback bridge camper van parked on a road for approx. 3 weeks - stays for a few nights then it goes, then returns - there seem to be a number of young children in the camper van and one adult male.

PCSOs have attended the location but each time the van has not been there. Will continue to monitor.

21/03/2023 – Belvoir Road. Caller reporting 2 males on their driveway at 01:26 am trying to get into car. Males left when disturbed.

Patrols attended and conducted an area search but there was no trace of the males.

PCSOs have attended to provide reassurance and crime prevention advice.

21/03/2023 – Osbourne Road. Caller reporting that someone has tried to enter the property last night at 01:15. They have damaged the UPVC round the door by pulling it off and the gate was open. No entry has been gained.

House to house and CCTV enquiries conducted by PCSOs. Unfortunately, no viable lines of enquiry at this stage. Reassurance and advice given and Selecta DNA property marking kit provided to resident and immediate neighbours.

24/03/2023 Tarporley Road. Caller reporting that a male parked up at his property and walked directly over to caller's vehicle and proceeded to look underneath it. He then opened the back gate before getting back in his car and leaving.
Male identified from the VRM of his vehicle. He had visited a wrong address and it was all a misunderstanding. All parties happy with outcome.

27/03/2023 Beamish Close. Caller reporting a suspicious male in the area recording houses and cars. Caller suspects this to be burglary related.

Incident recorded for intelligence purposes and beat team made aware.

Update

Liam LYNN (23 years) was issued with a Conditional Caution on 25/03/23 for 10 counts of Criminal Damage for the graffiti issues in Walton. Liam has 13 conditions he has to comply with, or he faces Court.

The conditions include a letter of apology to Walton Parish Council and up to 4 hours unpaid work to be completed at the direction of Walton Parish Council.

The residents voice survey is available for anybody to complete and can be accessed here;

www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicewarrington

Action: It was decided that information regarding incidents in the area, reported by the PCSO, should be placed in the next newsletter advising residents to be vigilante.

G23/252 Finance.

Cllr Power presented her report as follows:

- **Matters arising from previous meeting:** To arrange an external auditor – I have contacted local Parish Councils and asked for any recommendations, will report back at next meeting.

Invoices for authorisation for payment:

Amazon Table Cloths £39.76

Amazon Champagne Flutes £27.44

Amazon Union Jack Table Cloths £7.58

Amazon Gold Crowns £31.19

Amazon Coronation Balloons £4.99

Total: £110.96 (£18.38 VAT to reclaim)

Action: Payment of above invoices given authorisation.

Expenditure made but awaiting invoices:

Etsy - £130.50 Commemorative Coins

Pentangle - £157.50 for helium decorative balloons for Marquee

Year End – we are now at year end. I will have the annual accounts ready for May's meeting and also reclaim the VAT for 2022-2023.

G23/253 Correspondence.

No correspondence to report other than communication from resident re vacancy on Parish Council.

G23/254 Parish Councillors Reports.

- i) **Planning.** Cllr Wrigley had nothing to report since last meeting.

Cllr Brocklehurst reported on some worrying aspects within the Local Plan that should be monitored. There are warning shots in relation to outlying areas subject to further development, the planned period of development is up to 2035.

It does not identify where these 'outlying areas' are.

ii) **Traffic and Road Safety.** Cllr Spiteri reported as follows:

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- There were no matters arising from previous meeting, however, since the meeting in March a number of repairs have been carried out on pot-holes along Hatton Lane and Warrington Road.
- Re-painting of road markings at the T-junction on Daresbury Lane are still scheduled as 'on-going.' with WBC

Items for discussion at the meeting / items for agreement:

Agreement on installation and funding of SID traffic management system along Hatton Lane / Warrington Road and traffic calming outside the pub.

Actions: It was agreed that the installation of the SID traffic management system and any other measures, such as signage will be discussed at the May meeting where a timeline for installation of such measures will be made. Funds have already been ring fenced for these measures.

Cllr Spiteri raised an issue with signage at the new development at New House Farm being inadequate and should be moved further towards Pillmoss. It was also noted that the white line at the Junction of London Road and Hatton Lane had not been replaced.

Actions: Cllr Young to liaise with Cllr Ghazala Chapman re the road markings at London Road/Hatton Lane.

Actions: Cllr Spiteri to contact WBC regarding traffic calming systems.

iii) **Technology.** Cllr Tranter reported as follows:

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- Chase mobile phone signal Cllr surveys
- We are missing an O2 user so need to engage a resident
- Update Website with various policy documents

Still waiting on Declaration of Interest forms from several PCs.

Items for discussion at the meeting / items for agreement:

Ultrafast broadband status – The majority of residents have taken up the broadband offer and release their vouchers for payment however there is still some chasing up to be done. A further reminder to all residents will be placed on Hatton Life.

Declaration of Interest forms – see item G

O2 mobile user – Confirmation of O2 coverage in the area is still needed, a message out to residents on a forthcoming newsletter.

Cllr Spiteri highlighted that a couple of mobile numbers were incorrect on the website.

Action: Cllr Tranter to remove mobile numbers from website as they are not deemed necessary.

iv) **Environment.** Cllr young reported as follows:

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- **Tubs**

We have surveyed the tubs around the village.

The two on Pillmoss Common were originally sited by the Village gates on Daresbury Lane and Warrington Road, and are in a poor state of repair, also the middle one at Sankey Lane triangle is coming to the end of its life.

Items for discussion at the meeting / items for agreement:

One of the silver birches planted in 2020 has not survived the heat wave of last summer and the severe frost of last winter. Curbishley's Nursery has a replacement at a cost of approximately £60. I suggest we plant in early autumn to give it the best chance to grow new roots through the winter.

PC authorised the purchase of 3 tubs at a cost of £50 each £150

It's time for the summer planting, and Primrose Nursery can provide all we need. I estimate that we need the following numbers.

33 trays of begonias at £3.25 per tray	£107.25
7 centres, probably heathers at £5 each	£35.00
3 x 60 litres bags of compost	£16.00
Total cost	£158.25

Several plants in the Village side shrub bed have failed, I believe the 4 tall corner plants can be taken out without detriment to the bed, but, the 3 pavement side plants will need to be replaced, at a cost of approximately £40.

The PC authorised this expenditure of **£408.25**.

v) **Social.** Cllr Power reported as follows:

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- The commemorative coins for the Coronation have been ordered, 29 in total. These will be given out on the day. Each coin has cost £4.45.
- The newsletter which includes the invite for the Coronation event will be delivered to resident's week commencing 10th April.

Items for discussion at the meeting / items for agreement:

The Hatton Arms have asked if the Marquee can be used to host a Coronation quiz on Friday 5th May or on Sunday 7th May. The PC agreed that the Hatton Arms could host a quiz at the Coronation party, it should be a family quiz and last no more than one hour.

Hatton Fun Day date has been set as 1st October 2023, this will be run in conjunction with an Artisan Food market at the Hatton Arms. Margaret Winstanley has emailed the Clerk to ask whether the PC would fund the sweets and small prizes for the Fun Day to the value of £120. It was agreed that the PC would pay £120 directly to the Hatton Village Community Association as a donation from the PC. Margaret will then present all receipts to the HVCA for payment.

Residents Lunch – a date has been set for the first resident's lunch since before the pandemic. The cost is £15 per head, with the PC subsidising by £3 per head. We will gauge its popularity before moving forward with another date.

Actions: Cllr Power to inform Jackie, Graham and Margaret on the PC's decisions.

vi) **Creamfields.** Cllrs Young and Power reported as follows:

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- To arrange a meeting with members of Daresbury and Walton Parish Councils to discuss a joint effort in liaising with Andy Carter MP and Creamfields to counteract problems raised in previous years.

Cllr Power and Cllr Young met with representatives from Daresbury and Walton Parish Councils to discuss Creamfields 2023, the issues reported from 2022, and how the three villages can work with Cream and their partners to ensure those attending can enjoy their time in safety, and the village residents can be assured as much as possible that our concerns are listened to, and addressed in advanced planning of Creamfields 2023.

Andy Carter suggested at the public meeting in January that he would be available to meet local Parish Councillors, giving the opportunity to view Traffic and Security draft plans. Local people, with local knowledge can be an advantage to the organisation of the weekend.

Cllr Young has contacted Andy Carter MP and asked him to indicate his

availability as we are keen to address two main issues, namely, traffic management of Warrington Rd and security. We have suggested that it might be necessary to have 2 separate meetings and that we think that Inspector Haddock and David Boyer are invited to attend/send representatives.

Andy Carter MP has got back to Cllr Young and confirmed that they're just in the process of trying to secure a date from Cream, traffic management, police and WBC to meet. As soon as they have their availability Andy will be in touch, he agrees that the focus should be on traffic and security at the meeting, anticipating it will be a date in early May.

G23/255 Chairman.

Cllr Molphy confirmed his decision to stand down after the AGM in May. He asked Councillors to email him if they intend to stand as Chair or Vice Chair before the AGM.

Clerk to the Parish Council – we still have a vacancy for a clerk, the Chair proposed that a working group be put together to recruit the next Clerk.

G23/256 Date and Time of Next meeting.

Next meeting will be on 16th May 2023 at 7.00pm at the Hatton Arms.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm.

Signed : _____ (Chair) Date: _____