

WARDLE PARISH COUNCIL

29th April 2024

Commenced: 7.35 pm

Terminated: 9.00 pm

Present: Councillor K Roden (Chair)
Councillors A Nelson, Angela Welch and J Wright,
Councillor B Posnett (part)

Also in attendance
A Monaghan (Retiring Clerk)
M Clough (New Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor L Leftwick

2. WELCOME

Members welcomed the new Parish Clerk, Mrs Muna Clough.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Parish Council held on 8th January 2024 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair. (Ms Monaghan took the Minutes to pass to the Internal Auditor).

5. MATTERS ARISING

Members noted the following matters arising from the last Minutes:-

- (i) Councillor Gogerty had resigned from the Parish Council for personal reasons;
- (ii) The tree planting had not been completed and as it was now too late to plant this year this would be left in abeyance until next year;
- (iii) The lights on the path to Barbridge were working;
- (iv) The hardstanding at the bus stop at Bailey's had been passed over to Calveley and Alraham Community Council.
- (v) The Green Lane highway was in a very poor state of condition and was unsafe. Nick Brookes had begun to tarmac over the worst areas but had been stopped by the Council. Councillor Posnett suggested that all concerns be reported via Fix My Street.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

7. ACCOUNTS 2023/2024

Consideration was given to the 2023-2024 Accounts.

RESOLVED

That the 2023-2024 Accounts be approved and Ms Monaghan to pass them to the Internal Auditor.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Chair and Ms Monaghan reported that Severnside Defibs had expressed an interest in providing a defibrillator for the Parish.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk to contact Severnside to obtain further information.

9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Consideration was given to the following payment requests:-

Ian Brooks - £400
Clear Councils - £611.87
Calveley Church - £20.00
A Latham - £275

RESOLVED

That the payments detailed above be approved.

10. REPORT CHESHIRE EAST

Councillor Posnett reported on the following matters:-

- (i) There were a number of consultations taking place at Cheshire East Council including the Local Plan; Household Waste Recycling Consultation; Libraries;
- (ii) Significant work was taking place in Acton due to the allocation of Section 106 monies;
- (iii) There was ongoing work to prevent flooding by Baileys. The solution needed a multi-agency approach, as it appeared that all the water from the field network in Alpraham was attempting to pass through one culvert which was located under the railway line. The Canal and River Trust had been served notice to reinstate culverts that they had previously blocked particularly as water from Calveley had nowhere to flow as a consequence of the blocking.
- (iv) Properties in Calveley had insufficient sewage facilities due to the lack of sewage network capacity provided by United Utilities, which was why sewage was flooding into the River Gowy;
- (v) The conditions placed on some new build properties in Calveley had been vetoed, due to inappropriate water supply, and were unable to be sold;
- (vi) Funding availability from Cheshire East Council was extremely limited and some works were being funded from Members' budgets.
- (vii) The interest on the Cheshire East Council debt was £6m a year, as the Council had overspent by £90m since 2019. A Section 151 Officer was present at all meetings.
- (viii) Members were encouraged to contact Councillor Posnett if they required any support with matters relating to the Parish;
- (ix) Councillor Posnett had made a request for a seat at the local bus stop;
- (x) Councillor Posnett had approached Cheshire East Council for a speed camera.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members acknowledged Agnes Monaghan for her longstanding commitment as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council, and presented her with gifts as a token of thanks for her dedication and commitment.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday, 17th June 2024 at 7.30 pm