

**MICKLE TRAFFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM - MICKLE TRAFFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**Open Forum**

Tessa Parkin

The grid on the A56 still has water flowing into it and this results in pedestrians being splashed  
Hedge at Winsor lodge is overgrown and the path needs weeding  
% road drains between the A56 crossroads and the Royal Oak are blocked

The Clerk was asked to report all matters to Highways

**POLICE UPDATE**

**Crime Information:**

Date	Offence	Details
01.01.2020	Criminal damage	Littleton – damage to a stationary vehicle – incident crimed for insurance
08.01.2020	Suspicious person	Waverton – several males seen acting suspiciously with vehicles – vehicle patrol attended for reassurance
08.01.2020	Criminal damage	Wimbolds Trafford -reports of forced entry to a building – reassurance visit by PCSO, continued patrols
11.01.2020	Wildlife	Reports of youths fishing without a licence – advised to contact council as this is not a policing matter
18.01.2020	Drugs	Hoole Village – Reports of the small of cannabis from a driven vehicle – patrol attended and stopped car
21.01.2020	Road traffic offence	Littleton – lorry driver hit the back of a que of traffic – officers deployed
23.01.2020	Suspicious person / vehicle	Hoole Village – reports of dangerous and erratic driving – number of officers deployed, no trace
25.01.2020	RTC	Wimbolds Trafford - Single RTC incident – officers attended on scene; vehicle recovered.

**Other Matters:**

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020 as we see January closing to an end. This month has seen the community pull together after the Christleton Cricket Club was broken in to and vandalised. Many residents of Christleton and surrounding areas were particularly upset at the senseless nature of the event which including vandalising a defibrillator. A special mention here to Amanda Harding who worked so hard for the Cricket Club and PC Rob Boulton who investigated the events, resulting in three arrests. We await criminal proceedings.

On a lighter note, January has seen pupils returning to school and I have visited many of them with topical assemblies on 'the roles of the police' and 'internet safety'. I am going to continue the cyber safety theme into February as I meet with parent and community groups to talk about young people and on-line safety, and cyber-crime. If you would like a talk from the experts at HQ for a group or school that you are involved with in Cheshire, please contact me.

I have visited some amazing residents in the villages this month including a gentleman of 99 years young, and a lady of 97 years young. These visits offer reassurance, and you are kindly looking out for your neighbours and friends, bringing residents such as these to my attention.

I continue to meet with Parish Councillors from the villages and where possible I will attend Parish Council meetings. I have nearly visited every church in the Chester Villages except for St Peter's in old Waverton which I next on my list. Please let me know if you have an event or organisation, you would like me to visit or help with.

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Parker - in the Chair, Cllr I Jones, Cllr J Spence, Cllr D Rowlands, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr L Bartley, Cllr B Harrison, Cllr J Payne, Cllr J Woods, and Cllr A Youds

Cllr A Probyn at Item 6

Cllr C Charlton at Item 8

Clerk: - Mr D Bowker

Two members of the public

**Item 01            Apologies**

Cllr Sharpe (Illness)

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the reason for absence was accepted.

**Item 02            Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Parker – Village Hall

All councillors declared their interests as per their “Notification of Interests”

**Item 03            Approval of Parish Council Minutes.**

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 are accepted.

**Item 04            Planning Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Woods and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 are noted.

Cllr Parker advised that the occupants of the travellers’ site on Plemstall Lane had been visited by Mr Charnley and Ms Dawn Taylor and they had been advised that a new planning application would be lodged soon. Whilst on site the CWaC Officers visited the utility block but could not tell where any foul water drained to. Cllr Rowlands thought it possible that it flowed into a septic tank.

Mr Charnley and Ms Taylor will be at the March meeting when hopefully they will be able to explain the process will be regarding the new application.

The Clerk has reported to CWaC environmental health team residents’ concerns that Babbins Brook is being used by those onsite as an open sewer.

They are investigating the matter.

Cllr Parker asked all councillors to forward any questions they may have about the traveller situation to her in order that she can present them to Mr Charnley before the meeting.

**Item 05            Finance Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 are noted.

**Item 06            QDJ Park Committee Report**

The committee are still compiling costs for the planned projects which will be put to their next meeting.

The Sandpit has been filled in and turfed

Cllr Youds explained that water was lying in the middle of the track which could be a health hazard

Cllr Rowlands will investigate to find out why the water is not draining away

Cllr Harrison if anymore had been done about the re-lining of the multi-sport court for Netball and whether any work was planned on the wetpour areas

Cllr Rowlands stated that both these matters were being considered by the Park Committee.

**Item 07            CCTV Charges**

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Probyn and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the charge of £545.00 + VAT be accepted for the work required to move the CCTV units in the Village Hall.

It was then proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the Clerk had authority to approve expenditure up to £600 + VAT should any extra work be required as the job progressed.

**Item 08            Action Update**

**A56 Speed survey recommendations**

Mr Bateman is awaiting designs from the delivery team

**Planters**

Notices should be placed on each of the proposed sites very soon advising the public that there is a 28day consultation period

**Interactive Speed signs (Two)**

Mr Bateman is awaiting designs from the delivery team

**Ditch at School Lane**

It has finally been agreed that CWaC will erect a fence at their own cost after no being able to get any agreement from Muir Housing

Cllrs Rowlands and Jones will meet Mr Bateman onsite to discuss what type of fence needs to be erected

**Road Pavements**

Mr Bateman has asked for further information on this matter which the Clerk will provide

**New dog waste bin**

No further information

**Hoole Penfold**

The CWaC Conservation team have passed the matter to the Councils Property Service team who have been asked to establish the ownership of the area.

Cllr Taylor believes that the "Penfold" already belongs to the Parish Council and we should register it with the Land Registry.

The Council decided to wait and see the views of the Property Services team

**Item 09 Matters raised at the discretion of the Chairman (Not for resolution)**

Cllr Parker advised that in June she had organised a walk-about in the Ward with the Chief Executive to point out problems that exist in the area

Could consideration be given to and action the Parish Council would like to take to commemorate VE Day.

**Item 10 Date and time of Next Parish Council Meeting**

9 March 2020 at the Village Hall @ 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 19.04

Signed.....

Dated.....