

**MICKLE TRAFFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 9 MARCH 2020 AT 6.30PM - MICKLE TRAFFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Open Forum

Mr Robert Charnley – Principal Planning Officer – CWaC

The Site on Plemstall Lane is now owned by a family from Birmingham and Mr Charnley advised that a new Planning Application has been lodged and should be with the Parish Council next week. There is currently an enforcement notice covering the site but the personal circumstances of the new applications will be considered before any final decisions are taken. The new application will be considered on the basis that the site is still “Green Belt” and not on the basis that it has been partially developed already

Across the CWaC area there is a requirement for a 5-year supply of traveller sites and at this time CWaC have not been able to achieve the figure required.

There are currently 3 further new applications in the area and should some of these be recommended for approval then it is likely that the provision figure will be reached.

Cllr Rowlands asked if CWaC had the desire to contest these applications
Mr Charnley advised that they did but as they could not achieve the provision of sufficient pitches themselves then following several recent rulings it was difficult find ways of rejecting applications.

Cllr Sharpe asked if the travellers would be able to appeal should the new application be rejected.
Mr Charnley advised that they would be able to appeal the planning decision, but they could not appeal the enforcement notice that currently applied to the land.
This situation would need further consultation with the legal team.

Cllr Spence asked if CWaC were still looking for Transit sites and would this help the current situation
Mr Charnley stated that Transit sites were a different issue and would not affect the provision of permanent sites. Transit sites had been proposed but none of those put forward had been approved.

POLICE UPDATE

Crime Information:

There have been a range of incidents this month; unfortunately, road traffic is always an issue with collisions due to the nature of how many busy roads and roundabouts we have in the Chester Villages area. There has been people trying to sell various things door to door again this month; please note the same advice not to engage with them. We have seen an increase in theft from motor vehicles and house burglaries. Please be extra vigilant in these dark long nights. People have reported suspicious persons about their properties, if you feel unsafe again ring 101 or 999 if you have an emergency. Drug activity is a reality of all areas and we have had reports of suspected drug dealing, often linked with anti-social behaviour.

Other Matters:

February in the Chester Villages has seen lots of activity and planning behind the scenes by Parish Councils, schools and other groups as they prepare for the year ahead. I communicate with lots of people in the community who let me know what is happening, and where I can help. This month I have met more Parish Councillors and please let me know if I have not met you yet, and you would like a visit.

I have been busy at Cotton Hall with additional police surgeries and inputs on police related topics such as personal safety and county lines. In the primary schools, we have continued working on internet safety with both pupils and parents. A future parent’s session on this topic is planned for Waverton School on March 24th; publicised nearer the time and Guilden Sutton Primary School after that.

The launch of Christleton Community Speed Watch was a fabulous event, marked by the arrival of the Hillman Imp. I am going to work with Littleton also on the SID engagement. Waverton has seen the successful 20mph signs put up on Eggbridge Lane outside the school, another victory for road safety.

I have been alerted to a big littering problem in Littleton that is being addressed by lots of partner agencies; watch this space for further information as we try to get the litter cleared up.

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 F Sharpe

Clerk: - Mr D Bowker

Two members of the public

Mr Rob Charnley – CWaC – Principle Planning Officer

Ms Dawn Taylor – CWaC – Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer

Item 01 Apologies

Cllr Youds (Personal) and Cllrs Probyn and Arnold (Business)

It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Payne 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 10th February 2020 are accepted.

Item 04 Planning Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bartley and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 2nd March 2020 are noted.

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 2nd March 2020 are noted.

Item 06 QDJ Park Committee Report

The next meeting of the committee will be held on either the 23rd or 30th March after the Clerk has circulated details of the agenda.

Item 07 Installation of hand-rail from the A56 to Wells Close

It was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the Clerk should investigate with CWaC the possible installation of a rail.

Cllrs Rowlands and Jones will sound out the Highways Officer for the area when they meet him about the ditch to see if it feasible.

Item 08 To consider a road salt/grit bin around the Village Hall

It was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that no further action be taking on this proposal.

It was suggested that the Village Hall Trust should hold a grit back in the vicinity of the Village Hall should it be required.

Item 09 Village Hall Noticeboards

It was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Payne that the Parish Council (as Tenants) gave approval for further discussion to take place between the Trust and the PCC about the erection of three noticeboards on the side of the Village Hall.

Concern was expressed that the noticeboards would look untidy on the side of the building and would be difficult to read because of the car parking

A vote was taken with 8 for, 1 against and 1 abstention

The proposal was carried

Item 08 Action Update

A56 Speed survey recommendations

Mr Bateman is still awaiting designs from the delivery team

Planters

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Sharpe and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the locations proposed by Mr Stuart Bateman in his communication of the 24th February should be accepted

Interactive Speed signs (Two)

Mr Bateman is still awaiting designs from the delivery team.

Ditch at School Lane

Cllrs Rowlands and Jones hope to meet Mr Bateman onsite on either the 10th or 11th of March to discuss what type of fence needs to be erected

Road Pavements

Further information regarding the drains and pavements along the A56 have been forwarded to Mr Bateman

New dog waste bin

The CWaC Officer responsible for the installation of the new bin confirmed by E-Mail on the 28th February that the job would be carried out.

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.

CWaC are still investigating the ownership of the "Penfold" and have now moved the investigation to the Corporate Properties team who have asked the Clerk to confirm the location of the Penfold

The Council decided to wait for another month and see the what the views of the Corporate Properties team were.

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

Cllr Taylor advised that he had recently updated the website with the minutes from the various Parish Council committees and he felt there was too much information on the site and this should be restricted to the last 3 months with a note stating that should anyone want further information they should contact the Clerk who would provide it.

Cllr Rowlands advised that the Tennis Club were holding a celebration in August and would be erecting a marquee for a week and should the Parish council wish to use it for an event in this period then could they put ideas forward.

Item 10 Date and time of Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th April 2020 at the Village Hall @ 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 19.22

Signed.....

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