

SPROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 16th March 2020 at 19:00.

Present: Cllr. J. McKechnie, Cllr. J. Norbury, Cllr. D. Hurstfield, Cllr A. Ramshall, Kate Marsh (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr J. Ellis, Cllr C. Sherwin.

Declaration of Interest: None declared.

Seven members of the public were present. They were all at the meeting to discuss the large import of materials at Dairy House Farm. The local residents were asking for the parish council to take any action that they were able to. One resident stated that it appears none of the works have had planning permission. There was a feeling that the landowner should be leading by exemplary conduct. A resident stated that the state of the farm is embarrassing to the local community. Residents are concerned also about the state of the surrounding roads and pavements and feel it is becoming a safety issue for drivers and pedestrians.

A councillor spoke of the concerns that they had for their property and this is now being addressed after speaking to the landowner. He has also stated that the work is ongoing and stated when it was all finished it would look in keeping with the surrounding area. It was stated that the landowner had agreed to put a planning application in for some of the work. But to date nothing has been received by the Parish Council.

A resident asked that the parish council now write to the Environment Agency to find out what they are doing about it.

A number of residents have phoned Cheshire West Council Planning Department and residents requested that the parish council also contacted the planning department for a update on the application.

14/20 Minutes of previous meeting held on 20th January 2020 agreed and signed. Cllr JM signed and Cllr JN seconded.

15/20 Spring Newsletter. A draft had been circulated and a discussion as to the contents took place.

Resolved this would be deferred until the next meeting.

16/20 Hoardings: The clerk confirmed that these are still in the queue for Cheshire West Enforcement. An update will be provided as soon as they have visited the sites.

17/20 Highways. The clerk provided an update regarding the issues that were reported following the last meeting. The gullies outside J.J. Vehicles have now been repaired. The Poolford Lane signs have been reported to Cheshire East and been assigned to a member of staff to deal with. Cllr JM had met with a Highways representative and pointed out issues

on Holmes Chapel Road this is the second time a meeting has taken place and it is quite obvious that Cheshire Highways are not interested in maintenance on our roads we will keep fighting our corner. The clerk will report the gullies again on Holmes Chapel and Brereton Road as they need cleaning again.

18/20 Planning: To consider the following applications:
Nil received.

19/20 Accounts: To note the balance of accounts = £3964.08

Payments:

- Online payment – clerk’s salary
- Online payment - £35 ChALC chairmanship training.

Receipts:

- £312.54 HMRC VAT refund

20/20 Clerk’s Report:

- **Resolved** to appoint the clerk from Alsager Town Council to carry out the internal audit.

21/20 Chairman and Member’s Report: It is a unanimous decision that Cllr CS has brought the council into disrepute. There is considerable public opinion against him being a parish councillor. The parish council will request for Cllr CS to submit his resignation.

Cllr JM to draft a letter to send to Esther McVey (MP) regarding the speeding traffic on Holmes Chapel Road and surrounding lanes.

Cllr AR has sent correspondence to Esther McVey (MP) regarding septic tank containment and has received correspondence back to say it is being investigated. This will also be added to the newsletter.

Meeting closed at 20.20.

Signed.....

Seconded.....

Date.....