

Sproston Parish Council  
Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Venue – The Fox & Hounds, Sproston

Meeting opened at 19:30

Present: Councillor Peter Cunane (PC), Councillor Peter Gleave (PG), Councillor Christy Ilgman (CI),  
Councillor John Lightfoot (JL), Councillor Stephen Percival (SP), Councillor James Townley (JT)

Also present was Chester & Cheshire West Councillor Mark Stocks (MS)

12 members of the public were present

1. Apologies

No apologies as all in attendance.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were stated.

3. Open Forum

Any questions were asked of the public. No questions were submitted at this time.

Q: When did the Parish Council restart?

A: Approximately one month since the first meeting.

Q: There has been an increase in the traffic along the A54 since last year. What is happening regarding traffic flow and/or management?

A: MS said that traffic had got worse over the last year or so. The sink hole just past the Fox & Hounds didn't help the situation. With HS2 coming there needs to be mitigation to cope with the increased traffic amount. Unfortunately there is no short term solution. A traffic assessment is overdue and there has been no review within the last two years. The planning application off Centurion Way, Middlewich will also add to the amount of traffic.

Comments by a member of the public concerning the traffic was that the A54 cannot cope with the traffic now and the proposed bypass in Middlewich will do nothing to alleviate that as most of the traffic that comes from M6/J18 goes towards Winsford and beyond.

MS stated that there is no government funding available for a bypass as HS2 is taking all resources at present. However there are currently surveys being done regarding the viability of a Middlewich/J18 bypass but it will be at least 10 years and there is no allocated funding for a Sproston bypass.

Q: Cheshire West & Chester Council were supposed to be replacing the recycling bins with red and blue topped wheelie bins. This was two years ago but we are still waiting.

A: JT will chase this up with CW&CC

Q: What is happening with the earth mountain at Dairy House Farm?

A: (Charles Sherwin was present at the meeting and answered this directly.) He is rebuilding his herd and has a planning application in for a new slurry lagoon. The soil is subject to an Environment Agency policy to accept it for building a slurry lagoon. All permits are in place that are required. He states that he is following government policy for all that he is doing on

the farm. MS stated that the resolution to Dairy House Farm needs to be determined by planning and CW&CC.

4. Previous Minutes

These were approved by PC and SP seconded. The minutes were available if anyone would like to see them. It is hoped that they will be loaded onto the website intime for the next meeting.

5. Planning Applications

No new applications had been received by the Parish Council.

6. Defibrillator

The existing Defibrillator is located on the outside wall of The Fox & Hounds. It needs new pads and refurbishing. JT discussed having a replacement one instead of refurbing the existing one. Mr Sherwin offered to donate the monies for a new Defibrillator. Council to discuss.

7. Website

The current Parish Council website has expired and is out of date. JT has spoken with the previous web editor to see if he can renew the site and get it up to date. The general consensus was to get it back up and running asap.

8. Finance

There is currently an issue accessing Barclays online due to an error with them. There are some payments that need approval. JT explained who CHALC are. Membership is beneficial to the PC and CHALC have been of great assistance with the PC starting up again. MS stated that during the last 12/18 months there has been some S106 money received from local developments.

9. Any other business

No other business.

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7.30pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7.30pm  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 20:08

Minutes Agreed by.....

Seconded By.....

Date .....