

**Capenhurst and Ledsham Parish Council**  
**Draft Ordinary Parish Council Minutes**  
**13th November 2019 7.00pm**  
**Capenhurst Court, Urenco**

Present: Cllr J Pemberton (Chair), Cllr T Foster, Cllr M Brassington, Cllr T Warden and Cllr C Pemberton.

Clerk: Ms Tiplady

In attendance: CWAC Cllr Simon Eardley, 2 representative from Urenco and 7 members of the public.

**1 Procedural matters.**

(a) Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Tomlinson.

(b) Declarations of interest. Cllr J Pemberton has shares in B4RN and Cllr Foster has an interest in the Village Hall.

(c) Confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019. The minutes were not distributed prior to the meeting so confirmation of minutes will be deferred until the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to distribute September minutes to all Councillors and add to January agenda.

(d) Dates of future meetings.

7th January

3rd March

5th May (Annual meeting)

14th July \*second Tuesday of the month.

1st September

3rd November

(e) Councillor vacancy. Tracey Royle was unable to attend the meeting. There is still a vacancy for Capenhurst and one for Ledsham

ACTION: Mrs Royle to be co-opted onto the council at the next meeting. Clerk to bring acceptance of office and members interest forms to the next meeting. Cllr C Pemberton to complete forms and return to Clerk.

(f) Document storage. Grace Fogg confirmed the documents can be stored at URENCO. They will be stored in a secure vault. Written notice will be required for access. The Clerk left a bag of documents with Ms Fogg at the meeting.

**2. Community engagement/Communications**

(a) Urenco representative. Ms Fogg confirmed that the new speed sign has arrived and will be sited near Atkins. It was noted that Simon O'Rourke will be doing the wood carving for the village green. Mr Fagan confirmed that the Urenco site had performed a planned emergency exercise that day as part of their safety

requirements. This exercise went well and they received an “adequate” rating which is the highest level- this is repeated twice a year under the observation of an external regulator. TNF are continuing with the commissioning and going to full commissioning in early 2020. The Village entered into the Britain in Bloom competition and won a bronze award. A working group has been set up to hopefully improve to a Gold position in 2020. On the 4th March 2020 Urenco will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and will celebrate the occasion with an event on the playing fields over the Summer which will also raise money for a local charity. Urenco do occasionally have conferences but all parking is provided onsite. Recently cars have been parked on the brow of the hill- the police were informed and the cars were moved on.

(b) Visiting officers. No officers present

(c) Visiting member. No members present (Cllr Eardley arrived shortly after)

(d) Members of the public speaking time. A number of residents from Badgers Rake Lane had come to discuss the speed and number of cars using the road.

The residents noted that when the road got re-tarmaced no white lines were reinstated resulting in cars being in the middle of the road. The residents also noted that there are no chevrons on the bend. The residents confirmed that there are lots of new houses being built in this area which will aggravate the problem and the number of HGV vehicles has increased due to the close proximity of local businesses such as Inglewood Manor who are now offering a laundry service for their sister hotels. These HGVs are not suitable for rural roads.

ACTION:Clerk to email PCSO about speed concerns and email CWAC officers to assess the speeds on the road to ascertain if a reduction in the speed limit is possible and discuss other issues raised.

(e) Correspondence from members of the public

A local company had emailed the Clerk proposing to build a small development on a local brownfield site. The builder claimed the development may be possible with the introduction of a local shop/store facility - either on or off site. The man enquired if the community would be interested if they provided a facility - possibly adjoining the village hall - at their cost, which they would be prepared to donate it to the community - subjected to receiving planning consent. The gentlemen was invited to discuss this at the meeting during public speaking time but did not attend.

A resident asked if a real, rooted christmas tree on the village green would be considered by the Parish Council.

Concerns were raised about the lack of litter bins on the Village Green. It was noted that a litter pick and bulb planting event has been arranged for the 23rd November. The Clerk informed Councillors that a tool bank from CWAC can be accessed for such events.

A resident is still concerned about noise related to the Urenco plant.

A number of residents were concerned about an alcohol license which had been applied for by the Sports field. The Parish Council were not consulted on this and missed the deadline for submission of comments.

ACTION: Cllr Foster to liaise with Ms Fogg about Christmas tree location and lighting. Clerk to email Ms Fogg about litter bins. Clerk to send information regarding the tool bank to Cllr Pemberton. Clerk to write to Environmental Health again in relation to noise concerns. Clerk to forward correspondence regarding alcohol license to Cllr Eardley.

(f) Website. The Clerk expressed concerns that more photos are needed to brighten up the new website. Cllr Warden will ask facebook users if images can be used on the website.

(g) Events

Church choir and outdoor nativity event 14<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

Children party on Saturday 7th December 3-5pm in the Village Hall. Primary school aged children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets cost £2.

Cllr Pemberton read out a list of Church events which will take place before Christmas.

ACTION: Cllr Pemberton to distribute list of church events.

### 3. Planning

It was noted that the enforcement officer has been in contact with the Clerk in relation to Springfields, Ledsham.

(a) New/recent applications. No new applications.

(b) Awaiting decision

19/00545/FUL	OS Field Numbers 2800 and 3685 Dunkirk Lane Capenhurst Chester Cheshire Installation of Substation
18/04796/OUT	The Kestrels Capenhurst Lane Capenhurst Chester Cheshire CH1 6HE Outline application for new commercial unit (Class B1/B2/B8)
19/01926/FUL	New Hey Capenhurst Lane Capenhurst Chester Cheshire CH1 6HE Two storey rear and single storey side extension
19/02829/FUL	Old Rectory Nursing Home Rectory Lane Capenhurst Chester CH1 6HN Construction of a cabin to house 2 no. biomass boilers and

	associated fuel store (Retrospective)
19/02911/106	Riding School Foxes Farm Badgers Rake Lane Ledsham Chester CH66 8PF Discharge of section 106 agreement attached to applications 08/00800/S73 and 08/00801/S73

(c) Decisions

17/03112/FUL	Quaint Farm Welsh Road Ledsham Chester Cheshire CH66 9PA Demolition of existing building and conversion of two agricultural buildings into residential use with detached garages *amended plans Status:Approved
13/04181/FUL	Foxes Farm Badgers Rake Lane Ledsham Chester Cheshire CH66 8PF Installation and commissioning of a single 10kW wind turbine (hub height 17.9m, blade tip height 24.5m) Status:Withdrawn
19/03126/FUL	Electricity Substation Capenhurst Lane Capenhurst Chester Cheshire Installation of 49.5MW gas peaking plant (gas fired reserve electricity generation) Status:Approval

#### 4. Highways

(a) Standing consideration of Highways matters.

The Clerk confirmed that CWAC were investigating the blocked gullies and sunken gullies on Capenhurst Lane. The Clerk chased up the repair work for the Pinfold on the 5th November 2019 with CWAC but no response has been received to date. Between meeting Cllr Pemberton asked if double yellow lines could be added to the road near the Railway Station. The Clerk reported this to CWAC reference 2145771.

It was noted that the planters were still at Premier Plants and still waiting for Highways approval.

Stuart Bateman from CWAC had contacted the Clerk regarding the prohibited right turns from Chester Gates onto A5117 Dunkirk Way, Lea-By-Backford, it is proposed to permanently introduce the restriction.

Cllr Pemberton noted that the flooding near Park Farm on Capenhurst Lane continues to be an issue.

ACTION: Clerk to email Stuart Bateman to confirm that the Parrish Council do not believe that the congestion situation has been resolved. Cllr Pemberton to email CEO of BT copying in Chris Mattheson with pictures of the smashed main drain which takes away surface water from the area.

(b) Speed awareness.

Cllr Pemberton, Cllr Tomlinson and Mr Tomlinson attended speed gun training with Ian Rutherford. It was discussed whether speed monitoring could occur outside Brook Farm B&B and New Hey.

ACTION: Clerk to email Ian Rutherford to assess the two new sites.

(c) Speed limit changes.

Cllr J Pemberton confirmed that there was a 100% response in favour of lowering the speed limits in the village.

ACTION: Clerk to inform Kay Perry at CWAC Highways of findings.

## **5. Finance**

(a) Income Received. None received.

(b) Payments made. The bank balance up to 5th August was £7838.92. The bank statements were signed by the Chair

Lisa Tiplady (Office costs Mar-Aug)	£30
Lisa (Wages)	£305.22
Lisa Tiplady (stamps)	£7.32+2.12
Dotty about accounts x 2 trips (22 miles) and meeting cost	£16.00
HMRC	£76.20
Uncontested election recharge	£181

It was proposed by Cllr Warden and seconded by Cllr J Pemberton to accept the financial transactions listed above.

(c) Balances / Bank statements/Payment schedule cash book.

(d) Precept. It was proposed by Cllr J Pemberton and seconded by Cllr C Pemberton to ask for a precept of £2,200. Money for Britain in Bloom and Councillor training will be taken from reserves.

## **6. CWAC and other organisations**

(a) CWAC correspondence

The Clerk asked CWAC to review the drains near Penfold Close and on the bend opposite Holy Trinity Church on the 10th September 2019.

(b) ChALC/NALC. Nothing to report.

**7. Policy review.** Deferred to the next meeting.

**8. Britain in Bloom.** The Village came bronze in the Best Village in the North West category. Cllr Eardley has arranged 4 sacks of bulbs which will be planted on the 23rd November. 4 planters by the railway station, the scarecrow competition and the garden competition were all initiated as part of the project and these will be repeated next year. Cllr Warden thanked Cllr J Pemberton for initiating the process and extended his thanks to all parties involved. It was decided that £300 from reserves would be used for next years plans.

ACTION:Cllr Foster to ask the Village Hall if the certificate can be put up on the wall.

**9. Friends of Capenhurst Railway Station.**

It was noted that a group has been set up to help with maintenance of the Railway Station. Cllr Pemberton believes a larger car park is needed and has spoke to Mersey Rail. A suggested site for extending the car park has contaminated waste on it.

**10. Members information / speaking time**

Cllr Foster raised concerns that her comments by email to the Clerk on a planning application had not been acknowledged.

Meeting closed 8.54 pm