

Capenhurst & Ledsham Parish Council

3rd March 2020 7pm , Capenhurst Court, Urenco

In the absence of the Clerk, Mrs L Tiplady, these notes were taken by Cllr A Clowes.

Present: Cllr J Pemberton (Chair), Cllr J Tomlinson, Cllr T Foster, Cllr M Brassington, Cllr T Warden, Cllr T Royle, Cllr C Pemberton

Also in attendance: Kath Smith (URENCO), Neil Fagan (URENCO), Mike Francis & Fahye Francis (Premier Plants, Ledshan), Chris Jones (BARN), Andrea Grimely (School House Farm), Barbara Atkinson (Barncroft , Ledsham).

1. Apologies: Cllr Simon Eardley.

After a couple of amendments the minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

2. Britain In Bloom: Cllr C Pemberton will lead the steering group. The first meeting of this group will take place this month. A donation of £200 has been received from the Electric Atomic Technology group. £50 has been spent on RHS In Bloom entry fee

This year's theme will be "Beyond the Garden Gate". There will be a scarecrow competition beginning 21st July and will coincide with Little Sutton. Judging will probably take place on Thursday 8th August.

Lisa has written to local firms asking for sponsorship/donations.

Mike Francis, Premier Plants, has offered wholesale prices for plants for this competition, to all residents, on proof of Post Code. URENCO has offered to fund it.

Help has been offered from the Fire Station.

A village plan is needed to allow coordination of themes between residents and to facilitate awarding prizes.

A flier/newsletter will be produced advertising the event. Sarah Dodd will be asked to design it and URENCO will be asked to print them. (Action CP, JP)

These fliers and Minutes from PCC meeting will be displayed in both notice boards, on our website and in local churches and sent via e mail to interested residents (See later, Cllr Clowes has received 4 completed forms from Ledsham residents)

The daffodil bulbs, donated by Cllr Eardley have all been planted and are currently coming into bloom. Photographs should be taken to add to the Summer photo portfolio.

The Clerk will be asked to confirm the number of households in Capenhurst & Ledsham districts. (Action LT)

3. (a) Kath Smith (URENCO) was introduced as Communications Manager.

Neil Fagan (URENCO) reported about a successful , off site, multi agency, emergency practice event, held today at Winsford.

He also reported on the precautions already in place due to the CORVID19 virus situation namely, no global travel, no large gatherings and no visitors on site. All currently scheduled events have been postponed until further notice. Should the situation worsen then the site will be locked down with key personnel living on site until the situation improves. The locality will be kept informed during such an event.

Cllr Warden requested sound monitoring checks to be carried out following an incident at 3am on Monday 2nd March 2020. (Action URENCO)

NF reported that an EA independent sound monitoring will also be taking place shortly because of sub station noises, not URENCO

(d)(i)Chris Jones (BARN project) gave an update for the coming phases of installation. They will commence digging on the next phase to link the Capenhurst cabinet with Dunkirk Way, once sufficient intent has been generated (£250 each).

On the 18th March 2020 canvassing, delivering leaflets and gigabit vouchers will begin.

Further information from Chris Jones 01244 851893

(d)(ii)AG asked if the PCC could obtain additional bins in the village and surrounding roads for depositing dog poo bags as currently they were being discarded in hedges and on verges. The clerk will be asked to contact the relevant department to obtain these (Action LT)

(d)(iii) It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the defibrillator, housed at the school, had annual maintenance costs covering a new battery (£223.20) and paddles (~£35). Whilst it was greatly appreciated that the school currently carry out weekly and monthly checks and they are happy to continue this, it was unfair that they should also carry the maintenance costs.

It was Proposed by Cllr Tomlinson , seconded by the Chair and agreed by all ,that the C&LPCC should fund this, unless URENCO would.

The clerk will be asked to write to URENCO to ask the question. (Action LT)

(d)(iv) Cllr Clowes has obtained 4 responses from the letters, regarding speed limit alterations, that she delivered to all residents of Badgers Rake Lane, and Ledsham Hall Lane. They will be passed to LT (Action AC)

The committee agreed that Ellesmere Port & Neston BC and Puddington PC should be approached for contributions to the cost of the new speed signs as their areas overlapped with ours for these roads. (Action LT)

It was agreed that details of C&LPCC councillors and meeting dates should be updated on the Cheshire CC website. (Action LT)

3(f) The Chair will WhatsApp the e mail link for our website to all councillors. (Action JP)

3(g) Events:

Sunday March 15th Full Roast Lunch, 1pm, a fund raising event by The Mothers Union. It is hoped to do this monthly to help combat loneliness, venue Village Hall.

Saturday 28th March 2020, Art Club Exhibition 10-4pm, venue Village Hall

Friday 1st April 2020, 6pm-8pm Bingo, venue Village Hall

Saturday 4th April 2020 Chris Matheson MP Surgery 2-4pm, venue Village Hall

Friday 1st May ,80s disco, glitter ball, £8/ticket, bar & nibbles, prizes for best dressed, venue Village Hall Tickets obtainable from usual places.

Monday 4th May 2020 AGM of PCC.

Thursday 7th May Police & Crime elections 6am-10pm, venue Village Hall

Saturday 20th June 2020 Chris Matheson MP Surgery 12.30-1.30pm, venue Village Hall

Saturday 4th July 2020, Dog Show, 1-4pm venue Sports Field.

Saturday 12th December 2020 Matheson MP Surgery 11-12noon, venue Village Hall

4. 19/04458/FUL : Old Barn approved change from office to dwelling.

All other applications are as last meeting's minutes.

However it was brought to the attention of the meeting that despite specific conditions being given for 19/00545/FUL Substation , Dunkirk Lane, to commence work after 1st March 2020 in consideration for wildlife, contractors have completely ignored this.

They have made a dangerous entrance on a bend, they have wrecked the grass verge, and totally ignored the environmental considerations for the protected Great Crested Newts by clearing vegetation and digging a large hole already.

The clerk will be asked to write to the Planning Enforcement Officer and the Environmental Protection Team to report this and to ask for the appropriate action to be taken. (Action LT)

5. At this point Cllr Simon Eardley's e mail report was read to the meeting by the Chair. (This will be appended to these notes.)

As a result of this report the following points were noted

- (i) Remind the Clerk to write to the CEO of BT re the collapsed drain opposite the Parish Church.

(Action LT)

- (ii) Write to the Highways Department again to follow up the decision to only partially reinstate the centre lines in Badgers Rake Lane. (Action AC)

- (iii) Cllr Tomlinson to assist Mrs Atkinson with her problem of her hit and run damaged wall, in Ledsham village. (Action JT)

- 5.(b) Neil Hardwick's data for the speed monitor was discussed. There was general concern that the majority of drivers were still driving in excess of the 20mph speed limit. The greatest speed recorded for February was 81mph.

A police enforcement speed camera had been seen recently in the village.

6. (a) £200 for in bloom funds from Electric Atomic (?)

- (b) £50 NW RHS In Bloom fee

7. The clerk will be asked to inform ChALC re training requirements of four councillors and information for the two new councillors. (Action LT)

8. Policy Reviews are in progress. (Action JP & JT)

9. (i) The Penfold crack analysis is being performed by Computer Aided Design to ascertain the extent of the damage to the structure. A request was made to repair/re hang the Penfold gate which is thought to be leaning against a wall within the structure.

- (ii) Flooding down Chapel Lane is still an issue.

- (iii) Cllr Tomlinson requested a letter of thanks to go to Graham Jones of Street Scene, following his rapid assistance, for Daisy Bank Farm, during flooding on the Welsh Road, due to a burst water main. (Action LT)

- (iv) Concerns were raised due to flooding, discoloured sediment washings and damaged verges near Springfield, Rectory Lane. The Clerk will be asked to chase up the Enforcement Officer about these persistent issues. (Action LT)

- (v) The committee would like the Clerk to write to thank Neil Hardwick and Tony Jones for their work on the BARN project. (Action LT)
- (vi) The Clerk will be asked to write to Steve Morgan, of Redrow, to register our concern that their new estate will dramatically increase the traffic in Badgers Rake Lane which is already a dangerous road. As a result, it will be imperative to have the new, reduced speed limit, signs in place and ask would they be willing to contribute toward the cost of these road signs? (Action LT)

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Appendix

- 1) Cllr S Eardley's report.
- 2) Defib letter.