

Capenhurst and Ledsham Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Minutes

7th January 2020 7.00pm

Capenhurst Primary School

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

Clerk: Ms L Tiplady

In attendance: CWAC Cllr Simon Eardley and 5 members of the public.

1 Procedural matters.

(a) Apologies: Apologies received from Neil Fagan, Grace Fogg, PC Rob Brown and PCSO Wendy Leason.

(b) Declarations of interest. Cllr J Pemberton has shares in B4RN.

(c) Confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 3rd September and Thursday 13th November 2019. Following amendments it was proposed by Cllr C Pemberton and seconded by Cllr J Tomlinson to accept the minutes of the 3rd September meeting as an accurate record. Following amendments it was proposed by Cllr A Warden and seconded by Cllr T Foster to accept the minutes of the 13th November meeting as an accurate record. The Chairman signed a copy of the minutes.

(d) Dates of future meetings

3rd March- Capenhurst Court, Urenco

5th May (Annual meeting) Primary School

14th July Capenhurst Court, Urenco

1st September - Primary School

3rd November - Capenhurst Court, Urenco.

(e) Councillor vacancy. It was proposed by Cllr J Pemberton and seconded by Cllr C Pemberton to co-opt Tracey Royle to the Capenhurst Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr J Tomlinson and seconded by Cllr M Brassington to co-opt Ann Clowes to the Ledsham Parish Council.

ACTION: Cllr Royle and Cllr Clowes to complete and return completed forms to the Clerk. Clerk to send out "Good Councillors Guide" booklets to the new Councillors

Cllr Royle and Cllr Clowes joined the meeting as Councillors

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2. Community engagement/Communications

(a) Urenco representative.

No representatives present but Ms Fogg had emailed to confirm she has the bins for the Village Green but they are currently not in situ.

ACTION: Cllr Pemberton to ask for bins at the Sport Pavillion.

(b) Visiting officers. No police present. The Clerk read out a list of recent incidents in the Village during November and December. The contact email addresses of our local police are robert.brown@cheshire.pnn.police.uk and wendy.leason.pnn.police.uk. It was noted that

the defibrillator had gone missing-however it was confirmed that it had been deployed for an emergency.

ACTION:Cllr J Pemberton to confirm with school that necessary checks are routinely made on the machine and ask for a sign to return the machine and inform the School if it is used.

(c) Visiting member.

Ward Cllr Simon Eardley and Cllr J Pemberton recently met with Gary Wright to discuss a number of issues in the villages. A meeting has been arranged with 2 highways officers on the 24th January 2020 to discuss the following:

- Poor road surface on Rectory Lane.
- Poor pavement quality near the School
- Safety concerns on Capenhurst Land and street lighting
- Planter permission.

Cllr Eardley noted that CWAC have not accepted ownership of the oak trees on Rectory Lane but will be removing them shortly as they pose safety concerns to highway users.

Cllr Eardley currently has not reviewed the Urenco planning application.

Cllr Tomlinson asked if the pavements in Ledsham could be brought up at the Highways meeting and has asked if the Welsh Road could be 50mph all the way along.

(d) Members of the public speaking time.

One resident had attended as he was intrigued about speed limits in the village especially at night. Cllr Warden advised to report speeding cars number plates to local PCSO. Another resident raised concerns about the damaged verges near School House Farm.

ACTION:Cllr Eardley to report verge damage.

(e) Correspondence from members of the public

Cllr Tomlinson had verbally received comments from a resident that they were happy with the speed limits being reduced to 40mph on Ledsham Lane but would prefer 30mph.

(f) Website . The Clerk is still working on the website and will add photos provided by Cllr Warden to the website

ACTION:Cllr Warden to provide photos from Facebook to the Clerk.

(g) Events

The Christmas carol concert was cancelled as the village did not have a Christmas tree which was supposed to be provided by Urenco. Cllr Foster confirmed that Mr Fagan will be investigating this issue and will arrange a rooted one for next year.

The Two Mills Chapel are having a social evening on either the 14th or 15th February and an afternoon tea event on the 21st March from 2.30pm-4pm.

The Village Hall AGM will take place on the 3rd Feb at 7pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

The dog show will be taking place in July. Date to be confirmed.

Cllr Foster noted that a Urenco Fun Day is being planned with a provisional date of 20th June. The event will include bands and all proceeds will go to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

3. Planning

(a) New/recent applications.

19/03727/FUL	Land Off Chapel Lane Ledsham Chester Change of use of land to dog park including addition of fencing and containers for site office and the storage of equipment - retrospective
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	Comments by 3rd January 2020
19/04458/FUL	The Old Barn Ledsham Village Ledsham Chester Cheshire CH66 0NE Change of use from Office (B1) to Dwelling (C3) Comments by 20th January 2020
19/04512/FUL	Urenco UK Ltd Capenhurst Lane Capenhurst Chester Cheshire CH1 6ER Construction and operation of a modular plant room compound with associated external plant and equipment, fencing and hard landscaping Comments by 28th January 2020

ACTION: All Councilors to review Urenco application and feedback to Clerk. Clerk to email Ms Fogg enquiring why diesel generators are being used and not greener alternatives.

(b) Awaiting decision

19/00545/FUL	OS Field Numbers 2800 and 3685 Dunkirk Lane Capenhurst Chester Cheshire Installation of Substation
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

18/04796/OUT	The Kestrels Capenhurst Lane Capenhurst Chester Cheshire CH1 6HE Outline application for new commercial unit (Class B1/B2/B8) Status:Approval
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ACTION:CIlr Pemberton to chase up drinks license application.

4. Highways

(a) Standing consideration of Highways matters.

The Clerk read out the response from CWAC regarding Badgers Rake Lane. It was noted that a speed limit assessment of Badgers Rake Lane and Ledsham Hall Lane has been undertaken. This resulted in recommendations for lengths of 40 mph and 50 mph speed limit. It was estimated that the cost of introducing these speed limits will be £5,000 and CWAC asked if the Parish Council is willing to contribute to the £2,500 match funding required to progress these speed limits. They also confirmed that weight restriction signs

could not be put up in this location but centre lines and chevrons will be reinstated. Cllr Clowes would have preferred the speeds to go even lower. It was also discussed that horse riding signs would be beneficial in the area. Cllr Tomlinson was concerned that this process was double taxation.

ACTION:Clerk to ask for a HGV count in this area.Clerk to write to local businesses asking for donations towards new speed limit signs.

(b) Speed awareness.

Mr Hardwick has been monitoring the machines but due to a technical error no data is available for December.

ACTION: Clerk to supply email addresses of Councillors to Mr Hardwick for distribution of future speed data.

(c) Speed limit changes.

The Clerk has been in contact with CWAC about the proposed speed limit changes.

ACTION:Clerk to provide missing information to Kay Parry.

5. Finance

(a) Income Received. None received.

(b) Payments made.

HMRC	76.40
Lisa wages	305.02
Lisa Mileage	7.20
Miscellaneous	27.54

It was proposed by Cllr J Pemberton and seconded by Cllr J Tomlinson to approve the payments stated above.

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

The Clerk has not been receiving statements since the end of July. It was noted that online banking would be beneficial to the Parish Council,

ACTION:Cllr J Pemberton to arrange duplicate statements and set up online banking with the Clerk as a delegated user and all transactions requiring two people to authorise it.

6. CWAC and other organisations

(a) CWAC correspondence

The Clerk informed Councillors that CWAC currently have a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation

ACTION:Clerk to distribute information to all Councillors.

It was noted that CWAC have appointed a Historical Structures Associate from Ramboll to produce the specification for the repairs. This will include pre-application consultation with the Conservation Officer, and a listed building consent application. Once this is complete they will be able to tender the works. The current programme has the approved repairs being undertaken in March 2020.

The Clerk has reported between meetings the footpath at Chapel Lane to CWAC (4890048) and the footpath along the A540 from Two Mills Chapel to Gordale

In response to the Clerks letter Highways England have confirmed that the speed signage on the A540 is correct.

(b) ChALC/NALC.

Nothing to report.

7. Policy review. Cllr J Pemberton and Cllr J Tomlison to arrange a meeting to discuss.

8. Britain in Bloom.

Cllr J Pemberton has now received feedback and the judges were very impressed with the scarecrow competition. Planning is now taking place for Summer 2020.

ACTION:Jo to distribute feedback information to all Councillors. Clerk to invite representatives from Premier Plants, Dunkirk Landscapes, EAT, Meadow Farm to the next meeting and put Britain in Bloom at the beginning of the agenda.

9. Friends of Capenhurst Railway Station.

We are currently waiting for Mersey Rail to place planters at the station.

ACTION: Cllr J Pemberton to liaise with contact in relation to planters.

10. Members information / speaking time

Cllr Tomlinson noted a resident from Capenhurst was still hearing a buzzing noise at night from Urenco. Cllr J Pemberton recommended noting down dates and times and using the CWAC environmental health noise monitoring app on a phone to record noise. Cllr Warden suggested reporting concerns to Environment Agency and Neil Fagan.

Cllr Tomlinson noted grass infringement on Chapel Lane. Cllr Tomlinson also noted that machine washing on land in Ledsham was running into the road.

ACTION:Cllr J Pemberton to raise issue at the Highways meeting.

Cllr Foster would like to thank Mr Neil Hardwick for his hard work with B4RN. This is now live in the Village Hall and some parts of the village. Cllr Foster also noted that there will be an increase in construction traffic near Mersey Rail for the new substation.

Cllr J Pemberton will liaise with Mersey Rail for a bigger car park. Cllr J Pemberton will also raise double yellow lines on the bridge and potholes on Capenhurst Lane at the Highways meeting.

Cllr Foster enquired if the Parish Council would be interested in being involved as a non financial contributor to a planned village guide. Cllr Tomlinson raised concerns about personal numbers and information being distributed in this way. It was proposed by Cllr J Pemberton and seconded by Cllr Clowes to support this venture.

Cllr Royle raised concerns about collapsed drains near Penfold Close affecting her property.

ACTION:Clerk to email Chris Mattheson to raise concerns

Cllr Warden confirmed that more houses are due to be connected via the B4RN network. There is currently an issue with CWAC in regards to the grass between the road and Penfold Close. The B4RN project need people to dig and Cllr Warden asked Councillors and

residents to spread the word. To set up the service there is a £150 connection fee and then £30 monthly.

ACTION: Cllr Warden to put B4RN information on Facebook.

Meeting closed 8.57 pm