

# CLOTTON HOOFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## Thursday 16th November 2020 at 19:00 via Zoom

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT

Cllr Richard Roberts (Chair), Cllr Peter Manby, Cllr Geoffrey Bibby, Cllr Charles Kinsey, Cllr Jane Nicholas, Cllr Harry Tonge (CWaC)  
Public – 8

#### APOLOGIES

Cllr John Leather (CWaC),

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - None

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### Planning Application 20/00630/FUL

A resident who lives in Hoofield spoke with regards to concerns he had regarding planning application 20/00630/FUL for new dog training facilities for the kennels on Corkscrew Lane. The resident explained that this property was originally for horses as a work/live space. It then had a planning application in 2018 for change of use to dog training and boarding kennels. At the time of this change of use the planning officers report included that the development should not give rise to unacceptable levels of noise due to the size and location of the site.

The business now established there is called Premier K9 and they specialise in dogs with behavioural issues and training dogs for protection services, as well as having boarding kennels.

Over this summer the resident, who lives approximately 1 kilometre away, has noticed that the noise pollution from this business has increased, in particular at the weekends when dogs are barking all day, which has become a bit of an irritation.

Earlier this year the business put in a planning application for a training centre at the site, it was reported that it does not explain on the planning application whether this newly proposed facility will accommodate all of the training and whether the dogs will all be inside.

The resident has submitted comments with regards to the planning application and suggested that a noise pollution assessment be completed at the property before a decision is made on the planning application. The resident notes that this planning application is still pending. He would like a better understanding as to if this training centre would lead to a reduction in noise pollution which would be welcome without impacting on the business itself.

The resident suggested that the Parish Council take an interest in this application and understand the impact on other residents in the area, find out from the Planning Officer what assessment the Planning Department is making of the impact of the business as it currently stands and in the future and potentially see if the Planning Officer could see if some controls could be put in place.

The Chair asked if the resident had spoken to Environmental Health in terms of carrying out a noise assessment. The resident confirmed that they would need a noise survey.

Cllr Manby reported that due to the Neighbourhood Plan only recently being approved (subject to referendum) the Parish Council had taken a decision prior to this date that they would not comment on earlier planning applications. The Parish Council therefore proposed to contact the Planning Department and ask what the current status is with regards to the planning application and highlight to the Planning Department that subject to the Neighbourhood Plan that proposals that extend or promote new small scale employment, farm diversification and tourism

opportunities would be supported in appropriate locations, the development should positively benefit the local economy – this would comply with the earlier change of use application.

However, Cllr Manby went on to confirm that the Neighbourhood Plan also outlined proposals for new employment or an extension of existing facility should not have a significant adverse effect on the amenity of any adjoining residential property by reason of noise, smell, smoke and dust.

On this basis the Parish Council would have support this application providing that there was not unreasonable noise.

**ACTION:** Cllr Manby suggested that the Parish Council now comment to CWaC Planning Department on the planning application 20/00630/FUL – ie to ensure that there is some protection put in place within the new planning application to ensure there is no increased noise pollution and could some protection be put in place to protect the residents from any unreasonable noise.

*One resident left the meeting.*

#### Gigabit Fibre Broadband

A resident who lives in Duddon reported that for the last couple of months he has been contacting residents of Duddon asking residents if they would be interested in signing up to the government's 'Gigabit Voucher Scheme'. Essentially the Government has set aside £64m to support rural communities receive fibre to the home. There is £1,500 per each residential property and an additional £2,000 if that property also has a business operating from it. The resident confirmed he has knocked on all doors in Duddon, and managed to sign up 181 properties. A resident who recently moved to Clotton has also got involved and is contacting residents of Clotton to see if they too would be interested in signing up – so far 17 Clotton residents have signed up.

Within that number there are 42 companies which would mean a total of £402,000 would be available in the pot for Open Reach to do the work. The resident reported that he estimated he had captured 85% of Duddon residents and was trying to get it to approximately 90%+ as it is easier for Open Reach to change the infrastructure in an entire road rather than every other house.

Due to only 17 residents having signed up in Clotton the resident wanted to raise awareness that this scheme is running, it is due to finish in March 2021 and therefore if residents of Clotton Hoofield could support it then it would improve the opportunity of bringing superfast fibre to the area.

The resident of Duddon confirmed that he would be targeting businesses in the Duddon & Clotton area.

**ACTION:** put poster on noticeboard, Facebook and website.

Cllr Manby believed that High Speed Fibre is already available in Clotton and in Hoofield.

*Two residents left the meeting.*

#### Huxley C of E Primary School

A member of the Huxley Primary School Action Group introduced the members of the group.

He reported that there are currently 5 pupils at the school. The Action Group reported that it was brought to their attention 4 months ago that Huxley Primary School was under consultation for potential closure. Due to the small numbers of pupils attending the school if things stayed the same it was clear that the school would have to close.

The Action Group have been looking at ways to save the school.

They started looking at post-school activities to raise the profile of the school and show the need for the facilities within the Community. Following this they have been working hard to try to increase the numbers of pupils that attend the school. They are now finalising a plan to send to CWaC to show how the school can be viable over the next few years. The Consultation closes at the end of November. The Action Group are in close consultation with

CWaC officials to make sure they are fully on board with what the Action Group is doing, and Huxley and Hargrave Parish Council also fully support them. Tonight, the Action Group asked for Clotton Hoofield Parish Council's continued support and asked that they submit comments accordingly.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council are fully supportive of what the Action Group are doing and have published the consultation on the website and Facebook.

Another member of the Action Group reported that they have enlisted the support of the local MP, and Huxley Primary School have current affiliated themselves with Hollinsclough Church of England Academy, based in Buxton. They were in a similar situation to Huxley Primary School with their numbers dropping and within the first year of offering flexi-schooling their numbers increased to 34 and this has increased year on year. With the affiliation of Hollinsclough Academy they will be getting support and guidance and they hopefully introduce the pilot scheme for CWaC and they hoped to be as successful as they in the future.

Cllr Bibby asked if there is any research for the need for flexi-schooling within the area. A resident reported that flexi-schooling is very new in the country, CWaC has no experience at all with regards to flexi-schooling, but the demand is increasing at a phenomenal rate in England. Flexi-schoolers can be home-schoolers who have decided to reintegrate into a school. This is not part-time schooling, it is a contract between the headteacher and the family based on a core of 3 days a week. Huxley Primary School are researching and learning with regards to the practicalities of this. The resident went on to clarify that Huxley Primary School was not looking to turn completely into a Flexi-School, they would like to keep the core educational offer and add an element of Felix-Schooling.

According to CWaC statistics there are over 150 pupils currently in home-schooling. CWaC are very interested developing a flexi-schooling option. The parents currently undertaking home-schooling are prepared to travel up to 1 hour to make use of these facilities should them be approved.

The Chairman requested that the Action Group keep the Parish Council fully apprised of developments.

*5 residents left the meeting.*

## **MINUTES**

43. **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**

The following actions were completed since the last meeting that were not otherwise on the agenda: -

### Planter

It was reported that the owners of The Bulls Head had been approached and were happy to have a planter installed, however the Parish Council felt that this should be put on hold due to the current climate.

### A51 Speed Reduction

It was reported that the quote has come back more than the initial estimates for the A51 speed reduction due to difficulties associated with the placement of the illuminated terminals signs and ducting requirements (CWAAC need to excavate the carriageway and close the road).

The amended quote from CWaC is that it will come out a somewhere near to £10,000 with the Parish Council costs being 50%, ie £5,000. A decision was required as to whether or not to proceed.

4 councillors in favour, 1 councillor not in favour.

44. **Resolved** to proceed with the A51 Speed Reduction at a total cost of £5,000 to the Parish Council.

**ACTION:** Explore the option to spread the payments.

**ACTION:** Explore possibility for CWAC to obtain lower price for the work.

**ACTION:** Explore the members budget moneys availability from John Leather and Harry Tonge.

Cllr Tonge undertook to confirm back in the week.

Rubbish Bin on A51 Layby – CWaC had reported that they were going to make sure this layby is litter picked every week and see how it works from there. However, we are having trouble with people dumping carrier bags full of rubbish at this site and when we have cleansed it, it seems like they are dumping them nearly straight after.

We will monitor how the litter picking is going and then go from there.

Noticeboards - had now been installed in Clotton & Hoofield.

Parish Council Vacancies – it was confirmed that the advert for the Parish Council vacancies had been re-advertised on the noticeboards, Facebook and website. The Clerk had also pulled together a list of businesses to approach and was hoping the Parish Councillors could put some names to the businesses to make them more personal.

**ACTION:** Put on hold the issuing of a letter to business due to COVID-19.

Cllr Manby suggested that we target young adults to see if they would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

**ACTION:** Cllr Manby to draw up a suitable letter of recruitment.

Planning – The comments had been submitted to the following planning applications 20/02844/FUL & 20/03204/FUL

Finance – A Remembrance Wreath had been purchased.

The updated pay scales had been provided to the Payroll Company  
All Payments had been processed.

Highways – the Clerk had chased S Bateman following the meeting in June and work had been carried out on Corkscrew Lane.

- The Clerk had provided Cllr P Manby with the SID Training contact at CWaC.

Roles and Responsibilities - the Parish Councillors role and responsibilities had been put on the website.

Community Champion – the Clerk had applied for the Parish Council to register as a Community Champion.

Policies – the Clerk had put updated policies on the website.

Standing Orders – The Clerk & Chairman had reviewed the standing orders and circulated them around the Parish Council.

45.

**Resolved** that the Standing Orders be adopted.

## **CO-OPTION**

No further residents had come forward following the most recent advertising campaign for Parish Councillors.

## **PLANNING**

The Planning Register dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 was circulated for Parish Councillors consideration. The actions on outstanding applications were noted.

Cllr Manby confirmed that all planning applications since the Parish Council have used the Neighbourhood Plan to provide comments have resulted in the same response by CWaC as the PC's response.

## **ACCOUNTS**

46. **Resolved** to accept the cash book dated 05/11/2020.  
 47. **Resolved** to accept the income of £0.07 from Bank Interest  
 48. **Resolved** to accept the payments since the last meeting of: -

Clerk's Salary	Tax point 7&8	£431.32
Clerk's Expenses		£37.37
HMRC	Tax point 7&8	£119.40
The Parish Noticeboard Company	Final Payment for Noticeboard	£1647.00
The Parish Noticeboard Company	Magnets for Noticeboards	£59.76
CHALC	Chairmanship Training	£25.00
One.com Subscription	Annual Domain Subscription	£119.84

Bank Reconciliation against Cashbook YTD

49. **Resolved** to approve the Bank Reconciliation as presented to the meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.  
 50. **Resolved** to approve the Clerk attending CHALC training at a cost of £90 and sharing the cost between 5 Parish Councils.

*Cllr Harry Tonge joined the meeting.*

Budget Requirements for 2021-22

This item was postponed to the January 2021 Agenda.

**ACTION:** Circulate the amended budget around to the Parish Council.

**ACTION:** Plan another Working Group Meeting on the budget prior to the next meeting.

**HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Kinsey reported that work has been undertaken on Corkscrew Lane - they have put aggregate on the damaged edges of the road, Cllr Roberts reported that due to the wet weather and heavy vehicles this was already breaking up.

**ACTION:** Cllr Kinsey to liaise directly with Stuart Bateman over outstanding highways issues and keep Cllr Tonge & Leather copied in.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Cllr Manby reported upon the Planning for the Future Consultation following a presentation given to Parish Councils by Rob Charnley from CWaC.

Cllr Manby reported that the current planning system has three levels - National Planning Policy, Local Plans and then Neighbourhood Plans, this is how CWaC have been working for the last four years.

Current Planning System works as follows: -

- Applications for development are determined in accordance with the plans, unless material consideration indicate otherwise.
- Enforcement Action is taken in accordance with those policies.
- Decision making and the policies to be given the greatest weight take place at a local level.

The future is vastly different; they are planning a radical reform. The Planning for the future consultation proposes reforms of the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development.

Cllr Manby reported that the White Paper was proposing three pillars, he reported that Pillar One- a fundamental re-design of the process include: -

- Local Plans to be more visual, maps, not pages of text
- Plans for only 10 years, not 15+ years

- Local plans should identify three types of land – Growth, Renewal and Protected (currently Clotton Hoofield would be under protected)
- Development Management Policies (General policies that can apply to all types of development) will be produced nationally.
- Binding housing figure allocated to each Local Planning Authority
- **Neighbourhood plans retained but in a different role?** – this was discussed significantly
- All plans should be started and finished in only 30 months (Local Plans not Neighbourhood Plans)
- Speeding up development management process through automatic permissions and better use of digital technology.

The consultation states that in the new system local areas will develop plans for land to be designated into three categories:

**Growth areas** – Identified for substantial development and automatically granted outline planning permission with Plan is adopted.

**Renewal areas** – Areas that are suitable for smaller scale development in urban and rural areas. Strengthened statutory presumption in favour of development being granted and potentially a new permission route that gives automatic consent.

**Protected areas** – Areas that justify more stringent controls such as Green Belt, Conservation Areas, areas of flood risk and wildlife sites. (*Currently Clotton Hoofield sit in this area according to Strat 9*).

Cllr Manby reported that currently CWaC current allocation of new homes is 584 per year – under the new system it will increase to 1,659 per year.

Pillar Two – Planning for beautiful and sustainable place. ‘A fast-track for beauty’.

Growth Areas – MUST have a masterplan and site-specific design code to increase certainty at details stage.

Renewal Areas – ‘gentle intensification’ – Permitted Development for new buildings conforming with national pattern books.

Everywhere else – similar to current system, subject to national policies and national/local design codes.

Questions raised by CWaC: -

- Is this the end of Localism or a different form of Localism?
- Is it really a radical change?
- Is it the end for legal agreements?
- Will it really address the housing issues?
- How will Local Planning Authorities cope?
- Resources, resources, resources.
- Some good proposals but the devil is the details.

## NEWSLETTER

Suggested items for the next newsletter: -

- Gigabit Broadband
- Budget
- A51 Speed Reduction Progress

Proposed not to proceed with a newsletter until the Parish Council know more about the 2020/21 budget.

## WINTER COMMUNITY EVENTS

With the community back in Covid-19 lock-down, events will need to be put on hold.

## JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Chair reported upon a positive first meeting between Hargrave & Huxley, Willington and Clotton Hoofield Parish Councils held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The Chair requested that Cllr Bibby and Cllr Kinsey reviewed the summary actions, the Clerk to undertake a final sense check and then they can be circulated to all attendees.

## NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

Already discussed under the Neighbourhood Development Plan on the Agenda.

**PART 2**

51. **Resolved** unanimously that the Clerk's salary pay-scale increase by one scale point, back dated to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – venue to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.15

Signed ..... Dated .....

Trudy Ryall-Harvey, Clerk  
16/11/2020