

Congleton Town Council

Historic market town
Town Clerk: BRIAN HOGAN



28th January 2015

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee - Thursday 5th February 2015

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Community, Environment & Services Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton on Thursday 5th February 2015 at <u>6.30pm.</u>

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

<u>Please note that there will be a presentation commencing at **6.30pm** by Anthony Smith from Congleton Multi Academy Trust on plans for Congleton College</u>

Yours sincerely,

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TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

- 1. <u>Apologies for absence</u>. (Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in Advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence).
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting (Enclosed)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November 2014 as a correct.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

4. Floral Arrangement Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meeting held on the 9th January 2015.



5. Anti-Social Behavior Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group meeting held on the 25th November 2014.

6. Outstanding Actions

CES/41/1415 RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Committee support the notion of introducing a crossing immediately outside the High School.
- 2. Request the provision of this facility via "Safer Route to School" and Strategic Highways.

CES/42/1415 RESOLVED that the proposal by Cheshire East Council to undertake an initial assessment of need in the area be approved, but, it should be emphasised that such assessments should be extensive and undertaken at appropriate times.

7. Cheshire Police

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police on Policing matters affecting Congleton.

8. Protecting Recreational Land (Enclosed)

To consider a document on Protecting Recreational Land.

9. CCTV in Congleton (Enclosed)

To consider a report from Cheshire East Council concerning CCTV provision in Congleton and the type of incidents recorded.

10. Community Garden Lease (Enclosed)

To consider the lease document for the Community Garden provided by Cheshire East Council.

11. Car Parking Charges at the War Memorial Hospital (Enclosed)

To consider a response from Cllr Janet Clowes Cheshire East Council concerning car parking charges at the War Memorial Hospital.

12. Congleton Water Treatment Works (Enclosed)

To receive a response from United Utilities concerning odour emanating from the water treatment works.

13. Buglawton Post Office (Enclosed)

To consider correspondence from the Post Office concerning proposed changes at Buglawton Post office.

14. Bus Services in Congleton (Enclosed)

To receive and consider correspondence from Fiona Bruce MP concerning community bus services in Congleton.

15. Parks Strategy (Enclosed)

To consider a strategy document produced by Cheshire East Council relating to Parks and Green Spaces.

16. Speed Limit Moss Road and Peel Lane (Enclosed)

To considering an order from CEC to limit the speed limit on Moss Road and Peel lane.

17. Mountview Care Home (Enclosed)

To consider a response from CIIr Janet Clowes Cheshire East Council, concerning care home provision in the Town.

18. Parish Footpath Report (Enclosed)

To receive and consider a report from the Ramblers on the footpaths and bridleways in the area.

19. Parking Outside Schools (Enclosed)

To receive and consider correspondence form Congleton Education Community Partnership concerning parking outside schools

20. Annual Consultation on the Future Plans for Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (Enclosed)

To consider correspondence from Cheshire Fire Service on the annual consultation on their future plans.

21. Signage for Rood Lane Methodist Church (Enclosed)

To receive and consider correspondence from Cllr Baxendale concerning signage for Rood Lane Methodist Church.

22. Speed Restriction Manchester Road (Enclosed)

To consider a request from CIIr Crowther for a speed camera to be installed on Manchester Road.

23. Dropped Curbs (Enclosed)

To consider requesting Cheshire East to suspend ticketing when disabled drivers park adjacent to the dropped curb at Swan Bank.

24. Resolution to exclude the Public and Press

To consider passing a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters Set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

25. Streetscape and Staffing update (Enclosed)

To receive and consider a report on Streetscape and staffing issues.

To Members of the Community and Environment Committee Appointed Member, Hon Burgess Mrs M M Williamson Ccs. Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (4) for Information; Press (3)

Brian Hogan

From:

Mrs S Scattergood <SScattergood@congletonhigh.com>

Sent:

06 January 2015 09:43

To:

Brian Hogan

Cc:

Mr A Smith

Subject:

Council meeting - Thursday 6.30pm on 5 February

Dear Brian

I am writing to inform you that Anthony Smith will attend the meeting to provide an update on the Congleton College. Unfortunately, David is unable to attend as he will be out of the country on that date.

Anthony will require a projector and screen please.

Any problems please let me know.

Regards

Stephenie

Stephenie Scattergood

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT:

Councillors

P Bates
G Baxendale
R I Brightwell
J S Crowther
G P Hayes
Mrs A M Martin
Mrs J D Parry
N T Price
Mrs E Wardlaw

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D T Brown, G R Edwards and G S Williams.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

CES/36/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs G Baxendale declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Cllr Mrs E Wardlaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18.

4. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WOKING GROUP

CES/37/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meeting held on the 27th August and 21st October 2014 be received.

5. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

None.

6. COMMUNITY PRIDE & IN BLOOM COMPETITIONS

A report produced by the Town Centre Manager concerning entering the Community Pride and North West in Bloom competitions in 2015 was considered.

CES/38/1415 RESOLVED that:-

- 1. Congleton enters the Community Pride Awards and North West in Bloom Competition in 2015.
- 2. A thank you event is organised for the volunteers who helped the Town achieve the awards.

7. CCTV IN CONGLETON

Correspondence from Steph Cordon, Head of Committees at Cheshire East Borough Council concerning CCTV provision in the Town and a request for a 3 year agreement of its provision was discussed.

CES/39/1415 RESOLVED that:-

- 1. An agreement for Cheshire East Borough Council to provide CCTV for 3 years be approved.
- 2. Contribution cost to be £9,250 which is index linked.

8. LOCAL COUNCIL CEC AND CHALC CHARTER

A local Council Charter between Cheshire east Council CHAL and the local councils was considered.

CES/40/1415 RESOLVED that the new proposal charter be received and noted.

9. PELICAN CROSSING OUTSIDE CONGLETON HIGH SCHOOL

A request to install a pedestrian crossing directly outside the High School in Box Lane was considered. It was also pointed out that other schools in the Town may also require similar facilities.

CES/41/1415 RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Committee support the notion of introducing a crossing immediately outside the High School.
- 2. Request the provision of this facility via "Safer Route to School" and Strategic Highways.

10. BROOK STREET CROSSING

Correspondence from Cllr D Topping concerning the proposed crossing at Brook Street was considered.

CES/42/1415 RESOLVED that the proposal by Cheshire East Council to undertake an initial assessment of need in the area be approved, but, it should be emphasised that such assessments should be extensive and undertaken at appropriate times.

11. CAR PARKING CHARGES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

A considerable discussion took place in respect of the car parking charges being introduced at the War Memorial Hospital. Concern was expressed at the lack of consultation on this issue and of the excessive level of charge.

CES/43/1415 RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Town Clerk to write to the Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee expressing concern at the lack of consultation by East Cheshire NHS Trust and of the excessive level of charge.
- Councillors to be encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee and the meeting to be held at the War Memorial Hospital on 24th November 2014. Town Clerk to advise all Councillors of these meetings.

12. CAR PARKING CHARGES QUESTIONNAIRE

The Committee considered the questionnaire responses and report on car parking charges in Congleton.

CES/44/1415 RESOLVED that the request to Cheshire East Council to introduce two hours free parking in all car parks in the Town be approved.

13. VALE ALLOTMENTS

During a discussion on Vale Allotments, it was noted that Congleton Sustainability Group had successfully applied to have the Allotments designated as a Community Asset and were now raising funds to acquire the site.

CES/45/1415 RESOLVED that:-

- 1. This matter is referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee.
- 2. The cost of acquiring the land to be identified.

14. CONGLETON WATER TREATMENT WORKS

Correspondence from United Utilities relating to the smell emanating from the waste water treatment works in Congleton was considered.

CES/46/1415 RESOLVED that United Utilities to be requested to monitor any smells emanating from the works over a reasonable amount of time and to provide feedback to the Town Council on their findings.

15. UNATHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS AND POLCIE SUPPORT

Correspondence from Cheshire Police confirming that a dedicated police officer to look after traveller affairs was put in place on 4th September 2014.

CES/47/1415 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

16. FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL

A report produced by Jo Money on the outcome and success of the Food and Drink Festival was considered.

CES/48/1415 RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The report be received.
- 2. The organisers to be thanked for putting on a great event.

17. CHRISTMAS PARTY

The notion of putting on a Christmas Party for aged residents was discussed, although it was noted that it may be more effective for small groups to apply for funding to put on their own local Christmas Party.

CES/49/1415 RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Community, Environment and Services Committee.

18. MOUNTVIEW CARE

A considerable discussion took place on the latest proposal agreed by Cheshire East Council Cabinet to operate a Partnership Agreement with Mountview and Congleton College. This agreement would secure day care provision at Mountview whilst providing an opportunity for young people to receive training and gain employable skills.

Concern though was expressed at the lack of respite care in the Town.

CES/50/1415 RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Town Clerk write to Cllr Janet Clowes, Care and Health in the Community Portfolio Holder, to explain why there was no consultation with the Town Council concerning the change in status and use of the home.
- 2. The Town Clerk to request an explanation of what provision Cheshire East Council are going to make for respite care in the Town.

P Bates Vice Chairman (In the Chair)

MINUTES OF THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

9am Friday 9th January 2015

Present

B Edwards (Chairman)

G Williams

D Parker

E Clarke

Peter Holsworth

P Pinto

B Hogan

J MacArthur

R Bothey

1. Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non attendance)

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Brown and N Price

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Notes of the meeting held on the 21st October 2014 were approved as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

There were no declarations of interest

4. <u>Preparation for 2015</u>

- Feedback from John Wheatley
 - Mountbatten Way and floral displays in the Town need to flow and be coordinated – DB/PP/RB
 - o Roundabouts could have a different theme
 - Waggon and Horses roundabout needs new grasses RB
- Community Pride Award
 - o Include Heath View and New Life Church on map for judges JM
- NWIB Neighbourhood Awards
 - Write a letter on behalf of DB and suggest that the Queens Head, Railway, New Life Church, Daneside Theatre Trust and Church House enter NWIB – BH/DB

- · Install planting at the Paddling Poll and Leisure Centre RB
- A new 14 inch hanging basket with a deeper water reservoir was approved, order 250. The hanging baskets will be provided by ANSA, the other planting from Four Oaks - RB
- · Price for hanging baskets to be provided for Buglawton RB
- Efforts to be made to get Hightown involved in CIB, also ask Mossley GW/All
- New shrubs are to be planted in the Park and some of the bed layouts revised. The aviary will be turned into an allotment. Need to install signs to say keep off the grass. Plaque to be based on rugby theme - RB
- · Theme for NWIB is turning grey areas green and colourful All
- Get the Chronicle to run some articles shaming some of the businesses particularly the national for not getting involved in CIB –JM/BH
- · Carryout a survey of the state of shop frontages RB
- Instead of running a front garden competition operate a nominate your neighbor for having an excellent front garden. A record can then be kept of the best to show the judges. Entrants to receive a certificate or something similar PP/JM
- The Back to Back gardens will be replaced with a Space and Planets theme. But, the groups involved will have a wider scope than schools - PP

5. Thank You Day

To be organized on 4th February 6.30pm to 7.30pm include display boards from various groups within CIB as a thank you to those organizations and volunteers who assist with CIB - JM

6. Tatton

An invitation to display at Tatton flower show has been received, but, CIB will not be entering

7. International in Bloom

It was noted that there is no merit in becoming involved with this organization

8. Date of Next meeting

9am 6th February 2015

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group Tuesday 25th November 2014

Minutes of the Meeting

<u>Present</u>

Mrs S A Holland (Chairman)
Mrs D Allen
Mrs A Martin
J Saville Crowther
G Williams
Acting Inspector Christian Watkins
PCSO Carol Holmes
Rev. Andrew Lindley

1. Street Pastors

The Rev. Andrew Lindley provided an update on the role of Street pastors. It was noted that there are 20 Street Pastors who are trained and have been operational in the Town in various locations since June. They have been operating on a Friday evening between 7pm to 11pm

The Pastors produce a report every evening on their activities and experiences and also provide the police with an overall report.

They are looking to increase their activities during the Xmas and the New Year period. At some future point they may consider introducing school pastors

2. Drug and alcohol abuse

The area around Waggs Road and Lion Street have become a problem with drug dealing taking place.

Parnell Square is also an issue with youths hanging around and other problems taking place. It is understandable that some residents are fearful of repercussions, but, incidents that do take place need to be reported to the police or anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

The Park entrance around Willow Street and Brook Street is another area where drug dealing appears to be taking place

Cockshoots behind St Peter's Church also requires some investigation as it was felt that drugs were being stored in this area

There are some problems being experienced at Bradwell Court involving vulnerable people, but, the police and other agencies are aware of this.

3. Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted that there was an incident in Park Lane near to the train station when some youths were beaten up by a gang of about 20 lads

Top of Park Woods there are some problems with drinking.

4. <u>A.O.B</u>

Some concern was expressed at the quality of fireworks being sold by one particular shop in Congleton. This though was an issue for Trading Standards to deal with

5. Date of next Meeting

10.00am Tuesday 27th January 2015

Mrs S A Holland Chairman



Protecting Recreational Land

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Disclaimer

Fields in Trust (we) hope that this document proves helpful to you. It is intended to cater for all needs, whether you don't know where to start or require some more specialist information.

While we have endeavoured to ensure that the information in this document is correct, it has been written as a general guide to 'Protecting Recreational Land'. It is not intended to provide specific commercial, legal or financial advice, or to cover every eventuality and is not a substitute for independent specialist advice.

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Introduction





We use charity
and contract law to
establish binding
agreements and
commitments that
protect valuable public
recreation land for
the long term but in a
flexible way.

Fields in Trust has been in the business of providing legal protection for playing fields, play space, recreation grounds and other open spaces since formation as the National Playing Fields Association in 1925.

The protection we seek to put in place is long term, which we define as in perpetuity for freehold property or at least 99 years for leasehold property.

At the time of writing this guide, Fields in Trust protects around 2,800 sites covering 27,000 acres throughout the United Kingdom, including 471 King George V Fields and 1,400 Queen Elizabeth II Fields.

Our protection goes beyond the town and country planning system. Planning control can be very good for protecting sites but has significant weaknesses. National and local planning policies are subject to change. Green belt boundaries can be redefined. Pressure for development of urban open space, or open space on the urban fringe or in the countryside has never been greater. We therefore use charity and contract law to establish binding agreements and commitments that protect valuable public recreation land for the long term but in a flexible way.

In this section, we set out the main reasons and rationale why owners and users of recreation land should opt for Fields in Trust protection, the flexibility that is in-built to our form of protection, some of the additional benefits that come with this protection and, lastly, the protection process.







Playing fields and open space do still come under threat of development, and always will. However, protecting these sites is not an end in itself. The important thing is to protect open space, where it is needed, well used and valued by the local community – residents, workers, visitors, local employers and schools alike.

The key reason for protection is to ensure that everyone has access to a space – close to where they live, study or work – for healthy, recreational activity, including sport and play. More specifically, protection is important to ensure:

- Sites are available for use today and for future generations. Playing fields lost to development never come back into recreational use.

 Access for future generations to recreation space depends on this generation protecting it now
 - Accessible for the whole community on an inclusive basis
- Funders, owners and managers are reassured that investment in improvements is viable and secure.

To ensure their survival, we firmly believe that long-term protection through contractual and/or charitable arrangements is the best way of safeguarding these much needed and valued assets.

Flexibility





While Fields in Trust holds the freehold of a small number of sites on behalf of local communities, our preferred method is for the ownership and management to remain in local hands.

That's not to say that every blade of grass should always remain. Opportunities will arise when disposal of part or the whole of a site for development can result in significant funding which can be reinvested in new or enhanced facilities, a process sometimes described as 'betterment'.

Charity law requires trustees to act in the best interests of their charity, which will require consideration of betterment opportunities on occasion. Local authorities have a duty to ensure land is well used and not surplus to requirements. Like any other organisation, local authorities also need to balance their budgets, look broadly at the funding needs of all of their services and decide on priorities. At Fields in Trust we recognize these pressures on recreational landowners and managers. Under our protection, there is flexibility to allow for disposals leading to betterment where we judge this to be of recreational benefit to the local community. Indeed, we have been able to use this flexibility to leverage better facilities for communities on numerous occasions.

Our protection ensures that the land can be used for outdoor sport, recreation and play. Ancillary facilities such as pavilions and changing rooms, car parks and equipment sheds can be added or removed at the landowner's behest at any time. Larger scale indoor facilities, such as leisure centres or village halls, can also be included within our form of protection as appropriate.

A variety of means is available for protection. While Fields in Trust holds the freehold of a small number of sites on behalf of local communities, our preferred method is for the ownership and management to remain in local hands, and for Fields in Trust's role to be custodial and advisory. All this is reflected by way of a legal agreement called a Deed of Dedication.

The Deed of Dedication



- ✓ Be charitable or non-charitable
- Apply to freehold property or leasehold property of a term of at least 99 years remaining
- Cover any form of outdoor sport, recreation or play and indoor facilities as required
- Allow for recreational purposes and include as appropriate other community uses, such as education, culture and heritage.



Benefits

As well as the reasons for protection set out above, there are a number of tangible additional benefits for the owners and managers of the site themselves as well as beneficial outcomes for communities.



and Sources of Grant

For landowners and site managers

Advice and expertise – being part of the Fields in Trust family of protected fields, provides access to the expertise and advice of our staff team on planning matters, technical issues and funding.

Cost-savings – charitable fields (those protected in perpetuity) will benefit from tax relief, including reduced Council Tax.

Fundraising & Funding – fields run as charities are able to access funds that non-charities cannot (e.g. through some trusts and foundations). Fields in Trust often has grant funding available, but only to its protected fields. Over the years we have provided millions of pounds of improvements, in conjunction with bodies such as the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, the King George's Fields Foundation, the London Marathon Charitable Trust and the Landfill Tax Distributor, SITA.



For communities

Social – playing fields are one of the few free places where friends, families, teams and communities can come together, socialize and relax. Good quality facilities provide children with a much-need place to go out and play, which is fundamental to their development.

Health – convenient access to outdoor space is vital if we want to give everyone the chance to go outside and exercise to improve or maintain their health.

Environmental – green spaces are vital to our resilience to climate change and important to bio-diversity and wildlife habitats.

Economic – communities with well maintained green space are more attractive to investors and businesses and homeowners.

The Process



The process for a recreational landowner to protect a site under a Fields in Trust Deed of Dedication is quite straightforward and, in the simplest cases, can be completed in a matter of a few weeks with minimal time and expense.

Our staff team at Fields in Trust usually undertakes most of the necessary work to complete the protection. Typically, this involves:

- An initial telephone conversation or email exchange with the landowner or leaseholder directing them to our Protection Application Pack and Application Form downloadable from the webpage: www.fieldsintrust.org/Safeguard.aspx
- We will send the landowner an email acknowledging receipt of an Application within three working days and raise any queries arising from the application.
- 3 If the application is eligible, we will arrange to visit the site and meet with the landowner and colleagues. If it is not, we will explain the reasons why in writing.
- 4 The site visit and meeting will help us to understand the site's recreational value and current legal status, including review of the site boundaries and relevant title plans and documents provided by the landowner as part of the Application.
- A member of our legal officer team will then liaise with the landowner (and/or their legal adviser) to tailor the appropriate Deed of Dedication template (charitable or non-charitable) to suit the particular circumstances for the site.
- **6** Formal approval of the Deed and signing by the landowner and our trustees.
- 7 Registration by the landowner of the deed at Land Registry.
- ✓ Congratulations! Your Field is protected in perpetuity.

The decision is an important one, for once protection is in place it will either be in perpetuity or for the period of a very long lease. The decision should be taken by the organisation's governing board.







More detailed advice can be found on the following web sites:

www.fieldsintrust.org/Safeguard.aspx

Acknowledgements

Fields in Trust wish to acknowledge that the information above has been prepared with the help of information supplied on the above web sites.





We hope you have found this information useful. Fields in Trust is a national charity operating throughout the UK to safeguard and improve all kinds of outdoor recreational spaces.



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CENTENARY FIELDS

Commemorating World War I 2014-2018

CENTENARY FIELDS - 'Remembering the past, protecting the future'

Fields in Trust is a national charity founded in 1925 to improve the protection, provision and quality of outdoor recreational spaces for all communities in the UK. HM The Queen has been Patron of Fields in Trust for 60 years; HRH The Duke of Edinburgh was President for 64 years and succeeded by HRH The Duke of Cambridge in 2013. The Duke of Cambridge has also been the Patron of The Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge

Centenary Fields is a new UK wide programme from Fields in Trust in partnership with The Royal British Legion and Poppy Scotland from 2014-2018. It aims to safeguard in perpetuity the war memorial parks, playing fields and other significant green spaces given to mark the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives in World War I.

Centenary Fields is a fitting way to commemorate the centenary of World War I in local communities and one of three UK wide programmes supported by The Royal British Legion as part of the Centenary.

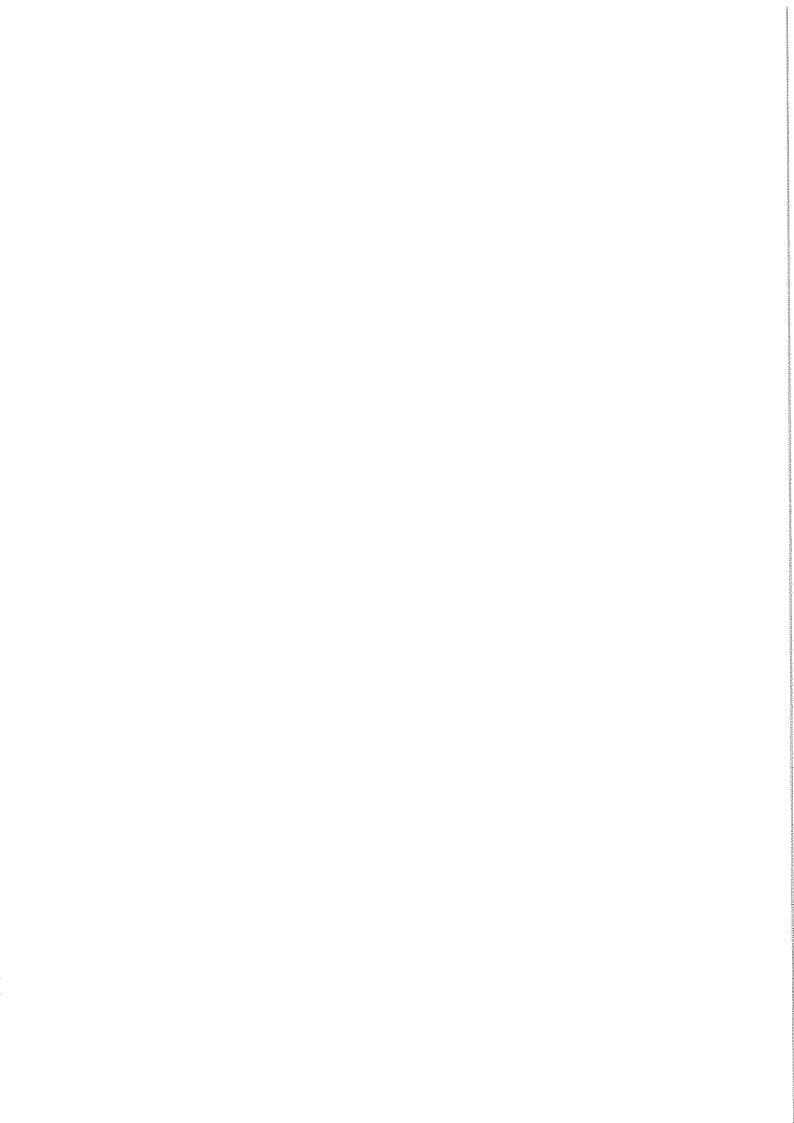
Spaces included in the programme will be legally protected by Fields in Trust and designated a Centenary Field. Each protected site will receive a commemorative plaque indicating its status and the partnership between Fields in Trust, The Royal British Legion and the Local Authority (or other landowner). The programme aims to secure one Centenary Field in every local authority area as a living remembrance.

A joint approach has been made by Fields in Trust and The Royal British Legion to every Chief Executive and Leader referencing the programme as a way of fulfilling commitment to the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

'The Centenary Fields programme will safeguard in perpetuity our war memorial parks, playing fields and other green spaces in memory of those who lost their lives in World War I. Working with local authorities and landowners, this project will deliver a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made then by local people, while also protecting our green spaces for the future. Please support Fields in Trust and The Royal British Legion to commemorate this important landmark in our history and help remembrance to live on through Centenary Fields.'

HRH The Duke of Cambridge





Brian Hogan

From:

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Sent:

17 November 2014 12:11

To:

Brian Hogan

Subject:

CCTV incidents report

Attachments:

2nd quarter 1415.docx

Hi Brian, I hope you are well.

Please see attached an informal 'awareness' type report, that you could possibly share with Town Councillors. Hopefully, this 'quick and dirty' report should give people a flavour of the types of things CCTV get involved in. Unfortunately, I haven't managed to export etc. such reports into a more presentable format yet, but this extract from our database reflects the incidents recorded for the 2nd. quarter July - September in the Congleton area. Obviously, the database's main narrative entries are not included in this report because they contain some personal information e.g. names of offenders etc..

Jaw Griffiths SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES Cheshire East Borough Council

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Showing incidents, in town 'Congleton', results 'Police Action', occuring between 01/07/2014 and 30/09/2014.

The most recent entries are shown at the top.

DOB#	Date	Location	Reason	Action 1	Action 2	Result	Outcome
24481	24481 28/09/2014 02:50	High Street	Fighting	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Suspect in custody
24407	24407 26/09/2014 01:46	Lawton Street	Burglary (inc attempted)	Kept observations	Kept observations	Police Action	Suspect in custody
24384	24384 25/09/2014 00:08	Market Street	Suspicious behaviour	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Observations to continue
24315	24315 22/09/2014 11:00	Bargain Booze	Bargain Booze Public disturbance	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Advised by the Police
24271	24271 20/09/2014 22:00	Bulls Head	Refusing to leave premises	Noted Incident	Kept observations	Police Action	Situation secure/OK
24042	24042 14/09/2014 03:08	Other	Assault	Kept observations	Monitored Area / Person	Police Action	Search made, no trace
23944	23944 12/09/2014 02:25	Bargain Booze	Bargain Booze Concern For Safety	Police contacted	Shops contacted	Police Action	Local Resolution
23891	23891 10/09/2014 17:40	West Street	Missing persons/property	Kept observations	Noted Incident	Police Action	Situation secure/OK
23777	23777 07/09/2014 11:20	Other	OOH Highways	Advised caller to contact Police	OOH Department Contact	Police Action	Unknown
23774	23774 07/09/2014 04:00	Park Green	Criminal Damage	Kept observations	None	Police Action	Police to slow-time investigate
23790	23790 06/09/2014 15:25	Mill Street	Sexual Harassment	Kept observations	Kept observations	Police Action	Suspect in custody
23713	23713 04/09/2014 20:26	All locations	Observations Requested	Noted Incident	Noted Incident	Police Action	Situation secure/OK
23656	23656 03/09/2014 20:49	Co-Op	Shoplifting	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Awaiting further details

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23601	23601 01/09/2014 18:00	Lawton Street	Assault	Kept observations	Monitored Area / Person	Police Action	Awaiting further details
23554	23554 31/08/2014 01:43	Bridge Street	Observations Requested	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Police Updated
23378	23378 24/08/2014 16:37	Raphaels	Anti social behaviour	Footage saved to locker	Footage burnt to dsk	Police Action	Footage taken to Police station
23349	23349 24/08/2014 03:41	Bulls Head	Drug related	Police contacted	Door Staff Contacted	Police Action	Suspect in custody
23357	23357 24/08/2014 01:45	Maskery	Criminal Damage	Police contacted	Noted Incident	Police Action	Situation secure/OK
23344	23344 24/08/2014 00:15	Town Centre	Missing persons/property	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Taken Home
23307	23307 23/08/2014 05:30	High Street	Fighting	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Further Investigations
23282	23282 22/08/2014 20:33	Congleton Park	Drinking in public place	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Advised by the Police
23224	23224 21/08/2014 13:17	Bridge Street	Anti social behaviour	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Advised by the Police
23145	23145 19/08/2014 11:15	All locations	Anti social behaviour	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Search made, no trace
23110	23110 18/08/2014 01:30	Lawton Street	Fighting	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Advised by the Police
23092	23092 17/08/2014 13:01	Congleton Park	Observations Requested	Kept observations	Kept observations	Police Action	Search made, no trace
22846	22846 10/08/2014 22:29	Maskery	General Log	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	No further action needed
22844	22844 10/08/2014 20:11	Bargain Booze	Bargain Booze Anti social behaviour	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Search made, no trace
22820	22820 10/08/2014 07:23	All locations	Missing persons/property	Kept observations	Noted Incident	Police Action	Search made, no trace

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DOB#	Date	Location	Reason	Action 1	Action 2	Result	allicollic
22663	06/08/2014 03:00	High Street	Theft	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Suspect in custody
22594	22594 03/08/2014 18:08	High Street	Theft	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	No further action needed
22589	03/08/2014 15:14	Counting House	Criminal Damage	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Dealt with by Restorative Justice
22565	22565 03/08/2014 01:16	All locations	Missing persons/property	Kept observations	Noted Incident	Police Action	Situation secure/OK
22561	22561 02/08/2014 21:13	Congleton Park	Anti social behaviour	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Advised by the Police
22519	22519 01/08/2014 18:53	Bargain Booze Concern For	Concern For Safety	Police contacted	Police contacted	Police Action	Past to next shift
22452	22452 31/07/2014 13:16	Bridge Street	Shoplifting	Police contacted	Footage Reviewed Police Action	Police Action	Police to slow-time investigate
22428	22428 30/07/2014 16:19	Mountbatten Way	Burglary (inc attempted)	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Suspect in custody
22395	22395 29/07/2014 11:49	Counting House	Drug related	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	Advised by the Police
22348	22348 27/07/2014 14:15	High Street	Card Fraud	Police contacted	Police contacted	Police Action	Advised by the Police
2222	22222 23/07/2014 21:08	Bromley Farm	Vandalism	Footage Reviewed	Footage Reviewed		No further action needed
22190	22190 22/07/2014 17:48	Other	OOH Highways	Police contacted	None	Police Action	
21997	21997 17/07/2014 00:46	Mill Street	Suspicious behaviour Kept observations	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Advised by the Police
21993	21993 16/07/2014 22:58	Other	Fighting	Kept observations	Other	Police Action	No further action needed
21957	21957 16/07/2014 00:07	All locations	Missing persons/property	Kept observations	Kept observations	Police Action	Unknown

DOB#	Date	Location	Reason	Action 1	Action 2	Result	Outcome
21915	21915 14/07/2014 19:45	High Street	Cover police action	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	No further action needed
21878	21878 13/07/2014 14:00	Bromley Farm Theft	Theft	Kept observations	Noted Incident	Police Action	None
21835	21835 12/07/2014 10:30	Congleton Park	Suspicious behaviour	naviour Kept observations	Other	Police Action	Situation secure/OK
21810	21810 11/07/2014 15:50	Mill Street	Fighting	Police contacted	Kept observations	Police Action	None
21808	21808 11/07/2014 10:35	Bridge Street	Theft	Kept observations	Footage Reviewed Police Action	Police Action	Police to slow-time investigate
21794	21794 10/07/2014 18:44	Mill Street	Observations Requested	Police contacted	Noted Incident	Police Action	
21694	21694 07/07/2014 17:35	Duke Street	Suspicious behaviour Police contacted		None	Police Action	None
21678	21678 05/07/2014 10:15	Other	Domestic	Kept observations	Police contacted	Police Action	Police to slow-time investigate
21616	21616 05/07/2014 04:57	West Street	Observations Requested	None	None	Police Action	No further action needed

52 records found.

Report on Lease

Property:

Congleton Community Garden, Congleton and shown edged red on the Plan attached. Please makes sure this is the extent of the property you are expecting to lease.

Term:

125 years from the date the lease is completed.

Rent:

a peppercorn (if demanded)

Landlord:

Cheshire East Council

Permitted Use:

As a park or garden including use by the local community.

Maintenance

You are to keep the Property in a neat, tidy and appropriately mown, landscaped and weeded condition, including the boundary structures at the Property.

Insurance:

You must ensure that at all times during the term you have insurance against public liability and employers liability with a reputable insurer. The Landlord can, on reasonable notice, request to see a copy of such schedule.

Costs & Outgoings: You must pay all outgoings or whatever nature in relation to the Property including business rates, standing charges, taxes payable and any utility costs.

Indemnity

You are to indemnify the Landlord against any injury to or death of any person, damage to any property or the infringement of any rights which result from the state of the Premises.

- **CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL** (1)
- CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL (2)

relating to Congleton Community Garden

> Cheshire East Borough Council Anita Bradley Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach Cheshire CW11 1HZ
> Ref: cr\teast\teaglidevelopment team\trooger o'brien\text{013318 congleton community garden\text{df3 ccg lease cebc 22.10.2014.doc}}

PRESCRIBED CLAUSES

LR1. Date of Lease

LR2. Title number(s)

LR2.1 Landlord's title number(s) CH620363

LR2.2 Other title numbers

LR3. Parties to this Lease

Landlord

CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CWI 1HZ

Tenant

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, High Street, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 1BN

LR4. Property

See the definition of "Premises" in the Particulars of this Lease

LR5. Prescribed statements etc

None

LR6. Term for which the Property is Leased

The term as specified in the Particulars of this Lease in the definition of "Contractual Term".

LR7. Premium

£1

LR8. Prohibitions or restrictions on disposing of this Lease

This Lease contains a provision that prohibits or restricts dispositions.

LR9. Rights of acquisition etc.

None

LR9.1 Tenant's contractual rights to renew this Lease, to acquire the reversion or another Lease of the Property, or to acquire an interest in other land

LR9.2 Tenant's covenant to (or offer to) surrender this Lease
None.
LR9.3 Landlord's contractual rights to acquire this Lease
None.
LR10. Restrictive covenants given in this Lease by the Landlord in respect of
land other than the Property
None.
LR11. Easements
LR11.1 Easements granted by this Lease for the benefit of the Property
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The easements as specified in clause 3.1 of this Lease.
LR11.2 Easements granted or reserved by this Lease over the Property for the
benefit of other property
The easements as specified in clause 3.3 of this Lease.
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LR12. Estate rentcharge burdening the Property
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None
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LR13. Application for standard form of restriction
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None.
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LR14. Declaration of trust where there is more than one person comprising the
Tenant
None

None.

Date 2014

PARTIES

(1) CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL of Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach Cheshire CW11 1AZ (Landlord);

(2) **CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL** of Town Hall, High Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1BN (**Tenant**)

Authorised use:

The use of the Premises as a parkor garden including

use by the local community

Contractual term:

125 Years from and including the Term

Commencement Date

Landlord's title:

The Landlord's title to the Premises is registered at the

Land Registry under Title Number CH620363

Premises:

The premises known as Congleton Community Garden,

Congleton shown for identification only edged red on

the attached plan

Premium:

£1.00 (One Pound)

Principal rent:

A Peppercorn

Term commencement

date:

The date of this Lease

This Lease is a new tenancy for the purposes of Section 1 Landlord & Tenant (Covenants) Act 1995.

This Lease is made on the date set out in the Particulars between

- (1) The Landlord and
- (2) The Tenant

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Lease the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

Environmental Law: all statutes regulations and subordinate legislation, European laws, treaties and common law which at any time relate to the pollution or protection of the environment or harm to or the protection of human health and safety or the health of animals and plants.

Hazardous Material: any substance whether solid, liquid or gaseous which is capable of causing harm to human health or to the environment whether on its own or in combination with any other substance.

Rent: £1 per annum (if demanded)

Term: the Contractual Term and any continuation of it.

Waste: any discarded unwanted or surplus substance irrespective of whether it is capable of being recycled or recovered or has any value.

1.2 In this Lease.

- 1.2.1 Unless otherwise indicated references to clauses and schedules are to clauses and schedules of this Lease.
- References to any statute or other legislation includes references to any subsequent statute or legislation directly or indirectly amending consolidating, extending, replacing or re-enacting that statutory legislation and to all orders, bye-laws, directions and notices made or served under them
- 1.2.3 References to the Landlord and the Tenant include their respective successors in title and in the case of individuals include their personal representatives
- 1.2.4 References to the Premises include any part of them unless specific reference is made to the whole of them
- 1.2.5 References to adjoining premises include any premises adjoining or near the Premises and references to adjoining premises owned by the Landlord include any adjoining premises owned by the Landlord at any time during the Term.
- 1.2.6 References to this Lease include any deed or document which is supplemental to varies or ancillary to this Lease from time to time.

- 1.2.7 References to the end of the "Term" include the determination of the Term before the end of the contractual term.
- 1.2.8 Including means including without limitation.
- 1.2.9 Indemnify means indemnifying against all actions, claims, demands and proceedings taken or made against the Landlord and all costs, damages, expenses, liabilities and losses incurred by the Landlord.
- 1.2.10 References to the Tenant include its successors in function and any other person under the Tenant's control including employees, agents, workmen and invitees.
- 1.2.11 A covenant by the Tenant not to do any act or thing includes a covenant not to knowingly permit, suffer or allow the doing of that act or thing.
- 1.2.12 If any provision is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable the legality of the validity and enforceability of the remainder of this Lease is to be unaffected.
- 1.3 The Particulars form part of this Lease and words and expressions set out in the Particulars are to be treated as defined terms in this Lease.
- 1.4 The parties to this Lease do not intend that any of its terms will be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or any person not a party to it.

2. LETTING TERM AND TERMINATION

- 2.1 In consideration of the Premium which the Landlord has received the Landlord lets with limited title guarantee the Premises to the Tenant for the Contractual Term reserving the Rent.
- 2.2 The Tenant may quietly enjoy the Premises throughout the Term without any interruption by the Landlord or anyone lawfully claiming under or in trust for the Landlord
- 2.3 The Landlord may enter on to the whole or any part of the Premises and by so doing end this Lease if the Tenant breaches any of its material obligations in this Lease.

3. RIGHTS AND RESERVATIONS

3.1 The following rights are reserved out of the letting for the benefit of the Landlord and any other person having express or implied authority from the Landlord to benefit from them.

- 3.1.1 To enter and remain upon so much as is necessary of the Premises on at least 48 hours prior notice (except in the case of emergency) with or without workmen plant and equipment
 - 3.1.1.1 to ascertain whether the Tenant has complied with the Tenant's obligations of this Lease;
 - 3.1.1.2 to carry out any works to any adjoining land of the Landlord;
- 3.1.2 the right to build, develop or extend in any way any adjoining premises owned by the Landlord or to permit the owner of any adjoining premises to do so in relation to their property even though the access of light and air to the premises may be affected and without any liability to pay any compensation to the Tenant.
- 3.2 The Tenant is to permit the exercise of the rights reserved in clause 3.1 and is not to obstruct or prevent these rights being exercised in accordance with the terms of this Lease.
- 3.3 So far as they are still subsisting and capable of taking effect and affect the Premises the Tenant is to comply with the title matters referred to in the Landlord's Land Registry Title number CH620363 and is to indemnify the Landlord against any breach of them.
- This letting is made subject to all rights of light and air and all other legal or equitable easements and rights belonging to or enjoyed by any property.

4. RENTS

The rent is to pay the Rent annually in advance on each anniversary of the Term Commencement Date.

5. INSURANCE

- 5.1 The Tenant is to insure with substantial and reputable insurers against public and employers liability.
- 5.2 On reasonable request the Tenant is to give the Landlord a written summary of the Tenant's insurance policies taken out in accordance with clause 5.1 and evidence that they are in force

6. COSTS AND OUTGOINGS

- The Tenant is to pay all outgoings of whatever nature in relation to the Premises including business rates, standing charges, taxes payable and utility costs.
- The Tenant is to pay as an additional rent on demand the proper costs and expenses of the Landlord's solicitors, surveyors and other professional advisers arising from:-
 - 6.2.1 the preparation and service of any notice and the taking of any proceedings by or on behalf of the Landlord under Sections 146 or 147 of the Law of Property Act 1925.
 - 6.2.2 any application made by the Tenant for the Landlord's consent for approval of any matter under the Lease whether or no consent or approval is given or the application is withdrawn

7. MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

The Tenant is

- 7.1 To keep the Premises neat tidy and (as appropriate) mown, landscaped and weeded in a manner appropriate to its use as a park or garden made available to the public
- 7.2 To maintain in good and substantial repair all boundary structures at the Premises
- 7.3 Not to use the Premises for any purpose other than as land utilised as for the Permitted Use
- 7.4 Not to erect any building or structure on the Premises the use of which falls outside the Permitted Use as without the consent of the Landlord save that consent will not be required in relation to temporary structures erected for the purpose of community or civic events (eg temporary seating or refreshment facilities) or for buildings or structures which are ancillary to and enhance the amenity of the park or garden (such as public convenience, play equipment etc)
- 7.5 Not to permit any person to use the Premises for residential purposes or for the sale or production of alcohol
- 7.6 Not to permit anyone to stay at the Premises overnight

- 7.7 The Tenant is not to use the Premises:-
 - 7.7.1 for any illegal or immoral purpose or any lewd, obscene or pornographic nature or any activity which in the reasonable opinion of the Landlord is of such nature;
 - 7.7.2 in a matter which creates a legal nuisance, damage or annoyance to the Landlord or any occupiers of any adjoining premises
 - 7.7.3 to store any Hazardous Materials; or
 - 7.7.4 to keep at them any animals.

8. ASSIGNMENT UNDERLETTING AND CHARGING

- 8.1 The Tenant is not to assign the whole or any part of the Premises.
- 8.2 The Tenant is not to underlet the whole or any part of the Premises.

The Tenant shall not share possession or share occupation of this Lease, part with or share any of its benefits or any burdens of the Lease whether by virtual assignment or other arrangement or hold the Lease on trust for any person.

9. LEGISLATION

The Tenant shall comply with all statutes other legislation and any notice, order, proposal, requisition, direction or other communication from any public authority in respect of the Premises their use and occupation or carrying out of any works to the Premises and to indemnify the Landlord against any breach of this obligation.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL AW

- 10.1 The Tenant shall comply with all requirements of Environmental Law
- 10.2 The Tenant is not to do or permit to anything that would or may cause any Hazardous Materials or Waste to escape, leak or be spilled or deposited on the Premises or discharged from the Premises or migrate to or from the Premises

11. END OF THE TERM

At the end of the Term the Tenant shall yield up the Premises and return them to the Landlord

12. INDEMNITY

The Tenant is to indemnify the Landlord against any injury to or death of any person damage to any property or the infringement of any rights as a result of the state or condition of the Premises or the Tenant or any occupiers goods or chattels or the use of the Premises or any breach of the terms of this Lease

13. LAND REGISTRY APPLICATIONS

The Tenant shall as soon as reasonably possible after the date of this Lease register the Lease at the Land Registry and supply official copies of such new title to the Landlord

14. STATUTORY POWERS

Nothing contained or implied in this deed shall avoid, diminish, limit, prejudice or affect in any way the exercise by the Landlord of any of its existing or future powers or duties as local authority or planning authority in respect of the Property and all the rights, powers and duties of the Landlord under all public or private statutes, byelaws, orders and regulations may be as fully and effectually exercised in relation to the Property as if this deed had not been entered into provided that nothing contained in this clause shall permit the Landlord to-avoid any of the obligations on its part contained in this Lease

15. NOTICES

All notices under this Lease shall be made in writing and shall be addressed to the party on whom it is served and delivered by hand or first class post. No notice shall be served by fax or e mail

16. EXECUTION

The parties have executed this Lease as a Deed and it is delivered on the date set out in the Particulars

Executed as a deed by CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL acting by an authorised signatory

Authorised Signatory

Executed as a deed by CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL acting by an authorised signatory

Authorised Signatory

These are the notes referred to on the following official copy

The electronic official copy of the title plan follows this message.

Please note that this is the only official copy we will issue. We will not issue a paper official copy.

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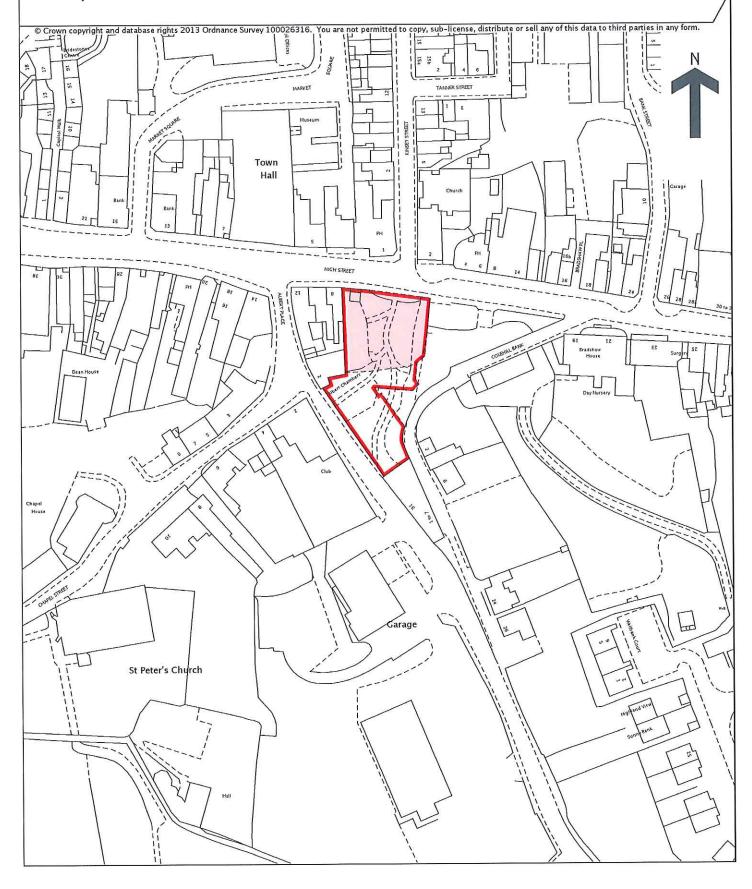
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Land Registry Official copy of title plan

Title number CH620363
Ordnance Survey map reference SJ8662NW
Scale 1:1250 enlarged from 1:2500
Administrative area Cheshire East





From:

CLOWES, Janet (Councillor) < Janet.Clowes@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Sent:

19 November 2014 22:12

To:

Brian Hogan

Cc:

SIMON, Margaret (Councillor); MORLEY, James

Subject:

RE: Car Parking Charges at the War Memorial

Dear Mr Hogan

Thank you for your email.

I have recently been made aware of this issue by local members who I understand have been told this initiative is to harmonise car parking charges across the EC NHS Trust sites.

I have forwarded it to the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny (Health & Adult Social Care) for consideration and have asked the Scrutiny Officer to contact you shortly.

Best wishes

Cllr Janet Clowes

Cabinet Member: Care & Health in the Community

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

----Original Message----

From: Brian Hogan [bh@congletontowncouncil.co.uk]

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 01:47 PM GMT Standard Time

To: CLOWES, Janet (Councillor)

Subject: Car Parking Charges at the War Memorial

Dear Cllr Clowes,

At a meeting held last week of the Town Council's Community, Environment and Services Committee, the issue of the East Cheshire NHS Trust imposing car parking charges on parking at the War Memorial Hospital was considered.

The Committee expressed dismay at the fact that there was no consultation undertaken on this subject and expressed concern at the level of charges being imposed on a small local hospital

We would very much appreciate your support in trying to have such charges removed or at worse substantially reduced. If this is to be raised at the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee a member of the Town Council would welcome the opportunity to speak

Kind regards

Brian Hogan

From:

MORLEY, James ·

Sent:

26 November 2014 10:57

To:

CLOWES, Janet (Councillor); Brian Hogan

Cc:

SIMON, Margaret (Councillor); Hawker Jerry (NHS EASTERN CHESHIRE CCG);

'Wilbraham John (EAST CHESHIRE NHS TRUST - RJN)'

Subject:

RE: Car Parking Charges at the War Memorial

Dear Mr Hogan,

Councillor Clowes has shared your email regarding the Town Council's concerns about parking charges being introduced at Congleton War Memorial Hospital.

The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee currently has no plans to review any matter relating to parking charges at hospitals. At Committee's meeting on 6 November Councillor Roland Domleo did raise the issue during discussion about the work programme and potential items for future meetings.

However the Committee's view was that parking charges at hospitals is not a priority for the Committee which has a limited resource and a wide remit to consider. The Committee's main focus is on reducing health inequalities, ensuring high quality service and better outcomes for patients. Also, if it was to consider parking charges at hospitals it would need to look at health and care facilities across the whole Borough, not individual cases.

I Informed Councillor Domleo that the Trust was planning to hold a public meeting which since then has been published as taking place on 24 November at the Hospital. It was suggested that he may be able to address his concerns at this meeting before returning to the Scrutiny Committee. I assume representatives of the Town Council attended the meeting?

The formal meetings of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee are always open to the public and we always have a public speaking session. If the Town Councillors ever wish to make representations on anything relating to Health and Social Care to the Committee directly then they are free to do so during this time. Our next meeting is on 4 December at 10am in Westfields, Sandbach.

Regards

James Morley Scrutiny Officer

Corporate Resources and Stewardship

From: CLOWES, Janet (Councillor) Sent: 19 November 2014 22:12

From:

United Utilities <Customer.service@uuplc.co.uk>

Sent:

02 December 2014 11:14

To:

Brian Hogan

Subject:

Your response from United Utilities CAS14:00981000000120



Dear Mr Hogan

Our ref: CAS14-0090-5559

Thank you for taking the time to contact us by email on 19 November 2014, regarding odour emanating from Congleton Wastewater Treatment Works.

The site Process Controller will be monitoring within and around the site boundary and local area for any signs of odour. The results of these checks will be recorded by the site Process Controller.

We will take a close look at the evidence collected and carry out further investigations if they show there is an odour issue. We will be happy to meet Councillors on site once we have this information available so we can discuss our findings with them, as well as explain the important, essential role the works plays in the community.

I will update you by the end of January with our investigations.

I trust the information provided will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Sue Stephenson Case Owner Customer Relations Department

If you need to contact us again, here are some options:

- 1. Call us on 0345-6723-723
- 2. Visit our website <u>unitedutilities.com</u> and complete the <u>Contact</u>
- 3. Write to us at: United Utilities, PO Box 50, Warrington, WA55 1AQ

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Mr Brian Hogan - Town Clerk Congleton Town Council Town Hall High Street CONGLETON CW12 1BN CONGLETON

- 3 DEC 2014

TOWN COUNCIL

02 December 2014

Dear Mr Hogan

Buglawton Post Office® Londis Store, 64 Havannah Street, Buglawton, Congleton, CW12 2AT

Changes to Buglawton Post Office®

Further to my letter dated 17 June 2014 in which I advised you about the possibility of making some changes to the above Post Office.

I am now writing to let you know that we have decided not to proceed with any changes to Buglawton Post Office at this time and the branch will continue to operate as it currently does. Should we decide to make any changes to the branch at a later stage, these would be carried out in line with our agreed Code of Practice.

Thank you for your time taken in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Pritchard

Caroline Pritchard Area Manager

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Fiona Bruce MP for Congleton Constituency

DATE: 28th November 2014

Fiona Bruce urges community bus services in the Congleton Constituency to bid for new support

Fiona Bruce MP has today welcomed new Government funding to support community transport services, and urged local providers in the Congleton Constituency to bid for support.

In total there will be £25 million of new support to provide hundreds of voluntary community transport providers with new minibuses.

Community bus services are a vital part of communities, providing transport for people who do not have access to conventional public transport or who are unable to use it, for example for health or mobility reasons.

This new fund will give them the opportunity to get a new minibus to expand, or to replace an old one.

Any community transport provider will be able to bid for one vehicle, with smaller operators and those in rural or isolated areas favoured.

Fiona Bruce MP commented:

"This is great news for community bus services in my constituency and I urge them to take this opportunity to bid for a share of the £25 million.

"Regular bus services are particularly vital to rural towns and villages like those in my constituency. Many constituents, including Congleton Youth Council when they met me recently in Parliament to discuss young people's priorities in this area, have spoken to me about the need for more bus routes and stops to serve our community and I am pleased there is now a fund which could help realise these improvements."

"This investment in our community is all part of our long-term economic plan, which is delivering a better future for Britain and, stronger, more secure communities."

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Notes to Editors

- The £25 million fund will provide hundreds of new minibuses. It will be open to all existing voluntary and third sector organisations that already have a permit to run not-for-profit transport services of benefit to the local community. Each provider will be able to bid for one vehicle, and must commit to use it only for voluntary services. Funding will prioritise smaller operators and those helping in more rural and isolated areas (*DfT press release*, 17 November 2014, <u>link</u>).
- Community transport operators are a vital part of the local communities they serve. Voluntary operators provide transport to places like schools and hospitals, and provide support for groups like the Guides and Scouts. They are particularly vital in more rural and isolated communities where transport choices are more limited.
- Further details on the bidding process and criteria for community transport operators will be made available on the Department for Transport's website shortly.

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Parks Strategy

places - 91% of people think that they contribute to their quality of "Parks and green spaces are an essential element of successful life". (CABE, London 2005)

Foreword

these wonderful assets to meet our residents and visitors' needs, justifying investment through delivery of corporate priorities. We are fortunate to have so much open space and valuable parks in Cheshire East. Our challenge over the next ten years is to maintain and improve

this and where we intend to prioritise our investment. whether local fetes or major events. We need to manage the open spaces appropriately and this strategy sets our vision for how we intend to do We have an incredibly diverse community to serve and I know that our parks are at the heart of many of our community events and activities,

our parks to ensure they meet the needs and aspirations for delivering quality parks and open spaces for our residents help prioritise how we manage, fund and operate our local parks. It provides the guiding principles for the future management and development of The aim of this Strategy is to guide the investment needed over the next ten years to bring all our key parks up to a consistently high standard and to

ownership. In order to achieve positive results, the emphasis will have to be placed on working with community partners and to target resources and infrastructure. This will require innovation in finding alternative and possibly radical solutions for managing the parks and open spaces in Council This strategy is written at a time of challenge, at a time when we anticipate a growing population will bring heavy demands on our park funding from a wide range of sources

To achieve this we will have to prioritise our parks according to usage and condition and focus on delivering what matters most to our communities. them. The process will take some time to complete. know that this is simply not possible with the amount of land we own and manage balanced against the resources we have available to manage Ideally we want all of our parks to provide a range of high quality facilities for all our residents to enjoy. However we need to be realistic and we

I hope you enjoy reading these pages. This is a community resource and we will welcome and consider any comments you may like to make on the contents of this strategy or any proposals you may wish to bring forward. Please forward your ideas to our Open Spaces Commissioning Manager.

Councillor David Topping
Strategic Commissioning Portfolio

Executive Summary

The Council Leader, in introduction of the Cheshire East Council budget (2014) highlighted five specific areas of high priority:

- ... Our Communities are strong and supportive.
- . Cheshire East has a strong and resilient economy.
- People have the life skills and education they need to thrive.
- Cheshire East is a green and sustainable place.
- People live well and for longer.

Well managed Parks and Open Spaces will make a positive contribution towards achieving these 5 corporate outcomes.

essential recreational, environmental and cultural assets. In this Park Strategy, Cheshire East Council has given a strong voice to its commitment to the protection, retention and improvement of its parks as

valuable facilities that are open and accessible to all sections of the community. It recognises that parks can and do make a vital contribution in promoting educational, social and health benefits. They provide a wide range of

guide our effective targeting of resources to maximise the benefits for all our residents. This Parks Development Strategy is a vital tool in planning for the effective commissioning of park and other open spaces services and facilities. It will

Funding Future Park Development:

ensure they can continue to deliver the community health and wellbeing benefits associated with parks. Queens Park, Crewe) and into Country Parks. However, many other parks do still require significant investment to protect their infrastructure to Cheshire East Council and its pre-LGR legacy authorities made significant capital investment into their Heritage Parks (particularly Congleton Park and

associated with this Parks Development Strategy. (See Appendix: Funding Mechanisms) Cheshire East Council aims to develop creative funding mechanisms to support delivery of all the strategic objectives and the action programmes

- An Annual Park Development Fund has been approved by Council for the next three years (2014 2017). This fund will aim to pump prime bids for external grant funds.
- External Funding mechanisms include:
- Developer Contributions: The Council has been able to attract additional funding from a wide range of external partners and successfully negotiated contributions from developers in order to mitigate the impact of their developments (see below).
- External Grants: The restoration of Congleton Park was funded by the Council with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund

(Photograph

The value of parks

socially and personally. In research carried out for CABE, 85 per cent of people surveyed felt that the quality of public space and the built alone. Not surprisingly, people become attached to these parks, gardens and other open places, and appreciate them for what they offer culturally, environment has a direct impact on their lives and on the way they feel It is estimated that each year well over half the UK population — some 33 million people — make more than 2.5 billion visits to urban green spaces

generations of young people can enjoy the same opportunities we have or had. Parks have a major part to play in our community and family life. Many of our residents take their children to play our parks and most likely they will have played in them themselves when they were younger too. This tradition is a key in our cultural heritage and it is essential to ensure that future

Whilst they are important to our families and residents the parks also provides tangible benefits such as:

- a home to many sports clubs and organisations,
- they have an important environment for wildlife and nature,
- they are a place where we can go to meet, relax and enjoy the peace
- they reflect our modern multi-cultural society and can promote community cohesion
- a strong link with our past reflecting our local heritage and culture
- a contribution to the local economy through the associated visitor spend
- an indirect contribution to the local economy by adding value to local property

Strategic Context

improving the liveability of English towns through encouraging the provision of networks of well designed, clean and safe open spaces. sections of the community. The government also recognises the educational, social and health benefits that parks can provide and is supporting walking, public transport and cycling. In addition, there is recognition that parks should be made available and provide a range of facilities for all We have set down the government commitment to issues such as sustainable development by ensuring that parks are easily accessible by means of National policy in relation to parks: is primarily set down in Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG 17): The Open Spaces white paper (2011) states:

and sustainable places to live. and a wealth of history and culture. The people of Cheshire East live active and healthy lives and can get involved in making their communities safe people can achieve their potential, regardless of where they live. We have beautiful productive countryside, unique towns with individual character Cheshire East Council's "Ambition for All - Sustainable Community Strategy (2010 - 2025)", states; Cheshire East is a prosperous place where all

aspirations which include new public parks and open space facilities identified through local consultations. These aspirational objectives must be Local Plan Core Strategy: Cheshire East Council adopted a new Local Plan in 2014. The Local Plan includes a summary of local infrastructure recognised and facilitated through this Park Strategy.

Our Green Space Strategy (2013) considers the provision of new good quality green space and the proactive management of existing green space to sustainable, places where the local community can meet, exercise and enjoy themselves, accessible places for all including the disabled and the requirements of the local and wider community. Parks will need to constantly improve to reflect changing needs as safe, clean, healthy and individual character and their wealth of history and culture. They form a vital component of the essential infrastructure for supporting the conserve an important legacy for Cheshire East's communities. Our larger parks contribute significantly towards making our towns unique with

Other key health related strategies include:

www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/linkingpeople/health/default.aspx

http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/linkingpeople/outdoorsforall/outdoorsforallfeature2.aspx

http://www.nwph.net/nwpho/publications/ReturningUrbanParks.pdf

Why a Parks Strategy?

- It provides the guiding principles for managing and developing our parks in the future to ensure they meet user needs and aspirations for delivering quality parks and open spaces
- Ņ With today's pressures on public expenditure, it will not be an easy task for the Council to maintain standards let alone provide or develop facilities and services to meet the current and future expectations of the communities that the parks serve. Innovative approaches will be needed but the Council is prepared to think and act in different ways to ensure a secure future for our parks.
- 'n As stated in its Green Spaces Strategy (2013) which links to the Local Plan, the Council is committed to retain and develop the parks as essential recreational, environmental and cultural assets.
- 4. The aim of this Strategy is to guide the investment as provided within the Council's Capital Budget (£250k over 3 years 2014 – 2017) and other make prioritise how we manage, fund and operate our remaining local parks over the next ten years. the case to continue this and identify other funding streams as required to bring all our key parks up to a consistently high standard and to help

Some Basic Facts about Cheshire East Parks:

authority in the North West after Manchester and Liverpool. Located on the edge of the Peak District National Park and adjoining the Cheshire Plain, the Borough of Cheshire East is the third largest unitary

- Cheshire East has an area of 1,116 km².
- Cheshire East has a population of 370,700
- Cheshire East has 165,000 dwellings

Within the Borough, there are a number of town parks that are owned and managed by the Council.

Victorian Heritage Parks

Queens Park, Crewe
Congleton Park
West Park, Macclesfield
South Park, Macclesfield
Alderley Edge Park

Bollington Recreation Ground
The Carrs, Wilmslow
Lacey Green Park, Wilmslow
Meriton Road Park, Handforth

The Moor, Knutsford
Victoria Park, Macclesfield
Milton Park, Alsager
Sandbach Park
Elworth Park
Fountain Fields, Middlewich

Brookfield Park, Nantwich

although over the years some features may have been lost. The parks now reflect the changing demands placed upon them over the intervening years with some additional features and adaptations being made that enhance or detract from the original visionary design concepts. In many of the parks much of the original layout remains, including a number of the original features such as structured planting and bandstands

the community to access natural places and the wider Countryside Cheshire East has a number of Country Parks and other Countryside sites. These parks offer a similar range of benefits but also acting as gateways for

The two major Country parks are:

Tegg's Nose Country Park, Macclesfield Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve, near Congleton.

Other larger Council owned countryside facilities include:

Biddulph Valley Way

Dane-In-Shaw Pasture SSSI

Jacksons' Brickworks LNR

Lindow Common - Wilmslow

Merelake Way

Middlewood Way

Nelson Pit Visitor Centre

Poynton Coppice Local Nature Reserve

Poynton Park

Riverside Park

Poynton Coppice Local Nature R
Poynton Park
Riverside Park
Rode Heath Rise
Salt Line & Borrow Pit Meadows
Timbersbrook Picnic Area
Wheelock Rail Trail

space. In general our residents feel the key things we need to focus on in maintaining our parks revolve around cutting the grass, removing the litter, collecting the dogs mess and providing safe and secure areas for them to enjoy. Whilst our performance has generally improved in these areas we know there is room for further improvement. The key issues: Having access to public space is not all that matters – just as important are the planning, design and management of that

Flag parks in the Borough and by the end of this Strategy we aim to have Green Flag awards in place at all of our Key Parks. Green Flag Parks: The Green Flag award is a nationally recognised benchmark upon which all parks should be judged. We currently haves six Green

significant infrastructure problems to address. Whilst priority for funding will go to Heritage and Town Parks and that works in these areas will take and with significant contributions from Landfill Tax Levy Grants (Mainly WREN). The Council will continue their efforts to secure these external place in a planned way there will be additional unplanned work required to deal with health and safety issues. Investment in play areas has been maintained over the last 5 years, principally funded from Section 106 contributions but also through the nationally funded Playbuilder Programme Quality Facilities: Whilst there has been considerable investment at Queens Park, Crewe and at Congleton Park, the other larger parks have funding streams where opportunity arises

different for each park and the issues that are identified will need to be addressed in the individual management plans for each park and by adopting Managing Conflicting Demands: There are always conflicting demands made upon public open space. We permanently face conflicts between dog walkers and parents, between sports clubs and residents to neighbours who just want to enjoy the view for themselves. These conflicts will be reasonable policies to deal with the recurring common issues.

equipment is an unavoidable drain on our budgets but the evidence demonstrates that providing good quality facilities that are well used will deter both neighbourhood safety teams and the local police service to target problem areas. Vandalism to the buildings, cultural artifacts and playground of crimes or anti-social behaviour occur. Such problems can be addressed through finding better design solutions and by working more closely with teenagers from using parks and open spaces more frequently. We know from the number of reported incidents in our parks where the higher levels not to visit parks and green spaces. This negative personal safety perception is not just found in the older population but is also cited as preventing Addressing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour: Evidence shows that anxiety over their personal safety is the main reason given for people choosing

Our Vision

- Ideally we would want all of our parks to provide a range of high quality facilities for all our residents to enjoy.
- 2. The Local Community want parks that are
- Well maintained and well managed
- A community resource
- A place for nature
- A place for health and well being
- Well designed places that reflect their cultural heritage
- Drive and supports the local economy
- ယ diverse environments Our Country parks are special places where the aim is to help maintain their naturalness and ensure a sustainable future for these
- 4 To help us prioritise our parks we have spilt them into three main categories
- Strategically Significant Parks sites of significant heritage importance, sites of environmental significance and sites of high visible importance of significant economic value.
- Locally significant Parks these include parks which have heritage importance, play and sports provision, are gateway sites (to the countryside) and have a significant community value
- Amenity Spaces these are open spaces that whilst important have lesser impact and value
- Ģī Strategically Significant Parks during the life of this Strategy. management plans will help to guide where the future investment should be made. Our ambition will be to attain Green Flag status for all We will look to develop management plans for our Strategic and Locally significant parks to reflect their importance. These
- equipment in a considered and prioritised way. The key priority will always be to ensure visitor safety. We recognise that improvements will also be required to Locally Significant Parks and we will aim to renew and replace infrastructure

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What do we want from our Parks? Our objectives......

attractive and welcoming, an essential ingredient of their daily lives. Parks are important to our residents visited by over 50% of our residents on a weekly basis. How they look and feel affects the way this Council's services are perceived. involved in the management and development of their local parks, so that they can then be justifiably proud of helping to keep their park to be Community Resource: Cheshire East Council strongly believes that every person, of whatever age or background, must feel they can become fully

add to the local base of regular users from the local catchment area. This is different to Sandbach Park which is more likely to attract users from a has a catchment area from which its visitors are taken. For instance Queens Park is of national importance and has visitors from all over the world to discrete local catchment area around Sandbach. The mechanisms to deliver what local residents see as priorities will be different for each park Communities use a main park, or where no main park exists, a network of smaller parks / play areas to meet some of their needs. Each of the parks

Objective 1: We will aim to develop individual management plans for each of our key and secondary parks, based on local needs in the lifetime of

the model that Cheshire East Council wants to develop and support for all our main parks work together for the benefit of the parks. The great work achieved at Sandbach Park demonstrating this very clearly but is not the only one. This is across Cheshire East Parks, parks where an active local Friends Group, the local Town or Parish Council, Local Enterprise Partnership and others all consulted as part of the process of park improvements all local people deserve to have a voice. There are some notable and positive examples of this will also look to develop new groups where they don't currently exist in the key and secondary parks. Whilst Friends Groups will be enthusiastically currently 12 Friends Groups across the Borough and the Council will work with these Groups to help develop management plans for the parks. We management. We recognise the value of the contribution Friends Groups make to helping maintaining our parks and open spaces. There are riends Groups: The most successful parks are those where the community plays an active role as a part of a strong partnership driving all aspects of

Objective 3: We will develop local steering Groups for each Park to manage and coordinate all development and day to day activity in the parks. Objective 2: We will seek to develop and support the formation of fully constituted and independent local park Friends Groups

the local communities and to achieve the Green Flag Standard Objective 5: We will work seek to develop and manage the parks, reflecting their cultural and heritage importance, in line with the aspirations of Objective 4: We will carry out formal consultations when planning projects in parks, consulting with individuals and local community groups.

across the Borough. program to help minimize the impact of the cuts to services, building on the success of volunteering at Queens Park, Sandbach Park and others olunteers: Volunteer participation is important to the sustainability of our parks moving forwards. We will need to expand and develop a volunteer

Objective 6: We will seek to develop volunteering opportunities in all our parks.

are overweight or obese. Good play provision gets children and families more active building community health as well as family / social cohesion. parks as well in harmony with the rest of the community. play facilities tend to cater for 0-13 year olds and we will need to consider how we can provide areas for teenagers to "hang out" and actively use the teenagers to enjoy. This is often the result of negative perceptions of teenage activities and the impact they have on communities. Our traditional modern lifestyles by encouraging fun and enjoyment. However, the provision of play is not just about fun as 24.1% of our children aged 4-5 years old Whilst there is provision for younger children in many of our parks, for some communities there are still only limited facilities available for local many of the life skills they will need as they grow into balanced members of society. It also offers a way to counteract the increased pressures of Thildren and Young People: Play is acknowledged as a vital component in the development of children and young people. It helps them to learn

cohesion building, inter-generational activity is facilitated Objective 7: We will aim to provide facilities that meet the needs of the different age groups using our parks but also to ensure that social

anxiety and has been known to improve concentration and mood. support. Conversely, living in a neighbourhood with more green space and visiting natural environments is associated with lower levels of stress and with less green space is associated with greater risk of anxiety and depression, feelings of loneliness and perceived shortage of socia space and that children living near green spaces are less likely to experience an increase in body mass index over time. Living in a neighbourhood can help tackle health inequality: We know that inequalities in mortality are higher for those who have less exposure to green

and green spaces can have a positive impact on health, improving obesity rates, long term health conditions, mental ill-health and premature death, can be a cost effective part of the solution. Evidence is increasingly suggesting that initiatives to engage more people with the natural environment improving the health behaviours of lower socioeconomic groups. There is an increasing recognition that improving access to the natural environment Faced with the evidence of inequality of health and access, experts consider that more focus needs to be directed at reducing these gaps and whilst reducing the risk factors that lead to poor health."

wellbeing. Encouragement to gentle physical activity being the best way to prevent skeletal and muscular degeneration as well as stimulating mental seen as a very attractive alternative. Maintaining health involves encouraging regular physical activity and finding mechanisms to maintain mental particularly when dealing with long-term chronic conditions particularly linked to an aging population so investment in preventative initiatives can be faculties both individually and collectively as a society. Access to green spaces is proven to contribute to mental health In Aging Population: With the many advances in medicine people are living longer and more active lives. However, health care is very expensive

and the promotion of long-term health and mental well-being as highly as treating the symptoms of illnesses. Parks provide wonderful places that interventions can also make long-term savings on revenue costs through incremental improvements or renovation; and not necessarily complete redevelopment. It's worth remembering that simple, more targeted term savings in health treatment costs. Good design can create high quality, sustainable places that meet a wide range of goals. These can be can support and encourage activity at all levels across the whole community. There's a realisation that enabling healthy lifestyles can mean long-From the perspective of those planning future health care, an all-inclusive approach to public health is emerging. It values the prevention of disease

The decision to place Health & Wellbeing Boards within Local authorities offers real opportunity for a joined up and collective approach. It is oversight required to deliver high-quality healthcare developments. important that Health & Wellbeing Boards and Local Planning Authorities work together more closely in the future. This will give the strategic

that maximum health, well-being and sustainability benefits accrue from our public parks and open spaces. Objective 8: We will aim to achieve more collaborative working with the Health & Wellbeing Board and by doing so target investments to ensure

active participation thus supporting healthier lifestyles. The majority of visitors currently use the parks to walk, play or take part in sport. Over the community to encourage participation in competitive sports for a wide range of ability levels. We need to ensure that there are sufficient recent years, adult gym equipment and fitness trails have been installed into parks in Cheshire East. Cheshire East Council provides playing fields for facilities available to match current and future needs for quantity and quality. (Cheshire East Council will publish its Playing Pitch Strategy in 2014) ecreation and Exercise: As a Community, we have high levels of obesity in our adult population. Parks that meet user needs encourage greater

associations and other stakeholder groups to ensure parks fulfill their potential of fostering healthy physical activity. Objective 9: We will aim to find new ways of encouraging physical activity in the general population, forging strong partnership with sports clubs,

will need to consider an events strategy that identifies areas appropriate for large scale events and those that are more suitable to smaller they are also home to numerous community events. Not all our parks are capable or suitable for hosting events. Within each management plan, we the community by providing places for them to relax, enjoy and mingle. Not everyone wants to play or take part in an activity or sport and we community events and local celebrations recognise that many of our users come for a walk or just to relax in a quiet way. Whilst some residents enjoy the peace and tranquility in our parks Socialise and Celebrate: Parks play a vital part in sustaining and developing social cohesion in the local population. They encourage

space for quiet contemplation of the environment. Objective 10: We will aim to look at how we design places and manage the verdant landscape with seating and quiet areas to ensure that there is

wellbeing and friends of parks groups, these measures will bring residents closer to nature increasing their overall enjoyment and physical and mental diversity. When combined with more sensitive development and maintenance operations and with greater local engagement, through volunteering sites. Initiatives such as, establishing wildflower meadows, supporting bat roosts, restoring ponds and wetlands contribute significantly to wildlife significant opportunities to enhance biodiversity in line with our legislative responsibilities. This is especially so in our Country Parks and Countryside noise and the green areas absorbing rainfall preventing flooding. Whilst providing green oases and refuges for wildlife, in parks there are often particularly vital function within an urban environment. For example, the trees help to cool summer temperatures, reduce air pollutants, absorbing Place for Nature: The Boroughs parks and open spaces play a fundamental part for conserving, enhancing and promoting local biodiversity. This is

their physical and mental wellbeing. Objective 11: We will aim to develop initiatives that will bring residents closer to nature increasing their overall enjoyment of parks to enhance

changes to the design, planting or features is actually appropriate for the park. the way in which each should be managed. We must develop management plans for our parks which consider these factors, ensuring that any origin, context or their features. Understanding the unique character and indeed the reasons for each individual park's existence is the key to finding changes how local residents respond to them when they visit. Good design enriching the experience for all. Our parks are not all the same either in all residents. They should also be well designed, well maintained and feel safe. How we design the spaces and how we plant and furnish them Tell designed places that reflect their cultural heritage: Ideally all parks should be attractive, have excellent facilities and be physically accessible to

Objective 12: As our overarching design philosophy, we will aim to treat each park as a unique design, judged on its own merits. The type of landscape, equipment and furniture we use will also need to reflect the area and nature of the provision.

The Current Situation: (See appendix for a full list of parks and public open spaces)

parks. For measuring the quality of Country Parks, it is an option to seek Country Park Accreditation; however, the criteria of the Green Flag scheme are very relevant for all park types and ensure a consistency that is easily benchmarked as the parks achieving Green Flag Accreditation are published annually. Achieving the Green Flag standard is held as a clear indication of a well managed park and for demonstrating a long term commitment to excellent

In Cheshire East we can split our parks into three groups:

Parks at Green Flag Standard: In 2014, the following Parks had attained and retained Green Flag Status:

- Congleton Park,
- The Moor, Knutsford
- Bollington Recreation Ground.
- Tegg's Nose Country park
- Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve
- Sandbach Cemetery
- Tatton Park

recent years. These parks benefit from the involvement of the community through strong Friends Groups. Whilst some further investment is Parks Close to Green Flag Standard: A number of parks are close to achieving the standard having had significant infrastructure investments over required to deal with outstanding infrastructure issues, the key outstanding issue is the lack of a Management and Maintenance Plan. At:

- Sandbach Park
- Elworth Park
- Milton Park
- The Carrs, Wilmslow
- Queens Park, Crewe (Following completion of the Pathways Network in 2014)

extensive programmes of investment will be required. Parks still requiring investment: Before the following parks will be in a condition appropriate for an application for "Green Flag Status" more

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- Alderley Edge Park
- Lacey Green Park, Wilmslow
- Meriton Road Park, Handforth
- South Park, Macclesfield
- Victoria Park, Macclesfield
- West Park, Macclesfield
- Fountain Fields, Middlewich
- Brookfield Park, Nantwich

supporting local community initiatives in parks. Significant investments required for a project will be scheduled in the Council's Capital Programme. investment programme aimed at repairing infrastructure problems and levering out more substantial funding from external grants aiding bodies and In 2014, Cheshire East Council created a Park Development Fund to support investment in parks across the Borough. This is currently a three year

The evidence base:

future investment. the benefits gained from usage. Gathering this data has to be a major priority for the Council as it holds the key to making the real case for significant through anecdote. The key to attracting investment into our parks is data. Data must be collected on the level of usage, customer satisfaction and We have a wealth of parks and open spaces that are greatly valued by all our local communities. However, currently we can only demonstrate this

Delivery and Implementation: Action Plan

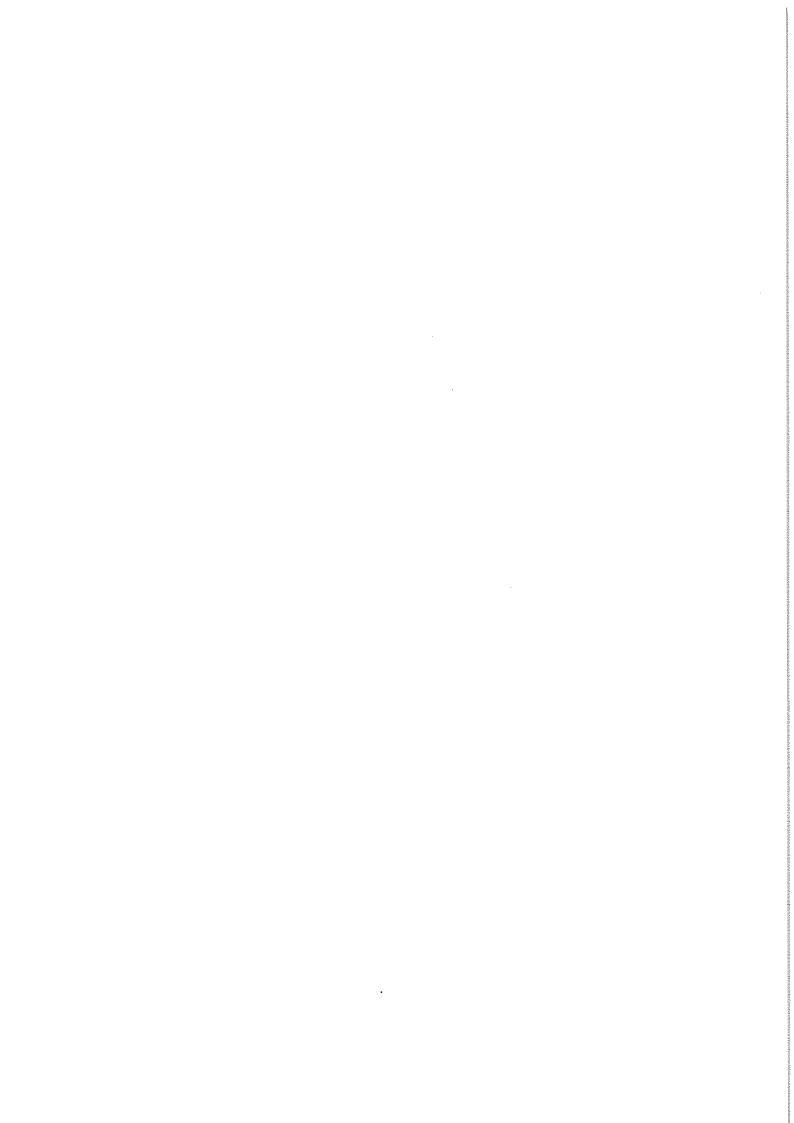
confidence of the local community and investors. years (2024). It is believed that it will take at least this ten-year period to deliver a co-ordinated and integrated programme of projects to gain the Timetable for delivery and review: The Cheshire East Council Park Development Strategy will have an impact on the parks initially for the next ter

green spaces. In addition we must develop a system to monitor the use made of Cheshire East parks by the Borough's local population including evaluation of visitor numbers, qualitative data on visitor experience and its relationship to community health and wellbeing indices Action 1: Data is the bedrock of well managed parks. We need to improve our data collection to understand the cost and value of our investment in

Action 2: Each main Park will require a full Management and Maintenance Plan. These will include a full risk assessment and an implementation / longer term vision and the proposed programmes and projects will take several years to succeed Action plan setting out the main projects to be developed and implemented over an estimated ten-year period. Managing successful parks requires a

programme for delivery will be considered annually through consultation with Local Members and approved by the Portfolio Member for Strategic Commissioning to enable works to be commissioned to reflect need and corporate priorities. Action 3: Develop a prioritised rolling programme of park improvement projects to target expenditure to reflect the objectives of this strategy. The

parks by 2024. Action 4: Look to demonstrate the quality of our parks through a carefully considered plan to raise standards to achieve Green Flag status in 5 more



PROPOSED CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL (MOSS ROAD & PEEL LANE, ASTBURY)(40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2015

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

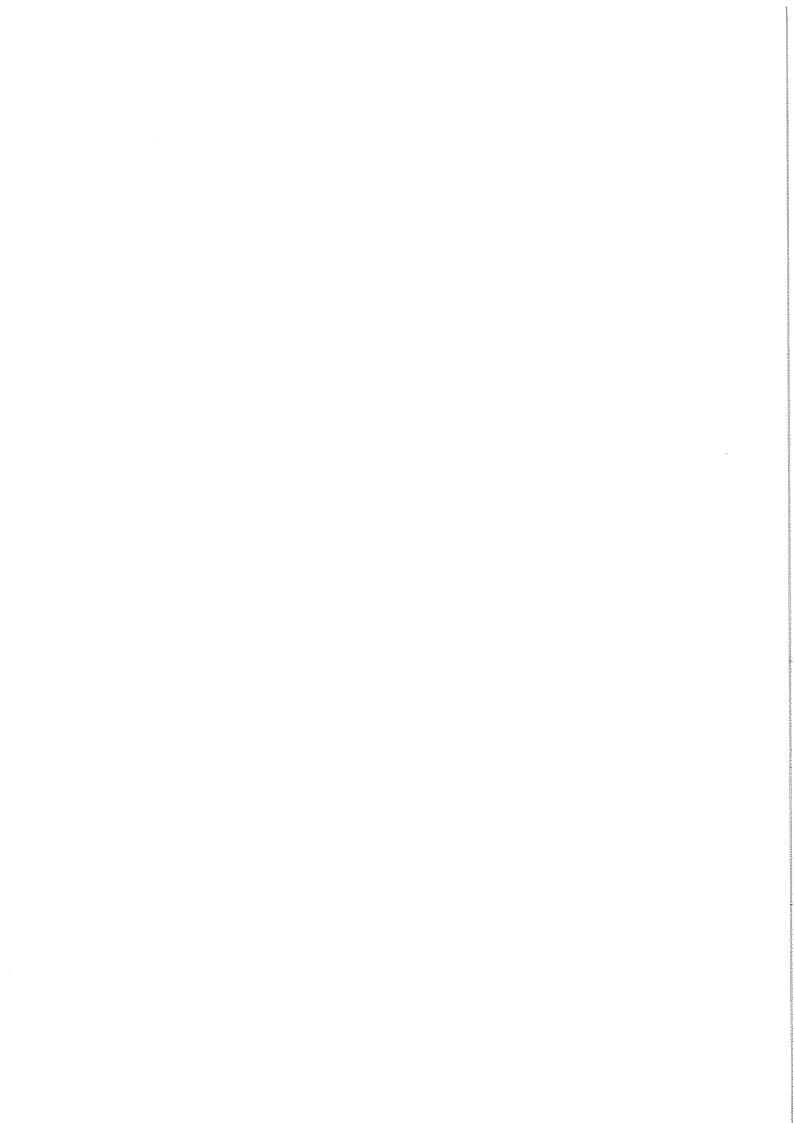
The proposal has been identified as a ward priority following complaints from local councillors, parish councillors and residents. The issues that have been reported relate to speeding caused by vehicular traffic using Moss Lane and Peel Lane, Astbury on approach to the urban area.

Peel Lane is used as a through route to and from Congleton, and in the area of the proposed speed limit reduction currently a 60 mph speed limit applies. It is considered that lowering the speed limit will both potentially reduce the number of incidents and the severity of the incidents along this route, whilst assisting with resident's safety in the urban area.

It is considered that the lower speed limits will raise driver's awareness of the environment and take into account current speed of vehicles and the characteristics of the road and adjoining land use. It is considered appropriate to provide a transition and to slow vehicles down approaching the existing 30 mph section of road on Moss Road

The Ward Member Councillor Rhoda Bailey supports the proposal.

In respect of section 122 of the 1984 Act the Authority is seeking to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic by reducing the speed of traffic where appropriate.



From:

Brian Hogan

Sent:

19 November 2014 14:40

To:

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Subject:

Mountview Care Home

Dear Clir Clowes

At a meeting held last week of the Town Council's Community, Environment and Services Committee, the issue of the Partnership Agreement between CEC, Congleton College and Mountview Care Home, approved recently by CEC Cabinet, was considered.

The Committee are requesting information on a number of points and I would be very appreciative if you are able to provide some responses

- 1. Why was there no consultation with the Town Council on the change of status and use of Mountview
- 2. What provision are CEC going to make to provide respite care in the Town

Kind regards

Brian Hogan Congleton Town Council Friday 5th December 2014.

Dear Mr Hogan,

Thank you for your enquiry, on behalf of Congleton Town Council, regarding Respite Care provision in Congleton.

You will recall that the decision was taken 24th June 2013 to end Council-run respite break provision at Mountview and to commission equivalent respite support in the Independent sector, subject to appropriate alternative provision being sourced and commissioned.

This work was completed in Summer 2014 and was implemented following Cabinet approval at this time. (Cabinet 01.07.14: Ref CE 14/15-3)

The Council have commissioned 1,095 bed nights in residential homes in the Congleton area. This is in the form of 'block-booking' beds to ensure their permanent availability and includes additional capacity in order to ensure that residents continue to have flexibility of access both for advanced booking of respite (for example if the carer wishes to advance book a holiday), and for emergency use (for example if the carer is taken ill).

To date, this system has worked well but we will be reviewing the new system regularly to ensure that our customer and carer needs are being met.

The two homes currently providing respite provision are:-

365 bed-nights at Applecroft (48/50 Brunswick Street, Congleton CW12 1QF)

http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/1-112838889 - latest CQC overview.

730 bed-nights at Clayton Manor: 50% for dementia respite care (Rood Hill, Congleton, CW12 1YZ)

http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/1-319299446 - latest CQC overview.

The Adults LD Respite facility (1,825 bed-nights capacity) is a specialist facility at Lincoln House in Crewe and serves the wider southern CEC area. This facility will remain open and is not included in the matters being discussed at Cabinet on Tuesday 9th December 2014.

The Day-Care facility at Mountview remains open and is also unaffected by these proposals.

It must be remembered that these figures do not include the very many bed-nights that Cheshire East residents and their carers access across the wider respite care economy independently of the Council. These breaks are primarily commissioned by those who self-fund their care or who have personal or direct care budgets and choose alternative providers that best meet their own individual needs and requirements.

I hope that this will reassure you that residents in the Congleton Town and wider constituency area have access to a robust and flexible network of respite care provision to meet a range of individual needs and that Cheshire East Council will continue to monitor and review, both in terms of availability and quality of care, this essential form of care support.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Janet Clowes: MSc. PGCE. RGN

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Our ref: JC/CL

Brian Hogan Clerk Congleton Town Council Town Hall High Street Congleton

5 December, 2014

Dear Brian

CW12 1BN

Thank you for your enquiry, on behalf of Congleton Town Council, regarding Respite Care provision in Congleton.

You will recall that the decision was taken 24th June 2013 to end Council-run respite break provision at Mountview and to commission equivalent respite support in the Independent sector, subject to appropriate alternative provision being sourced and commissioned.

This work was completed in Summer 2014 and was implemented following Cabinet approval at this time. (Cabinet 01.07.14: Ref CE 14/15-3)

The Council have commissioned 1,095 bed nights in residential homes in the Congleton area. This is in the form of 'block-booking' beds to ensure their permanent availability and includes additional capacity in order to ensure that residents continue to have flexibility of access both for advanced booking of respite (for example if the carer wishes to advance book a holiday), and for emergency use (for example if the carer is taken ill).

To date, this system has worked well but we will be reviewing the new system regularly to ensure that our customer and carer needs are being met.

The two homes currently providing respite provision are:-

365 bed-nights at Applecroft (48/50 Brunswick Street, Congleton CW12 1QF) http://www.cgc.org.uk/location/1-112838889 - latest CQC overview.

730 bed-nights at Clayton Manor: 50% for dementia respite care (Rood Hill, Congleton, CW12 1YZ)

http://www.cgc.org.uk/location/1-319299446 - latest CQC overview.

Cont/....

The Adults LD Respite facility (1,825 bed-nights capacity) is a specialist facility at Lincoln House in Crewe and serves the wider southern CEC area. This facility will remain open and is not included in the matters being discussed at Cabinet on Tuesday 9th December 2014.

The Day-Care facility at Mountview remains open and is also unaffected by these proposals.

It must be remembered that these figures do not include the very many bed-nights that Cheshire East residents and their carers access across the wider respite care economy independently of the Council. These breaks are primarily commissioned by those who self-fund their care or who have personal or direct care budgets and choose alternative providers that best meet their own individual needs and requirements.

I hope that this will reassure you that residents in the Congleton Town and wider constituency area have access to a robust and flexible network of respite care provision to meet a range of individual needs and that Cheshire East Council will continue to monitor and review, both in terms of availability and quality of care, this essential form of care support.

Yours sincerely

CIIr Janet Clowes: MSc. PGCE. RGN

Janet C. Clowes .

Cabinet Member: Care & Health in the Community



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Congleton Group

Mr. B. Hogan, Clerk to Congleton Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Congleton, CW12 1BN

Dear Mr. Hogan,

Parish Footpath Report: Congleton

The Congleton Group of Ramblers carry out periodic surveys of public footpaths and bridleways throughout the area that was Congleton Borough, in co-operation with the Cheshire East Council Public Rights of Way Team, now based in Crewe. This is our survey report on the paths in Congleton. Our volunteer working parties have cleared all stiles and gates of overgrowth and have replaced any defective waymarkers. We do not survey surfaced paths or canal towpaths.

Our numbering system corresponds to the FP/BW numbers used in the parish. e.g. CON01 = Congleton footpath FP1. Common abbreviations used in our reports are :- SP (Signpost), FP (Finger post), WM (Waymarker).

From the total of 56 footpaths covered, there were 9 outstanding problems, that we were not able to rectify. These 56 defined (un-surfaced) paths/bridleways in the parish can be summarised as follows:

47 were	Grade 1	(No Problems)	
8 were	Grade 2	(Minor Problems)	Signage & stile problems
1 was	Grade 3	(Difficult)	Branch fallen onto path (may have been cleared already)
0 were	Grade 4	(Impassable)	

The problems that we found are shown on the enclosed sheets, a copy of which has been sent to the Cheshire East Public Rights of Way Team in Crewe.

We trust that the Council will do all that it can to promote the footpath network and to ensure that Cheshire East Council require landowners to respect and keep clear all Public Rights of Way. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Dale.

Congleton Ramblers Footpath Survey Officer.

Congleton Ramblers Footpath Report

Parish of Congleton

CON01

Ε N

Length (m):

1800

From: 8480

Fol Hollow, Astbury Marsh. 6202

To: 8670 6195

Lamberts Lane / Wolstanholme Close

Comments:

Bridleway.

Date Walked: 08-Sep-2014

Inspector: J.D'shire+JF

Grade

2

Condition:

Drainage ditches appear cleared. SP pointer broken off at jnct. CON05 & SP unstable at Fol Hollow 8480/6202.

Action Required:

Replace SP pointer & secure SP at Fol Hollow.

CON32

E

Ν

Length (m):

500

From: 8711

6365 **To:** 8755 6380

Buxton Old Road, Bailey Crescent.

Buxton Road, 100m E. of Tall Ash Avenue.

Comments:

Date Walked: 04-Sep-2014

Inspector: M.Roche+LT

Grade 2

Condition:

No signage at Bailey Cres. 8731/6373 - FP reg'd

Action Required:

Install FP at Bailey Cres.

CON34

E N

Length (m):

420

To: 8755

From: 8733 6415 St. Johns Road, opp. Wharfedale Rd.

Comments:

6440 Towpath of Macclesfield canal.

Bridleway. Comprises Wharfdale Rd, Harvey Rd. then short BW.

Date Walked: 04-Sep-2014

Inspector: M.Roche+LT

Grade 2

Condition:

Signage req'd where footpath meets canal - WM req'd.

Action Required:

Install WM post where path leaves canal towpath (8755/6440)

CON37

Ε N Length (m):

1100

From: 8804

6304

Macclesfield Canal towpath (bridge).

To: 8870

6375 Middle Lane, Key Green.

Comments:

Date Walked: 11-Sep-2014

Inspector: F.Noton+IC

Grade

Condition:

Steep path up to canal is slippy & inadequate steps in place.

Action Required:

Provide better steps below canal to improve safety.

Congleton Ramblers Footpath Report

Parish of Congleton

CON38

E N Length (m):

180

From: 8888

6380 Pedley Lane.

To: 8891

6395 Sprink Lane.

Comments:

Shortcut across road junction.

Date Walked: 11-Sep-2014

Inspector: F.Noton+IC

Grade 2

Condition:

Definitive Map & OS differ at Pedley Lane end. Path used is approx 50m east of Def. line.

Action Required:

Reconcile difference between maps.

CON57

E N Length (m):

900

From: 8991

Junction with CON55 & CON56. 6318

To: 9054

6368 County boundary (Staffs).

Comments:

National Trust area.

Date Walked: 09-Sep-2014

Inspector: E.Westwood+DW+S

Grade

3

Condition:

Large branch snapped off & hanging onto footpath.

Action Required:

Clear branch from path, if not done already.

CON64

E N Length (m):

1500

From: 8808

6123 Congleton Edge Road, opposite CON63

To: 8710

6035 Castle Farm, junction with CON66.

Comments:

Jnct with CON66 now at entrance to Castle Farm

Date Walked: 19-Sep-2014

Inspector: D.W'wright+JW+DC

2 Grade

Condition:

Stile at 8761/6068 has loose upright & v. loose bottom step.

Action Required:

Repair stile.

CON65

Ε N Length (m):

1850

From: 8680

6181

Moss Road.

To: 8760

6030 Congleton Edge Road, near Hillside Farm.

Comments:

Date Walked: 08-Sep-2014

Inspector: J.D'shire+JF

Grade

Condition:

2nd stile from Moss Rd (8686/6165) is at angle & awkward. Fencing wire fixed to step & is hazard.

Action Required:

Re-staple fencing wire on stile & improve access to stile.

Congleton Ramblers Footpath Report Parish of Congleton

CON73

E N

Length (m):

20

From: 8579 6377 Suffolk Close.

To: 8578 6381 Junction with CON25.

Comments: Spur off CON25 from housing estate road.

Date Walked: 10-Nov-2014

Inspector: J.D'shire+JF+LW

Grade 2

Condition:

Still no indication of path at Suffolk Close

Action Required:

Erect FP at Suffolk Close



Congleton education Community Partnership

a charitable not-for-profit company

Manager: Alexandra Thompson manager@cecp.me.uk

Chair: Martin Casserley chair@cecp.me.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1150460

14th November 2014

Mr B Hogan Town Clerk Congleton Town Council Town Hall High Street Congleton **CW12 1BN**



Dear Mr Hogan

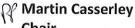
As Congleton education Community Partnership we would like to raise our concern about the parking and stopping to drop children off at all of the schools in Congleton.

Health & Safety is something all schools take seriously and parents share their concerns with us about the possible danger to children as the children arrive and leave school. We believe there is a proposal to change the wording to a local highway law that will stop parking or stopping for drop off/pick up on zigzag areas outside school. The Partnership gives it full support to this amendment and see it as essential to further ensure the safety of all our pupils.

I would be grateful if you could forward this letter on to the relevant officers for urgent action and also inform the Partnership as to who you have passed the concerns to.

Cllr George P Hayes is also lending his support and a copy of his letter is enclosed.

Yours sincerely



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Ms T Walklate, Headteacher, The Quinta Primary School Ullswater Road Congleton Cheshire

10th October 2014

Dear Tracey,

RE: Parking outside schools

Thank you for contacting me recently with regard to the discussions you have been having at the Congleton Education Community Partnership (CECP) regarding parking outside schools within the area.

I share your concerns and gladly write to offer my support to your proposals to have the wording changed to ensure that no parking or stopping for drop off/pick up is permitted on zigzag areas outside schools.

Being the Health and Safety Governor at three local schools, I am aware first hand of the issues which schools, parents and local residents endure at peak times and hope that this goes some way to alleviate this situation.

In addition to the support of your local Cheshire East ward councillors, I would also advise that you contact John Dwyer, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire to ask for his support which I am sure he will willingly provide given the risk for a variety of our local community. Additionally, our local MP Fiona Bruce, who I am sure will also share our concerns and promote work towards a solution alongside Cheshire East Council and Cheshire Police.

I too will take the opportunity to contact the relevant Cheshire East ward councillors to show my direct support to your endeavours and wish you every success with this. Should you require any further support, as ever, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Clir George P Hayes

From:

Graeme Worrall

Sent:

04 November 2014 15:20

Subject:

Town and Parish Councils - Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Integrated Risk

Management Plan 2015/16 Consultation

Attachments:

IRMP 12 Summary web.pdf

Dear Town and Parish Councils,

ANNUAL CONSULTATION ON FUTURE PLANS FOR CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

I am writing to inform you that Cheshire Fire Authority has launched its annual consultation on plans for the next financial year and as part of that process we are seeking the feedback of town and parish councils as key stakeholders.

The overall plans, which we have discussed on a number of occasions have been developed and agreed to by the Fire Authority so that we can maintain and improve front line services, while making the most effective use of reduced national funding.

The Fire Authority has now published its draft annual plan for 2015/16, the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP), which continues the implementation of these major proposals. A 12 week consultation was launched on 29 September and will run until 31 December. Please find attached an electronic copy of the summary of our plan. Further information can be found at www.cheshirefire.gov.uk.

The latest draft plan includes detail on the building of three new fire stations - at Alsager, at the end of the M56 in Mollington and at Penketh. This is in addition to a joint safety/education centre and fire station at Lymm, which will focus on prevention activities and provide a hub for partnership work. The new stations, which have all had planning permission granted, will provide on-call and other employment opportunities within local communities.

The Plan also sets out our proposals to make significant changes to how fire stations are crewed, by increasing the use of on-call staff. This will help the Service to meet expected budget cuts of £2 million per year from its current £42m budget.

Members of the Fire Authority and I are confident that with these plans, we are confident that no fire stations will be closed and no firefighters will be subject to compulsory redundancies.

As local parish and town councils, we value your views on the proposals, as the far reaching plans are likely to impact the whole of Cheshire, including your local area. Therefore could you feedback any views you might have through the dedicated consultation email address consultation@cheshirefire.gov.uk or using the postal address below.

Consultation and Engagement Officer Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Sadler Road Winsford Cheshire CW7 2FQ

We look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely

Paul Hancock

Chief Fire Officer Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

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From:

BAXENDALE, Gordon (Councillor) < Gordon.Baxendale@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Sent:

03 November 2014 11:14

Sent:

Brian Hogan

Subject:

FW: Rood lane Methodist church

Brian, when you are back could this be put on communities agenda for general discussion, if I have had a positive response from CE I will let you know Best regards Gordon

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----Original Message----

From: BAXENDALE, Gordon (Councillor)

Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 11:11 AM GMT Standard Time

To: TOPPING, David (Councillor)
Subject: Rood lane Methodist church

David, welcome back and hope you had a good break. Just had a conversation with Beverly Holt re- signage to the church and promised to take up with you and also Town at next Community committee meeting. Small church at back of Rood Hill . Problem is that it can only be accessed by one way system and is difficult to find. Don't know if any signage would be of further use really but I think that they would pay for a brown directional signage from Rood Hill --- Before Royle street and also on Royle street pointing up Union street to the church. Best regards Gordon

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From:

John Saville Crowther < jsj.crowther@talktalk.net>

Sent:

12 January 2015 11:40

To:

Brian Hogan

Subject:

Re: C,E&S

Brian,

With regards to the recently changed signage on the Manchester Road for speed restriction, I am receiving complaints that this is not working as drivers are not conforming to the new signage, still speeding up to the roundabout where the Ambulance station is situated. I said in that case I will enquire if it is possible to apply for a speed camera to be installed.

Also it is some time now since CEC Highways agreed that they would do something about the dropped Kerb situation at the disabled bay on Swan Bank.

Is it possible to place both these items on the agenda for the next C,E&S committee meeting dated 5th Feb.

Also I am still waiting for a reply from the lady at Padgbury Lane over Ruth's answers to her letter about bins.

Kind regards,

John

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments:	Glen Williams <glen1971@hotmail.co.uk> 27 January 2015 08:24 Brian Hogan FW: dropped kerb swan bank dropped kerb swan bank.docx</glen1971@hotmail.co.uk>
Hi Brian,	
Please include on the next	CES agenda.
I had thought John had cop	pied you into this e-mail, it was only on re-visiting it I realised he hadn't.
Regards,	
Glen	
Bank, this process is going the suspension of ticketing > I won't hold my breath, s C,E&S Committee meeting > Also, Since the new speethere is no change in vehic	van bank D:02:01 +0000 D:uk ave agreed to introduce H-bar markings for the dropped kerb situated on Swan to take some time to prepare and implement, so to be fare I have requested for to by the Traffic Wardens until this action is complete. To could I please request to have this item placed on the agenda for the next
> >John	
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