

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2015

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs D S Allen
 P Bates (Vice Chairman)
 G Baxendale
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 S A Holland
 Mrs A M Martin
 D A Parker
 Mrs J D Parry
 N T Price
 Mrs E Wardlaw
 G S Williams (Chairman)

1. **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for absence were received from Miss R K Williams.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

CES/73/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2015 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.

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

Cllr P Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15.

Cllr G P Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10.

4. 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.

5. CHESHIRE POLICE

There were no members of the Police present, but, they had sent their apologies.

6. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKING GROUP

CES/74/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group on 27th January 2015 be received.

7. FLORAL RRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

CES/75/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held of the Floral Arrangement Working Group on 9th January 2015 be received.

8. CHESHIRE POLICE CONSTABULARY

A report from Cheshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner was considered.

CES/76/1415 RESOLVED that the report be received.

9. PARISH FOOTPATH REPORT

Correspondence from Cheshire East Council Public Rights of Way Team confirmed that the Borough were dealing with the remedial work outlined in the Ramblers report.

CES/77/1415 RESOLVED that the correspondence from Cheshire East Council be received.

10. PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

Cllr G P Hayes reported that a small working party had been set up to liaise with all of the schools in Congleton with the objective of producing one overall document to submit to Cheshire East Council on the problem of parking outside schools.

CES/78/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The verbal report be received.
2. Cllr G Baxendale to pursue the issue of parking with Cabinet Members.

11. DROPPED CURBS

Correspondence from Cheshire East Council's Civil Enforcement Supervisor concerning disabled drivers inadvertently parking adjacent to dropped curbs was considered.

CES/79/1415 RESOLVED to receive the correspondence from Cheshire East Council and note that this was an excellent response from the Enforcement Supervisor.

12. TESCO EXPRESS

Cllr N T Price apologised for making an incorrect statement concerning a vehicle reversing into the Tesco express car park, he stated it wasn't.

CES/80/1415 RESOLVED that the correspondence from Tesco be received and noted.

13. TRAVELLERS ON STONEHOUSE GREEN CAR PARK

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the problem of travellers in general and in particular when they park on the Stonehouse Green car park. It was noted that travellers ignore car parking charges, fly tip rubbish and often drive vehicles which are not necessarily road worthy.

CES/81/1415 RESOLVED that Cheshire East Council be requested to enforce the following regulations on travellers that residents and visitors to the town have to comply with:

1. i) Car Parking charges
- ii) No fly tipping
- iii) To install barriers where appropriate to prevent illegal entry.

2. Police to be requested to enforce the law if travellers are found to be driving vehicles which are not road worthy in any manner.

3. Cheshire East Council be requested to provide a legal site for travellers to use.

14. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

It was reported that the Boat owner has complied with most of the requirements of the S215 notice, but, some minor issues had to be addressed including removing the fencing.

CES/82/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. Congleton Town Council support the notion that the S215 notice has been complied with subject to confirmation that any outstanding minor issues have been completed including the removal of the harris fencing.

2. To request the Enforcement Officer to keep a regular check on the condition of the boat bearing in mind its poor history.

15. VEHICLES IN PEDESTRIAN AREA

A considerable debate took place concerning vehicles improperly using the pedestrian area outside of the hours of 10am to 4pm for access and egress.

It was noted that there are road traffic orders in place which prohibits any vehicles entering this area at any time with the exception of those vehicles loading and unloading between 4pm to midnight and midnight to 10am.

CES/83/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Police to be requested to enforce the access into the area except for loading and unloading.
2. The Public Realm Project Team to be asked to consider the notion of installing automatic bollards.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Cllr S A Holland requested that the Town Council consider making dog waste bags available. Ruth Boffey would be requested to investigate this. It was also agreed that the dog waste stencil would be included in the West Ward area.

G S Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)