

MINUTES OF ANDERTON WITH MARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at Anderton Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

Attendance:

Councillors: Brewin, Byram, Green, O Hynes, R Hynes and Walmsley.

Also in attendance: Nigel Parton (Clerk)

1 Open Forum/ Submissions from the public

There were no submissions received from the public.

2 Attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Bullock

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect of any items on the agenda.

4 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 27 July 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes from the meeting held on 27 July 2021 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

5 Ward Councillors report

There were no representations or updates from any Borough Ward Councillors.

6 Clerk's report

The Council received a verbal report from the Clerk on the following matters and:

- It was noted that all actions from the meeting held on 27 July 2021 had been completed.

- Review of Standing Orders and Policies. The Council noted the proposal from the Clerk to review the Standing Orders and Policies and it was agreed that this should be looked at again in early 2022 especially given the likely workload and possible additional hours associated with the pending formulation of the Parish Plan.

- The Clerk reported on the costs of the new Village signs in Comberbach and stated that the cost was approximately £1,200 for a large sign and £650

for a smaller sign. It was suggested that the replacement of the signs for our Parish could possibly be part of a fund raising initiative linked to the Parish Plan proposals.

7 Section 106 Proposals

Cllr O Hynes led on this item and the Council took time to consider the various feasible options open to them given that the monies were ring-fenced and could only be used for Highway initiatives / enhancement schemes.

Cllr O Hynes provided a detailed overview of the possible option open to the Council to utilise the £27,000 S106 funds available. It was explained that the footpath option from Marbury Road to Marbury Park which was originally proposed was not an option due to land ownership issues. Cllr O Hynes explained the various options and proposals and made the following points:

- It was the view of CWaC that the number of SID's / flashing signs currently in the village was adequate;
- That there was no chance of securing a Zebra Crossing as there just wasn't an adequate 'footfall' of people crossing the road;
- Hatching / boxes painted on the road surface (originally proposed by Jamie Barron from CWaC) was not a viable option as the road was not wide enough;
- The anti-skid surface in the hollows need clarity as CWaC were unable to say when it was last checked and they were unable to say when it would be checked / reviewed in the future;
- That CWaC do not use red paint anymore and do not systematically plan or have a schedule for general road surface repainting;

After a detailed discussion, the following options were suggested:

- To complete a tactile pedestrian road crossing at Old Road;
- To repaint all road markings along the main road through the village to include repainting the 30mph signs and also the central line down the middle of the road;
- To purchase one new fixed speed indicator device (to be located near to the canal on Marbury Road heading in the direction of Comberbach) and additionally, to replace two of the existing speed indicator devices with a possible slight relocation of these devices;

Resolved:

(a) That the Clerk emails CWaC to ask for an inspection of the anti-skid surface in the Hollows.

(b) That Cllr O Hynes emails Jeremy Gibbs at CWaC detailing the proposals set out above in order for the Parish Council to ascertain the feasibility of the proposals, the costings and an approximate schedule of when the work could be undertaken (subject to CWaC approval).

8 Speed Indicator Device partnership with Comberbach Parish Council

Cllr Brewin reported that the SID had now been purchased and the agreement would be signed on 24th September 2021. It was also stated that there were some teething issues surrounding the downloading of the software and also further training was required.

Resolved:

(a) That the Clerk ensures that the Zurich Insurance schedule is updated to include the SID. Additionally, the Clerk will invoice Comberbach Parish Council for their previously agreed contribution.

(b) That the Clerk contacts the Internal Auditor for advice to clarify that all of the VAT associated with the purchase of the SID device can be reclaimed.

(c) That the invoice is not paid until the software issue is resolved and all handover training is completed.

9 Any Other Business

Cllr Walmsley stated that she had reported the overgrown grass verges between the Marbury Lady and the Hollows to CWaC. Cllr R Haynes said that she had also reported the issue.

It was noted that some Electric Sockets in the hall had been replaced / repaired.

Cllr Walmsley left the meeting at 7.10pm

10 Open Day Update & Parish Plan proposals / way ahead

Cllr R Hynes updated the Council on the proposals for the open day to be held on Saturday 25th September 2021 between 1pm and 4pm. Additionally, Cllr R Hynes briefly updated the Council on the Parish Plan process and the need to continually engage with Parishioners and two further consultation dates for October and November would be suggested following the Open Day.

It was also noted that a 'Volunteer handbook' may be required in the future if the Council formally engages with volunteers. (Cheshire Action group can support with this).

11 Correspondence

The Clerk stated that there was no further correspondence from him for consideration.

12 Finance

The Clerk presented an updated spreadsheet detailing the Council's financial status as at 20th September 2021. It was reported that a float of £170 had been withdrawn for use at the Open Day, which would be paid back into the account after the even along with any receipts from activities or food and drinks. Additionally, it was noted that £350 had been withdrawn to pay for activities at the Open day event and receipts would be provided for these services.

There were no other receipts or payments of note and income and expenditure remained on track with the budget in place. The total balance held as at 20th September 2021 was reported as £13,948.70

Resolved:

(a) That the following payments were approved:

- **£6.60 Shires Accountants – PAYE Services**
- **£2885.34 TWM Traffic Control Systems Limited for the SID Device**
- **£136.35 Cllr O Hynes for Website Services**

13 Current Planning Applications

141 Marbury Road, Anderton – Approval Noted

14 The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

ACTION LIST – MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION	DATE
7	<p>S106 Proposals Email to CWaC regarding 'The Hollows' anti-skid</p> <p>Email to J Gibbs at CWaC with the proposals and to request costings / feasibility / timings</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr O Hynes</p>	<p>03/10/21</p> <p>03/10/21</p>
8	<p>Speed Indicator Device</p> <p>Contact Zurich Insurance schedule is updated to include the SID.</p> <p>Invoice Comberbach Parish Council for their previously agreed contribution.</p> <p>Contact the Internal Auditor for VAT advice</p> <p>Delay payment of the invoice until the software issue is resolved and all handover training is completed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p>24/09/21</p> <p>03/10/21</p> <p>24/09/21</p> <p>03/10/21</p>
12	<p>Payments To make the payments detailed in Minute 12 (a) above</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>31/07/21</p>