

# Helsby Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the Committee Room

### Present:

Cllr. George Randles – Chairman	Cllr. Chris Ellams – Vice-Chairman	Cllr. Peter Duffy
Cllr. Alan Gardner	Cllr. Sam Johnson	Cllr. Sarah Temple
Cllr. Alan McKie	Cllr. Stuart Hulse	Cllr. Terry O’Neill
Cllr. Patricia Holder		

### In attendance:

Mr David Temple – resident

Chairman’s announcements. The Chairman announced the resignation of Cllr. Sylvia Crossley-Jones. Sylvia had spent 18 years on the Parish Council and served one term as Chairman. A letter of thanks would be sent.

1. Public Air Time. Proposed by Cllr. Duffy, seconded by Cllr. O’Neill and **RESOLVED – that the meeting be suspended for public participation – HPC41/18.** There being no matters brought to the council’s attention it was proposed by Cllr. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. Gardner and **RESOLVED – that Public Air Time be closed and the meeting reconvened – HPC42/18.**
2. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Barry, Kimpton and MacPherson.
3. Declarations of interest – none reported.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Hulse, seconded by Cllr. Temple and **RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Helsby Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 18 be accepted as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman – HPC43/18.**
5. Matters arising from the previous meeting
  - 5.1 Consultation for the results of CWaC Parking Strategy. Cllr. Ellams had sent in the response on the Parish Council’s behalf – duly noted with thanks.
  - 5.2 Ho Ho Helsby. Cllrs. O’Neill and Holder had stepped down from the group as it was now an independent body. The Parish Council no longer had a financial interest in Ho Ho Helsby therefore no members would be appointed. Cllr. McKie would stay on as he represented himself as Ward Member of Helsby. The budget for Ho Ho Helsby was £1000 which is intended to cover expenditure on traffic management only, though the Council has also budgeted for the tree from its own resources. The inclusion in the budget isn’t of itself authority to spend, and specific proposals have to be put to a meeting of the Council and agreed before any expenditure can take place – duly noted.

6. Erection of 23 affordable dwellings junction of Chester Road / Proffits Lane. Discharge of Condition 8: Affordable Housing Scheme. Cllr. Randles and Temple had attended two meetings with CWaC Planning Officer, CWaC Housing Policy Officer and representatives from Equity Housing Group & MCI Developments to try and persuade them to tailor the conditions so that the houses were available for Helsby connected people only.

Regrettably after much discussion, the Parish Council had no say even though Helsby had a made Neighbourhood Plan, CWaC reps steadfastly preserved its policy for Rural Exception Sites and the cascade system that had already been applied to other sites in the area namely Kingsley, Guilden Sutton, Mickle Trafford, Antrobus, Ashton Hayes etc.

Cllr. Temple had put forward 5 options that the members could consider as a response. The options were detailed, along with an analysis of the likely outcome of success with the planners and housing policy officers. All options were fully discussed. Proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Hulse and **RESOLVED – that with regard to Land opposite Youds Croft, Proffits Lane Helsby (Planning Application Ref. No. 17/02372/FUL) – condition 8: Affordable Housing Scheme, to reply to CWAC saying that it is the opinion of the members of Helsby Parish Council that they do not accept the proposed scheme but recognise it can be imposed. The Council requires some uncontroversial changes for clarity and will ask to work with CWAC and Equity going forward – HPC44/18.**

Cllr. Temple offered to prepare a formal detailed response to CWAC and commented that if, in future, any developers wish to undertake another Housing Needs Survey to support a rural exception site development, the Parish Council will do everything within its powers to ensure the wording is right to identify local housing need.

7. Date of the next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman's signature..... Dated.....