

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held 15 October 2020 at 7.15 pm via Zoom.

Present	Cllr K Reed (Chairman)	Cllr A Oddy	Cllr H Tune
	Cllr P Fellows	Cllr D Rigg	Cllr S Walker
	Cllr I Hamer	Cllr A Riggott (later)	Cllr J Williamson
	Cllr C Jones	Cllr G Sharples	Cllr M Wilmot
	Cllr E Jones	Cllr V Thornhill	
	Cllr P Preston		

Clerking: A Platt, D Platt
Members of the public 2

1. Apologies

Councillors B Williamson.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr K Reed declared a personal interest in the TPO order for land behind her property

Cllr M Wilmot declared a personal interest item 9, Milestone Meadow play area.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17 September 2020 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

No items raised.

5. Statutory Business

5.1 Co-option update

Resolved: Council carried out an electronic Poll and Mrs Rebecca Peers was elected into the Councillor vacancy for Euxton South.

Cllr A Riggott joined the meeting

Resolved: Council carried out an electronic Poll and Mr John Matson was elected into the Councillor vacancy for Euxton North West.

5.2 Planning

Members considered the planning report from the Lead Member.

20/00984/TPO –standard sentences to be used to respond to this application and request replacement for Oak

20/01014/FULHH – Councillors requested Chorley ask for an additional space

20/01010/TPO - standard sentences to be used to respond to this application and request replacement for felled tree

20/00978 TPO - standard sentences to be used to respond to this application and request replacement for felled tree

20/001070/TPO - standard sentences to be used to respond to this application and request replacement for felled tree

Resolved: Council agreed to the actions described above

Clerk reported that the Council had received notification that an emergency TPO had been placed on Gladman site, Clerk queried that it appeared temporary and the response was that after six months it would be reviewed, adjusted if necessary and then made permanent.

Resolved: Council agreed to support this TPO.

5.3 Planning Working Group

Resolved: Council agreed for the Clerk to use the standard clauses in the report on applications which match the situations. The working group will continue to monitor and suggest new standard clauses.

5.4 Planning Appeal for houses off School Lane/Pear Tree Lane

Chorley Council had supplied an update and the Clerk read this out: "By way on an update , Preston City Council decided not to defend the MOU following the decision of the inspector on pear tree. All these thing combined meant that the advice to the administration was that there was no legal merit in appealing. This was confirmed by 2 separate barristers. I attach for your information the communications and correspondence sent to Government on this matter"

Resolved: Council agreed that its current courses of monitoring and action should be continued and possibly written up in to an action plan. Action include; monitoring of planning applications and commenting where necessary, monitoring and commenting on TPO requests and requesting replacement trees for felled trees, scanning for pieces of land for sale in the village for potentially purchasing.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Approve expenditures circulated with the agenda

Resolved: Council approved the listed expenditures (see Appendix 1).

6.2 Receive and update the Asset Register for Insurance and Audit purposes

Resolved: Council reviewed and agreed the reports.

6.3 Financial Risk Assessment circulated with the agenda

Resolved: Council reviewed and agreed the report.

6.4 Review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit & Internal Auditor Plan

Resolved: Council reviewed and agreed the reports.

7. Land for sale

Councillors considered all the reports supplied and noted the risks and liabilities of the land in the reports and identified by the District Valuers office.

There were two proposals and Council voted first on a proposal to put in an offer of £12,000, this was defeated.

Resolved: An offer of £15,000 would be submitted.

Resolved: Council ratified the decision to commission the work by the District Valuers office at £300.

Council went on to discuss the initial necessary works which needed to be done on the land if the Council's offer was successful which included, tree survey and works,

PROW survey and plan for works. Also, the budget for the project and its ongoing maintenance and necessary insurance cover was identified to be dealt with.

8. Community Infra-structure Funds

Possible projects identified included:

- Wicker artwork on BV roundabouts
- Additional wildflower planted areas
- Chapel Brook (if land purchased)
- PROW upgrade between Whinney and Pear Tree Lanes
- Millennium Green path extension and fencing
- Schools Project Fund – set up school scheme
- Millennium Green project possibly where it's wet in SW corner
- Memory garden
- Footpath/cycle path link improvements
- Milestone Meadow play area

9. Milestone Meadow Play Area

Council considered the update from Chorley Council – this will be followed up after Covid situation

10. Equipment for Councillors

Council discussed possible needs for IT equipment for Councillors to help with virtual meetings.

Resolved: Council will ring-fence the £10,000 Covid response grant it received to be used for Covid response items such as equipment for Councillors, equipment for premises to satisfy any new Government guidance.

11. Meetings Arrangements

Resolved: Council decided to continue virtual meetings until May 2021 or until such time as alternative advice or legislation is brought forward.

12. Matters for Information

Council discussed Remembrance Sunday arrangements, a wreath will be laid in two locations in the village by the Chair, a photo will be put on social media and website, and hopefully set to music. Clerk will circulate Councils plan to local Councillors.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

9.25 pm

