



## **Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at Bollington Cross School 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Present: Town Mayor Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM)**

**Cllrs:** Angela Williams (AW), Ken Edwards (KE), Amanda Stott (AS), James Nicholas (JN), Helen Ellwood (HE), Roland Edwards (RE), John Stewart (JCS), Judy Snowball (JS)

Town Manager: Harriet Worrell

### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr JN due to being Chair of the CEC Northern Planning Committee

### **Apologies**

Cllr M Fearn due to work commitments

The resignation of Cllr J Weston and Cllr S Knowles was noted.

### **Public Forum**

There were three members of the public:

A member of the public asked what practical support the Council could offer for hosting Ukrainian refugees in Bollington and commented that there is currently a lot of will in the community to help.

A member of the public spoke on the proposed development of St John Church and her support in principle for the restoration of the building but that the churchyard is still in regular use.

A member of the public spoke at length on behalf of Transition Bollington on concerns over the St John Church development, mentioning: number of apartments, insufficient parking, no provision for EV charging points, no cycle racks or cycle shelter, no e-bike charging facilities or shelter, reliance on fossil fuels for energy supply, impact of external lighting on wildlife, lack of swift survey, confirmation that bats have been seen in the area, felling of mature trees, insufficient bin/recycling

store and impact on the highway during development. The development is supported in principle but if carried out sustainably.

The members of the public were thanked.

**48/22 To receive the minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (minute ref Nos 35-22 – 47/22)**

**Resolved:** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**49/22 To receive updates from the minutes**

The total cost of the jubilee tree and plaque at £240 and the revised cost of the EPC survey at £732 was noted.

**50/22 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements**

The following announcements were noted:

Community & Environment Committee	12/04/22	10.00am
Planning & Town Development Committee	19/04/22	10.00am
Personnel & Assets	20/04/22	10.00am
Full Council	03/05/22	7.00pm
Councillor Surgery (Cllr MF & Cllr AS)	07/05/22	10.00 am

Post meeting update – the Community & Environment Committee is scheduled for 12/04/22 at 7pm

**51/22 To consider planning applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development meeting:**

**22/0722M**

46, CHURCH STREET, BOLLINGTON SK10 5PY

Listed building consent for conversion of grade II listed Church to 18 apartments and associated works

**Resolved:** That the Planning Task Group formulate a response to this application for consideration at the Planning & Development Committee on 19/04/22 including a recommendation that this application is 'called in' to CEC Northern Planning.

It was noted that there were concerns on access to the churchyard, impact on wildlife, parking provision, heritage and impact to the local area during development.

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**22/0699M**

THE OLD STABLES, JACKSON LANE, KERRIDGE, SK10 5BE

Construction of a detached dwelling

**Resolved:** That Full Council objects to this application and reiterates from its response to 19/3800M a recommendation for refusal of this application due to the Greenbelt status of the land and therefore contrary to the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan. The proposed new access would also cut into a section of stone wall within the conservation area which contributes to the character of the area.

It was noted that the site plan is incorrect as the property shown as Hollin Farm Cottage is, in fact 17A Jackson Lane. Hollin Farm Cottage is the semi-detached property adjoining the Old Stables.

**22/1078M**

15, OVENHOUSE LANE, BOLLINGTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK10 5EZ

Single storey rear extension

**Resolved:** That Full Council objects to this application due to overdevelopment; the proposed extension exceeds 30% of the property size.

**22/1095M**

11, IRWELL RISE, BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE, SK10 5YE

single storey side and rear extensions, external insulation and cladding of existing house

**Resolved:** No objection

**52/22 To receive the report from Cheshire East Councillors**

The report was noted with Cllr AS clarifying the work on the CEC Planning review is in response to the volume of planning applications submitted in recent months.

Cllr JM asked whether the Jubilee grants funding was from central government as residents had asked if the funds could be diverted to pothole repairs.

Cllr AS clarified that funds used to repair potholes was a ringfenced fund from central government and that the grants available for Jubilee celebrations is a CEC community funding programme.

**53/22 To receive the minutes from the Council Committees and resolve to accept the contents and accept their recommendations.**

**Finance & Grants Committee 14/03/22 (FG 01/22 - FG 07/22)**

**Resolved:** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**To review the grants allocations in 2021/22**

**Resolved:** The grant allocation was accepted.

**Planning & Town Committee 15/03/22 (PT24/22 - PT34/22)**

**Resolved:** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Resolved:** That a task group (PT 28/22) is set up to oversee details of larger planning applications, with St John Church planning applications (22/0721M and 22/0722M) as the first applications being considered (see minute ref 51/22).

Cllr KE reported back from the CEC CGR meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April – the boundaries between Bollington and Prestbury and Bollington and Macclesfield and Bollington and Rainow are not likely to change. The CGR is due to be considered at the CEC Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 14/04/22.

**CE 29/22 To receive and confirm the minutes CE17/22 - 29/22 of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on the 8th February 2022. The Committee RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.**

**Resolved:** The minutes were approved as a true record.

**CE 32/22 To approve a three-day first aid carried out due to changes with legislation from Cheshire East Council when holding events.**

**Resolved:** That contact is made with other local councils to seek interest in securing places on the training and to share the cost. The response(s) will be shared at the next available Community & Environments Committee.

**CE 36/22 To receive an update from Cllr J Nicholas on hanging baskets**

**Resolved:** That if monies were forth coming from ITV the Town Council would assist in the planting with the company instructed.

**CE 37/22 To note the clearance of the Civic Hall gardens and the next stages**

**Resolved:** For the Clerk to make enquiries and feedback at the next Committee meeting.

**CE 40/22 To accept the circulated leaflet devised from Cllr RE**

**Resolved:** That a number of leaflets would be printed by BTC for the doctor's surgery and the library and shared on social media.

**Community & Environment Committee 22/03/22 (CE29/22-42/22)**

**Resolved:** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**54/22 To accept the new Committee structure including Working Groups and dates for meetings for 2022/23**

**Resolved:** That the committee structure, working groups and dates for meetings are accepted subject to the following:

- i. Membership is reviewed following the election/co-option of the two new councillors,
- ii. Cllr Responsibilities is changed to Cllr Representatives,
- iii. Bollington Festival is removed from the list of Cllr Representatives,
- iv. Section s106 monies is removed from the list of Cllr Representatives.

Cllr AS sought clarification on the procedure for members of other bodies to report back to council and if this can be added to the next available Community and Environment Committee.

Cllr JS sought clarification on the continuance of the Equality, Diversion and Inclusion Working Group. Cllr JM recommended it was reviewed later in the year.

**55/22 To note the balance of accounts Co-op Current £474.00, Co-op Deposit £20,049.00, Natwest Current £64,398.67 Santander Deposit £70,000.00 = £154,921.67.**

**To Resolve to approve the Accounts for Payment dated 05/04/22 at £40,598.66 + £2,233.62 = £40,832.28**

**The information to be inspected by the Town Mayor Cllr Jo Maitland and the Chair of Finance & Grants Committee Cllr Amanda Stott**

**Resolved:** That the balance of accounts and accounts for payment dated 05/04/22 were approved, having been inspected by the Town Mayor Cllr Jo Maitland and the Chair of Finance & Grants Committee Cllr Amanda Stott.

**56/22 To agree actions to be taken, if any, from the Town Council to support the war in Ukraine**

As agreed by members and for the benefit of the public speaker on this subject, this item was brought forward in the agenda and discussed after Item 4 (minute ref 51/22).

It was noted that there is an existing active group in Bollington but, as raised by the member of the public who spoke in the public session, there may be other groups/individuals who wish to offer support. It was also noted that Cheshire East Council and Refugees Welcome in Macclesfield are making preparations to support Ukrainian refugees. It was felt that coordinating a response with the different groups would be beneficial to all organisations and that a meeting between CEC and local councils may also be of benefit.

**Resolved:** That a report is prepared by Cllr JM and Cllr RE for the next available Community & Environment Committee for further discussion and consideration.

57/22 It was noted that the next Full Council meeting is to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 and that it will be held at the Civic Hall as it is also Mayor Making.

Meeting closed at 20:57

Signed:.....

Date:.....