

**Bollington Town  
Council  
Planning and Town  
Development  
Committee  
Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee of the Town Council

Held in the Town Hall

on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 7pm

### Present

Cllrs; Mike Broadbent (MB), Ken Edwards (KE), Richard Hardwick (RH), Judy Snowball (JS), John Stewart (JCS), John Withers (JW).

Chair - Cllr J Snowball

Officer – Harriet Worrell, Town Manager

### Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr JS on the Youth Council bin as she is a resident on the Waterwheel Mill estate and the residents' association has been seeking a waste bin.

### Public Forum Time

One member of public in attendance to observe on the agenda item on the Pool Bank car park consultation, and left after the committee discussed this item.

One member of the public attended the entire meeting and observed only.

### PT 101/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None.

### PT 102/23 To approve the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (PT 89/23 – PT 100/23).

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

### PT 103/23 Updates from the minutes

- i) To update the Committee on Windsor Close.  
The committee noted the resident and Town Clerk had spoken to the care company office and that the situation regarding parking has now improved.
- ii) To note no response to letter to Moorfield's Administration – High Street.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk sends a follow up letter to elicit a response.

- iii) To note letter sent in reference to the appeal 23/0409M Location:  
Telecommunication Monopole, LIDGETTS LANE, RAINOW.  
The Town Clerk had responded to the appeal with the Council's objection.

**PT 104/23 To note the administration staff had submitted two enforcements following complaints – 23/00699E & 23/00700E.**

The enforcements were raised by a CEC Planning Officer following concerns raised by a resident to Bollington Town Council. It was noted the properties are in a Conservation Area and the enforcement cases assigned as Priority 3 (low).

The Town Manager was asked to find out how the enforcement process works, what is permitted/regulated and advise the committee.

**PT 105/23 To receive the Decisions on Planning Applications and Notifications from Cheshire East Council:**

- **Planning Applications APPROVED:**
  - [23/0012D](#)  
**EXCHANGE HOUSE, 5 ALBERT ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5HS**  
Discharge of conditions 8, 11 & 17 on 22/1802M - Demolition of the existing building and the erection of two pairs of three-bedroom semi-detached houses with associated access and landscaping (Resubmission of 21/3392M).
- **Planning Applications APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS:**
  - [23/0214M](#)  
**51A WELLINGTON ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JH**  
Proposed garage conversion and alterations.  
**BTC – NO OBJECTION**
  - [23/2394M](#)  
**21 SOUTH WEST AVENUE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5DX**  
Two storey side and porch canopy extension and single storey rear extension with associated, improved car parking provision to frontage and widened vehicle access.  
**BTC – NO OBJECTION**
  - [23/2494M](#)  
**14 COOPE ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5AE**  
Taking down and rebuilding side conservatory on pile raft foundation.  
**BTC – NO OBJECTION**
- **Positive Certificate:**
  - [23/2292M](#)  
**4 LYMN CROFT TERRACE, JACKSON LANE, KERRIDGE, SK10 5BH**

Certificate of Existing Lawful Existing use of a residential outbuilding in excess of 4 years as an ancillary annexe to 4 Lymn Croft Terrace.

- **Planning decisions WITHDRAWN: None**

- **Planning decisions REFUSED: None**

- **Appeals Notified:**

- [22/0699M](#)

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

Construction of a detached dwelling.

**BTC – OBJECTION** - This contravenes our NP Policy P2 as development will be supported in following locations, Brownfield, small scale in fill and suitable windfall sites. Development in the green belt is inappropriate. The Town Council has concerns about the access and the traffic implications and highways safety.

To note the appeal has been granted.

- **Tree 6-week date expired (CA):**

- [23/1877T](#)

- **1 WILLOWBANK DRIVE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5DG**

Beech trees to the rear of our property wall, within the bus stop area near the simplicity granite, works are planned to reduce the branches overhanging our property by a qualified arborist. Removing branches within our property boundary on trees 1 - 5 on the included area sketch to balance the tree and remove the branch overhang onto our house (within the red outline).

- [23/2204T](#)

- **NEW ROAD FARM, RAINOW ROAD, HIGHER HURDSFIELD, SK10 5SX**

Pine (tree 1) Complete removal of tree down to ground level. The root system will not be removed.

- [23/2405T](#)

- **BROOK COTTAGE, 1A RAINOW VIEW, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5QP**

Removal of branch.

- [23/2446T](#)

- **MILLENNIUM CROSS, KINGSWAY, BOLLINGTON**

Removal of holly bush that is being crowded out by the larger sycamore tree and deterring growth of the sycamore tree.

**PT 106/23 To make observations on Planning Applications currently on deposit upon the production of the agenda but to allow consideration of applications submitted in between:**

- [23/3323M](#)

**12 PRINCESS DRIVE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5ER**

Installation of an air source heat pump.

**RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION** subject to the heat pump meeting BS-EN-ISO standards on noise and sited in a location to be least disruptive to neighbouring properties.

- [23/3434M](#)

**7 COCKSHEADHEY ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5QZ**

2 no. new roof lights

**RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION**

- [23/3449M](#)

**STAKEHILL HOUSE, 64A CHANCERY LANE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5BJ**

Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey front/side extension.

**RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION**

**PT 107/23 To make observations on Planning Applications (Trees) currently on deposit:**

Nil

**PT 108/23 To discuss the planning application 22/0721M St John the Baptist, Church Street, Bollington SK10 5PY – Conversion of church to 18 apartments.**

The application was submitted 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 with no decision made. It was not evident that the previous CEC Ward Councillor, upon request, had called in the application.

**RESOLVED:** That the reasons for calling in this application were provided to Cllr Ken Edwards in his capacity as a CEC Ward Councillor, to follow up its call-in status with the CEC planning department.

**PT 109/23 To receive the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group minutes from 30.8.23 and 14.09.23 and accept their Terms of Reference.**

It was noted that the minutes from 30/08/23 were a previous draft. The updated version was provided to the committee members, the amendment paragraph being:

Review of Chapter Headings in Current Neighbourhood Plan and identification of where changes / updates / additions may be necessary. **Action:** To start the review and possibly chair working groups: Housing – Mike Burdekin; Employment and Retail – Nigel Macartney; Green Environment – Judy Snowball, Robert BoSmith and members of Transition Bollington; Built Environment, Heritage, Tourism and Leisure – José Spinks; Traffic/Moving Around – David King & Robert BoSmith; Green Belt – Ken Edwards.

**RESOLVED:** That the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group minutes from 30.8.23 and 14.09.23 and Terms of Reference are accepted.

**PT 110/23 To agree the budget requests from the Planning & Town Development Committee for 2024/25.**

**RESOLVED:** That the following budget headings are requested for 2024-25:

- a) Gritting and flooding - £3,500
- b) Town maintenance - £1,500.

There was some discussion on a footpath budget with Cllr KE advising that there had been a previous agreement to improve the footpath to White Nancy with hoggins at a cost of £3,000 accumulated over 3 years and supported by match funding through CEC. But as yet there is no agreement from the landowner to undertake these improvements. Other committee members felt that without a commitment from the landowner, this work should not be budgeted for.

**RESOLVED:** That the agreement between Bollington Town Council and CEC to improve the White Nancy footpath is rescinded, the remainder of the 2022-23 footpath budget of £1000 is allocated to other footpath improvements and £500 requested for the 2024-25 footpath budget.

The Transport and Travel Working Group had discussed the installation of four Vehicle Activated Warning Signs over a three-year period, at a cost of £6,000 per unit for purchase and installation. The aim is to install two in year one (2024-25) at a cost of £12,000, one in year two (2025-26) at a cost of £6,000 and one in year three (2026-27) at a cost of £6,000. The committee sought clarification on locations and approval from CEC for installation prior to approving a budgetary request.

**RESOLVED:** That the Transport and Travel Working Group Chair consults with the Town Clerk to prepare a budget request and installation plan for Vehicle Activated Warning Signs for 2024-25 budget setting.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is applying for a £10,000 grant to support the review but may need additional funding.

**RESOLVED:** That the Neighbourhood Plan budget from 2023-24 is carried into 2024-25 and £500 is requested from the 2024-25 budget.

**PT 111/23 To agree a quote to carry out works at Ashbrook Road.**

**RESOLVED:** That Quote C of £10,772.00 is agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That £500 is approved for the purchase of a lawnmower.

**PT 112/23 To agree if the planters are situated at Ashbrook Road, we agree to apply for a Street Furniture agreement section 115(b).**

It was noted the application for a Street Furniture licence costs up to £400.

**RESOLVED:** That an alternative location, not requiring a licence, is sought for the planters and when agreed those who raised visibility issues are updated.

**PT 113/23 To agree a response of the car park consultation at Pool Bank car park In Bollington.**

This item was discussed following Updates from the minutes for the benefit of the member of the public who wished to observe discussions on this agenda item.

CEC has launched a statutory public consultation for the parking review, running from Wednesday 20th September 2023 to Wednesday 1st November 2023.

Every ward councillor, town and parish council are invited to make representations, alongside other stakeholders and the wider public.

For Bollington, the consultation is on Pool Bank car park.

The Chair read from Bollington Town Council's pre-consultation response outlining the Council's concerns and that charging was unacceptable. Concerns related to Bollington's unique residential parking needs, narrow village roads and reliance on Pool Bank car park as there is little off-street parking and the streets are already congested. An introduction of charging will exacerbate congestion, increase pressure on off-street parking and be a detriment to the town and its businesses.

Cllr KE explained that CEC has significant budgetary pressures and needs to alleviate its deficit but expressed that as a CEC Ward Councillor he is opposed to parking charges at Pool Bank car park.

The Chair sought that the public is encouraged to respond to the consultation.

Cllr JCS sought that relevant policies from the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan are referenced in the response such as R.O1 To provide a better, more attractive and diverse retail offering, which supports the needs of the Community; R.P1 Retain and develop retail offerings; MA.O1 To improve the safety and efficiency of moving around the Town for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists whilst actively promoting walking and cycling; MA.O2 To progress standard residential and public parking provision within Bollington.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chair of the Planning and Town Development Committee drafts a response from Bollington Town Council for review and consideration at Full Council on 03/10/23 with an updated version circulated to all Councillors for review and comment prior to the response being ratified for submission at the Planning and Town Development Committee meeting on 24/10/23.

**RESOLVED:** That a communication strategy on the consultation is formulated, including social media and noticeboards, to inform the community on where to find the proposal, how to respond and the closing date.

**PT 114/23 To make comments on the PROW consultation at Mill Lane.**

Residents living on Mill Lane have expressed concern on vehicular access to their properties.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk seeks clarification on resident's vehicular access and access for waste collections.

**PT 115/23 To note the meeting with the Chair and the Town Clerk in relation to the Masterplan for the Section 106 monies.**

The meeting was noted and that the master plan should be completed in October following which CEC will conduct the consultation. The next meeting is scheduled for 31/10/23.

**PT 116/23 To make the committee aware of the current maintenance standards at the Recreational Ground.**

Cllr KE has raised with ANSA the need for ongoing and high standard of maintenance while the incumbent groundsman is signed off work.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk in conjunction with Cllr KE as a CEC Ward Councillor seeks a commitment from ANSA to ensure a high standard of maintenance and that the Green Flag status is not compromised.



**PT 117/23 To note the Coope Road consultation at the Community Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

The date and location of the meeting was noted.

**PT 118/23 To note the consultation of the draft Sustainable drainage systems supplementary planning document – closing date 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Chair of the Planning and Town Development Committee prepares a response to the consultation, circulating to the committee members for review and comment before submission by 02/10/23.

**PT 119/23 To note the Youth Council waste bin has not been sited due to concerns from ANSA.**

The Chair (Cllr JS), due to a declared interest, sought another committee member to chair this item. Cllr KE agreed to chair. Cllr JS did not contribute to the discussion or vote on this item.

Youth Council had wished to locate the bin at the entrance to Adlington Road car park, but ANSA raised safety concerns. The Town Clerk had investigated other options but to no avail.

Cllr JCS expressed his support of Youth Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Youth Council bin is temporarily located in a suitable location on the Waterwheel Mill estate until such time that a permanent location can be found and is approved.

Following the resolution, Cllr JS resumed the position as meeting Chair.

**PT 120/23 To receive the Transport & Travel Working Group minutes on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**RESOLVED:** That Transport & Travel Working Group minutes on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were received.

**PT 121/23 To note the date of the next Planning and Town Development Committee Meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.00pm at Bollington Town Hall.**

Meeting Closed at 8.59pm

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

**HIBBERT, Richard**

Aug 4, 2023, 3:21 PM (14  
hours ago)

to Ken, Lorraine, Andy, Paul, me, Lee

Dear Cllr Edwards

Further to your recent email to the Estates Team at Cheshire East Council, I have been asked to reply to you with a view to clarifying the position regarding Pool Bank Car Park, Bollington.

You may be aware that Highways and Transportation Committee approved a report at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July that gave authority to prepare proposals for consultation on the future management (long/short stay) and parking tariffs across all 111 car parks management by the Council. Pool Bank is within the scope of this approach.

This consultation will commence in early September, running for 6 weeks. All residents, town and parish Councils and community organisations have the opportunity to make representations during this consultation period. There will be publicity and media communications to announce the start of the consultation in due course.

Following this consultation, the future use of each car park will be reviewed, including options for asset transfer or disposal should these be the most appropriate options. Decisions on these matters will be taken only after the outcomes of consultation are known.

One critical consideration is likely to be costs that are currently incurred by CEC – enforcement activity, business rates, maintenance costs etc – and whether there is an effective way of meeting these costs through parking charges or other means.

A decision on implementing the Car Parks review is timetabled for Highways Committee in January 2024 and that report could make reference to a preferred approach to Pool Bank, at least in outline.

I would be happy to discuss matters relating to Pool Bank during the public consultation period, if that will assist the Town Council's consideration of options.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Hibbert**

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### **Poolbank Car Park - Bollington**

Dear Mr Hibbert,

I write on behalf of Bollington Town Council in reference to the car park consultation which the Highway & Transport Committee are conducting at the present time. We are led to believe from our Ward Cllr Ken Edwards that you will also be considering each car park at the end of the review for an asset transfer.

The Town Council is strongly opposing the proposed charges as will their residents but if we are unsuccessful, we may consider other options.

We wish to make it clear that until we are aware of the costs which would include the details of the transfer, the business rates, and the maintenance costs we will not commit at this stage but purely would like to express an interest at this stage.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Julie Mason*

Town Clerk

## **Bollington Town Councils Response to the Cheshire East Parking Strategy Review.**

### **Aims and objectives of Cheshire East of its car parking strategy:**

Cheshire East Council describes itself as being Open Fair and Green. These characteristics underpin the statements that Cheshire East has the **Strategic Priorities**. The Council is:

- An open and enabling organisation;
- A council which empowers and cares about people; and
- A thriving and sustainable place

The description of the purposes of Car Parking policy CEC states:

the **Local Transport Plan** sets out how parking measures **should be considered**.

1. as part of an integrated transport solution.
2. It establishes how parking provision supports **accessibility** for residents, businesses, shoppers, workers, and commuters.
3. The Plan recognises that parking provision has the potential to impact on surrounding areas both negatively and positively.
4. When parking is well managed it can support thriving businesses, access to services and active social lives.
5. but when not well managed, parking can encourage car travel to areas which suffer unduly from congestion as well as causing other environmental, health and social issues.

The Cheshire East Report on Pool Bank Car Park Bollington deals with none of the issues set out above except describing how charging will be likely **to negatively** impact of the surrounding narrow and crowded streets by displacing cars from the 77 free spaces currently available. Being free of charge encourages maximum use of the car park at all times.

#### **A) The advantages of a free car park at Pool Bank:**

Residents -

A free car park supports accessibility for residents, has a very positive role in maximising access to local on street parking, which is very limited, and therefore impacts very positively on the surrounding environment and shows good management in that no charging allows maximum use in a very congested area.

1. Bollington is a former industrial town. The part of Bollington served by Pool Bank Car Park has a concentration of terraced house built on to narrow roads. There are no opportunities for residents to arrange for off street parking. A free car park ensures that 77 cars can be removed from the street at all times.
2. This sensible policy allows maximum safe car parking and matches the overriding need of the area for car management.
3. This has been successfully in place since the Car Park was introduced by Bollington Urban District Council in the 1950's and has not been challenged as inappropriate by any public body since.
4. The free car park increases the ease of traffic flow in the most concentrated urban area of the Town.

5. The availability of the free car park has become even more important to traffic movement recently with the increase in home-based working.
6. Further, displacing the great variety of drivers who use Pool Bank Car Park to dangerous roadside parking will discourage local cyclists from using the roads and make walking and using public transport less attractive. It will increase the perception of danger on the roads and in the town for all and particularly for families. This cannot be in line with Cheshire East's climate objectives.

#### Local Businesses -

High Street, the junction with Palmerston Street and Palmerston Street are one centre of Bollington retail business activity. There are a mixture of businesses including restaurants, cafes, delicatessen, a bakery, a fish and chip shop, butchers with fresh vegetables, newspapers and general store, modest grocers, funeral director, print shop for personal and local business needs.

The **Bollington Neighbourhood Plan**, fully supported and ratified by Cheshire East in 2018 confirms its commitment to do the following:

R.01 'To provide a better, more attractive and diverse retail offering, which supports the needs of the community' and:

#### R.P1 'Retain and develop retail offerings'

1. These shops are vital to the sustainability of residents in our small town. Their existence reduces car usage overall.
2. A free car park is a vital incentive for people to stop and shop. Any blockage to customer flow into those modest retail outlets could tip the balance into their disappearance with the consequent reduction in the sustainability of our community. **None of these retail outlets or restaurants and cafes have any significant off-street parking.** They rely totally on Pool Bank Car Park for off street parking. It is a vital adjunct to their sustainability.
3. The free car park encourages the view of accessibility to local shops by residents and in practice offers that accessibility.
4. Charging for the car park would impact negatively on customer flow, increase the time for customers having to find on street parking nearby in what already might be crowded with residents parking and increase traffic movement in a confined urban area thus increasing air pollution.
5. Charging for the car park would therefore impact negatively on our small business retail outlets, all of which have worked hard to return to pre-pandemic levels of footfall and which have managed, with considerable hard work, to weather the last year's increases in costs, particularly in energy prices and materials.
6. Over time the introduction of charging could reduce the businesses operating to meet basic needs in the area and as businesses leave footfall declines and the area would cease to exist as a retail centre.
7. **There is already much competition:** free car parking within 5 minutes of Bollington when you are in a car. A huge food hall at Barracks Mill including M&S: free car parking. A huge general store at Tesco, with a petrol station: free car parking. Why go to your local store when you have to pay a fee or spend 10 minutes finding off street parking with manoeuvring your car very carefully to avoid dents and scratches?

#### Visitors -

Bollington is regarded as an attractive town and over the years efforts both Council and Community have been made to attract visitors to our Town through annual events like the Bikefest, Hill runs, the Walking Festival and every so often the larger scale Bollington Festival. At all times of the year cyclists are to be seen throughout the town in large groups.

But Bollington is also a regular centre for local residents walking given it is central to the Peak Fringe next to the famous Peak National Park and has access to a myriad of walks into the hills, yet friendly pubs and good quality restaurants to welcome walkers when they return.

Easy and free car parking is an essential element in attracting walkers and walkers need refreshment.

The **Neighbourhood Plan's** commitment at MA.01 is: 'to support the safety and efficiency of moving around the Town for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists while actively promoting walking and cycling'.

Charging for Pool Bank will discourage walkers from using the car park and they will congregate elsewhere where there is a slightly wider road on the outskirts of the Town. When they return to their cars, they will be too far away to be attracted to use the Town resources of pubs, restaurants and cafes so again charging has a negative impact on accessibility and business turnover in Bollington. At a time when hospitality across the country faces many challenges, Bollington depends on its tourists and visitors to sustain its healthy local economy and ensure that local jobs and amenities are retained.

## **B) Analysis of the Bollington Parking Strategy Report**

The Cheshire East chart shows that at 8am an average of 50 places are occupied and at 6pm an average of 30 places are occupied, during the data collection period. This is clear evidence that a very substantial proportion of spaces are taken up with residential parking and as stated above there are no alternatives for Bollington's residents.

Page 10: The duration of stay data takes no account of parking between 6pm and 8am, so the data is not representative of actual use.

Page 14: The assessment is that the elasticity band is low, thereby assuming that there will only be a 10% reduction in usage following introduction of charging. This is difficult to understand given the references in the 'Elasticity Framework Technical Note' and the fact that as stated in the Technical Note there is no vacancy rate or footfall data for Bollington, which are normally used to assess the elasticity band. A more realistic assessment, for where charging is introduced for a car park which was previously free, would be high elasticity and a 30% reduction in use following introduction of charging.

A 30% reduction in usage would reduce the total income to approximately £49K and Net Annual Revenue to £41K. It is unclear whether you have factored in other operating costs (machine installation and maintenance, civil enforcement officer time etc) which would likely reduce this income further.

Page 19/20: The report assesses the likelihood of mitigation measures being necessary as Amber, based on a low elasticity band. A high elasticity band would suggest that the likelihood may well be Red.

The proposed mitigations are a combination of double yellow lines and residential parking bays at a cost of between £50K to £85K. All of this is clearly vital data in assessing whether the introduction of charging is likely to raise income as stated.

The cheapest way for a resident to continue to use Pool Bank car park if they wish to park there on a daily basis is the annual charge option of £490. There appears to be no proposals for permits to residents at reduced cost.

#### Roadside parking/Signage

Changing from no return within 45 minutes to no return within 2 hours will have little actual impact and result in unnecessary costs of signage change.

Changing parking control times from 9am to 5pm to 8am to 6pm on roadsides and in car parks substantially reduces the convenience for those who park overnight and leave after 8am but before 9am and return after 5pm but before 6pm. Again, the cost of signage change for this will be substantial.

There are clearly significant omissions and flaws in the data provided. It does not accurately represent the parking landscape in Bollington and does not adequately consider the costs of mitigation or the considerable costs to the residents of Bollington of such a change which would have a deeply detrimental impact on their lives and on all other aspects of the working of the town.

### **C) Conclusion**

The free car park at Pool Bank, first recognised as a key supporting element to the sustainability of Bollington business in particular and therefore the sustainability of the Town as a whole, by Bollington Urban district Council nearly 70 years ago still serves that purpose in the much more fiercely competitive retail atmosphere of the first quarter of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Century.

**Bollington's Neighbourhood Plan** states its commitment to the parking needs of its residents and visitor at MA.0: 'To progress standard residential and public parking provision within Bollington.'

If Cheshire East genuinely wants to fulfil its aims of using its car parks to sustain communities and maintain accessibility for residents' businesses and visitors, it will sustain the free car park in the centre of Bollington Old Town.

If Cheshire East Council decides that it needs to remove £60K per year from our community and block access to small businesses as well as impose significant strongly upon residents then it will introduce charges despite the very clear and well-articulated opposition from the residents, businesses and local visitors' groups, which will be reflected in the many responses to the consultation and to a local petition, which has so far been signed by 1500 people.

This will, however, be a severe and long-term detriment to our community and to our residents' lives across the town. Cheshire East will be seen to have broken its stated priorities and will not be seen to be supporting a local community in:

- Protecting and **enhancing public realm** and heritage
- **Improving connections for local people** to safeguard businesses, economy and local wellbeing
- **Encouraging walking and cycling** to move towards a more sustainable Cheshire East and our climate targets

The above are the stated priorities of Cheshire East, which also states that these priorities will be 'central when considering future parking strategies'.

In the proposals for Bollington, Cheshire East has failed to fulfil these priorities. It has also failed to uphold the Strategic Priorities quoted at the start of this response. Cheshire East must think again and withdraw these flawed and detrimental proposals for Bollington.



**Neighbourhood Plan Update Steering Committee**

**Minutes for Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 7-00pm Town Hall**

Abbreviations	
BTC	Bollington Town Council
NPU	Neighbourhood Plan Update
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
CEC	Cheshire East Council
P&TDC	Planning & Town Development Committee
SC	Steering Committee

**Members Present:**

Michael Burdekin; Cllr Judy Snowball; Cllr Ken Edwards; Cllr Nigel Macartney; Sandra Macartney; José Spinks; Robert BoSmith; David King; Marion BoSmith

**Apologies for absence:**

John Peak; John Place; Alan Morris; Nicole Roberts Morris

**Confirmation of Final Version of Draft Terms of Reference:**

The SC ToR document was accepted by the P&TDC on 26.09.23 and by the NPU SC on 27.09.23. The document will be stored in BTC SharePoint NPU folders.

**Report on discussion of NPU matters at BTC Planning and Development Committee, 26<sup>th</sup> September:**

P&TDC accepted the minutes of the NPU SC meetings of 30.08.23 and 14.09.23. Cllr Snowball informed the meeting that access to BTC SharePoint by members of the NPU SC will be discussed at the next full Council Meeting.

**Minutes of meeting of NPU SG held on 14<sup>th</sup> August – amendments and approval:**

The minutes were accepted unchanged

**Matters arising from the minutes:**

**Housing Needs Assessment:**

CEC quote was £8296 of which £5000 was postage. The SC decided to reject this quote.

Cheshire Community Action (CCA) quote was £6380 of which £3500 was postage. The SC decided that Michael Burdekin would reply to CCA and discuss a hybrid model whereby CCA would provide a paper analysis immediately and subsequently be willing to analyse the data from the housing questions from the NPU updated questionnaire in 2024.

**Wildlife Survey:**

Cheshire Wildlife Trust has no resource to update their original report for approximately 9 months. The SC agreed to explore other options. SC has received a quote of £480 from NLG Ecology based in Clarence Mill. Cllr Snowball has a contact, Ecology Elements, which SC agreed should be contacted for a second quote. The Town Clerk also has the details of the company responsible for the survey at Coope Road which could be pursued.













