

Sandymoor Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at
Sandymoor School
Thursday 19th November 2015 commencing 7:30pm.

Present:

Cllr David Felix (Chair)
Cllr Simon Hurst
Cllr Jackie Watkins
Cllr Andrew Lockyer
Cllr Jo Wakefield
Cllr Steve Parry
Cllr Richard Eastburn
Cllr Adam Irvine
Michelle Cotgreave (Clerk)

Also in attendance HBC Cllr John Bradshaw and HBC Cllr Marjorie Bradshaw

420 Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct (and Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992)

- Chair David Felix and Parish Councillor Steve Parry declared an interest in Jeff Briggs subject area of discussion.

421 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings held on: 15th October 2015.

422 Any matters to be raised by the Public for 'Public Air Time'

- Points to raise included on agenda.

423 Policing Matters

Cheshire Police attended the meeting, which covered the following points:

- A number of suspicious activities in the area, such as;
- A male in the Chatteris Park area;
- Fishing in one of the ponds;
- A Bike has been stolen;
- A shed has been broken into at Dorchester Park
- Parking.

It was also reported horses had escaped from a nearby field.

The Clerk passed on a letter received from a resident regarding parking where they lived. An officer will go and speak to them.

424 Jeff Briggs, HBC Transportation Section

Jeff Briggs had requested a slot at the meeting to advise a school bus service to Daresbury Primary School from the Sandymoor area may cease due to the lack of funds.

Different options and funding was discussed with the Parish Councillors.

Resolved: Jeff Briggs will investigate and research into this area further and contact the Clerk in January with proposal(s).

425 To consider / raise awareness of planning and planning liaison matters:

Planning Application: 15/00540/FUL

Planning Application was discussed by the parish council.

Resolved: No comments to feedback to HBC Planning Department.

Resolved: The Clerk to send Tim Gibbs, HBC Planning a copy of the briefing notes regarding the Bloor Homes development and also request date when the planning application will go to Committee.

426 Finance

Payments for authorisation and receipts.

Resolved: The payments were accepted and signed.

Financial Budget 2015 / 2016

The Clerk will update the budget and add to the dropbox.

Transparency Code Funding

As in the previous minutes reflected the code did not affect the parish council, which may have been the case in the previous year. However, due to the changes in financial circumstances, the code may affect the parish council for this financial year.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact CCLA for advice.

427 Noticeboards – Repair

It was discussed the materials which were required to repair the board at Otterburn Street Playground.

Resolved: The Clerk to order the materials from the company who supplied the boards and have the delivery sent to Sandymoor School.

428 Postal Address

The subject matter regarding the postal address to be passed to Parish Councillor Jo Wakefield.

Deferred: The Clerk to send correspondence.

429 Sandymoor Parish Council – Away Day

The Clerk advised the away day has been scheduled to take place Saturday 28th November 2015, 9am, Sandymoor Parish Council.

Resolved: Parish Councillor Richard Eastburn to produce agenda and circulate before 28th November 2015.

430 Leads Updates

Parish Councillor Richard Eastburn updated his work programme area, he has been working with HBC Open Spaces on a number of projects.

431 Register of Interests – Update

All Register of Interests Form require updating and sending in a pdf format to the Clerk.

Resolved: Parish Councillor Andrew Lockyer to update and send form to the Clerk. The Clerk will forward these documents to Christine Lawley, HBC Democratic Services, to be posted on HBC website.

432 Correspondence received by the Clerk

Signage for the Community Centre / Hall

It had been raised there was inadequate signage for the hall. The Clerk had written to HBC Highways and has been advised this is not adopted land where the signage is located.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to Richard Jones, HCA regarding the signage.

Culvert under the expressway

It had been raised the culvert under the expressway has not be repaired. The Clerk had written to Dave Cunliffe, HBC Highways Development and received a reply in connection with the work the Environment Agency where also being a part of. The Chair read the reply to the meeting.

The Clerk had been advised by Dave Cunliffe that their discussions with the EA have resulted in an approval in principle to modify the orifice plate at Keckwick Brook, however, the proposal will require a formal Flood Consent from them.

As reservoir owners / undertakers, HBC have a duty to ensure that the Wharford Farm storage basin continues to operate safely and effectively in the changed scenarios and HBC have therefore commissioned consultants to undertake further modelling to assess the effects of more frequent inundation and to prepare the Flood Consent Application documentation accordingly.

Pitts Heath Roundabout

The Clerk had written to Dave Cunliffe, HBC Highways Development regarding an update on Pitts Heath / Pinch Point Scheme.

The Daresbury Expressway improvement scheme, which is aimed at increasing the traffic capacity of the roundabout junction with Pitts Heath Lane, originally included proposed modifications to extend the length of the existing pedestrian subway. This was intended to create sufficient space for carriageway widening on the eastern arm of the roundabout. In conjunction with these modifications, we had planned to carry out additional works within the subway, to separate out

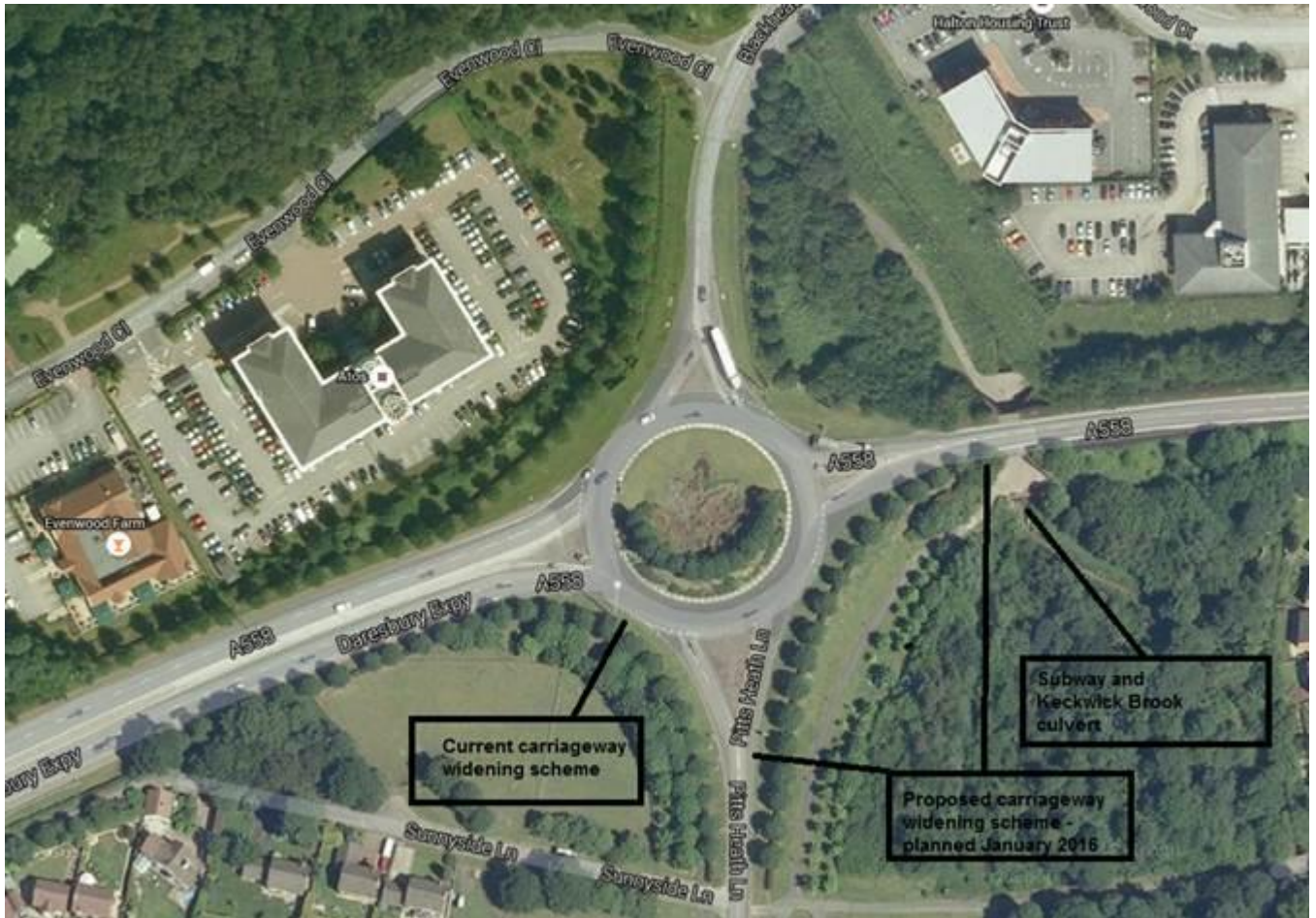
the 'overflow' from the Keckwick Brook culvert (i.e. flooding which occurred under high flows in Keckwick Brook) from a pedestrian 'walk-through'. To bring this about, we explored a number of solutions, including the construction of a dividing wall along the length of the subway and on the footpath approaches.

A site investigation and structural analysis of the existing subway and culvert construction revealed a number of unforeseen complications associated with the extension of the subway including the need to strengthen the existing culvert walls. This in turn had consequences for the management of flows in Keckwick Brook during the works and the need for temporary traffic management and restrictions on the Expressway. These issues made the original design solution unviable within the current scheme budget.

Furthermore, in respect of the planned flood mitigation measures within the subway, recent hydraulic modelling of this section of Keckwick Brook has been undertaken which demonstrates that the provision of a dividing wall within the subway, confining any overflow from the culvert into a separate, narrower channel, would have an effect on the flows and water level in the brook. This could potentially result in flooding upstream of the culvert.

Consequently, alternative options are being explored to try and resolve both issues:

- The segregated left turn lane on the eastern approach to the roundabout (ie. from Warrington / M56 direction) into Pitts Heath Lane is currently being redesigned, to avoid the need for modification to the pedestrian subway. In the meantime, work is in progress to construct the segregated left turn lane on the west side of the roundabout (Runcorn bound direction). This will reduce delays at the junction for traffic exiting the Sandymoor area.
- In terms of the subway flooding, we are currently considering amendments to the Keckwick Brook Storage Basin inlet structures (at Wharford Farm) aimed at bringing the flood attenuation into use earlier and more frequently than it is currently designed to operate. This would reduce the level of the brook downstream in storm conditions, with the intention of reducing the frequency and severity extent of flooding at the subway. We are in discussions with The Environment Agency and our Consulting Engineers to examine any potential and unintended impacts of this on the reservoir, before any changes are made.



The Environment Agency – Flood Hotline

Following the Environment Agency’s recent visit to the parish council, a dedicated number had been supplied to the Clerk. Both the website and the parish council boards had been updated with this information.

433 Any other matters arising for future discussion

Future visitors

Agency	Visitor	Meeting
HCA	Richard Jones	December 2015
HBC	Jeff Briggs	January 2016
HBC	Dave Cunliffe	February 2016

434 Date of Next Meetings

The date of the next parish council meeting is scheduled to take place:

- Thursday 17th December 2015, 7:30pm at Sandymoor School.

The December meeting may be held in an alternative room.

Michelle Cotgreave
Clerk to Sandymoor Parish Council