

Minutes of the Special Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
23RD JULY 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Dave Mackie

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver, Lowri Earith, Kevin Jones, Ryan O’Gorman, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Ralph Small and Darren Sterry.

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

113/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gillian Brockley, Alan Diskin, Glenys Diskin, George Hardcastle and Helen Meredith

114/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

115/18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Approximately 15 members of the public had attended the meeting and in accordance with Standing Order Number 61, the Chairman allowed residents to voice their opinions in order to ensure that the Community Council had been made fully aware of their concerns and comments. A number of valid points were made and had been taken into consideration during the Council’s debate.

116/18 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

Robin Nursaw, Highways Officer, Flintshire County Council, had attended the meeting to share some proposals with the Council relating to a number of issues as follows:

Junction Improvements by Hawarden Cemetery:

Robin shared an outline plan of suggested improvements to the junction with Ash Lane and Cross Tree Lane. This involved the removal of the existing kerb line, build out from existing footway and the installation of tactile paving at each crossing point. A number of questions were asked to which Robin responded accordingly.

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IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept the improvements to the junction with Ash Lane and Cross Tree Lane ensuring that the disabled access to the cemetery would not be compromised.

Changes to the Traffic Road Orders adjacent to the School:

A plan was circulated to members that showed the introduction of additional yellow lines either side of the road for the full distance of Cross Tree Lane. A number of comments and concerns had been raised by members of the public at the start of the meeting and echoed by Members. Although the principle was endorsed, Members had been concerned about the impact on residents, parents and teachers if this proposal had been fully accepted. The safety of children had been paramount but teachers and parents would need to be able to park somewhere. Councillor Kevin Jones asked if Flintshire County Council could speak to the Hawarden Estate office about utilising other areas of land within the vicinity.

The County Council members for the ward had been fully supportive of the proposals but noted that the addition of speed reduction and traffic calming measures would need to be added to the proposal. Councillor Lowri Earith commented that the school did not wish to see the whole of Cross Tree lane with yellow lines either side of the road for the whole distance as this would create problems with parking for parents and teachers but echoed the need for measures on the blind bend.

It was unanimous that the yellow lines be inserted either side of Cross Tree Lane at the point of the blind bend. Some concerns had been expressed about the proposal to add yellow lines either side of Glynne Way for the same reasons as identified above.

In response to questions, Robin confirmed that additional enforcement would be carried out when the scheme had been implemented and that some cones could possibly be used in the intervening period.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) that the proposal, as fully presented, be refused and (ii) that Robin Nursaw review the proposal based on the feedback above and provide an alternative proposal.

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Provision of a right turn into the Farm Estate Shop entrance off the B5125

A proposal had been shared to provide a right turn into the Farm Estate Shop to improve access and egress from the shop. However, a number of concerns had been made that the proposal could provide further confusion for customers when exiting the site and turning in both directions.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Robin Nursaw review the proposal and provide an alternative model for approval.

Footpath improvements and resurfacing of the B5125

Robin provided an update of the proposal to resurface the B5125 from the Manor Lane roundabout through to the Broughton roundabout with implications to improve the footpath on one side.

Whilst this proposal had been welcomed, some concerns had been shared about the need to improve the roundabout layout at Manor Lane and further re-surfacing had been required on the B5125 strip from the Boar's Head in Ewloe to Northop Hall.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the proposals.

117/18 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chairman advised Council that Councillor Helen Meredith would be moving out of the area and might wish to resign from the Council.