

MERE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH, 2017
AT 7.30PM, THE MERE

PRESENT

Cllr J Duncalf
Cllr B Reynolds
Cllr L Reynolds
Cllr J McGuire
Cllr J Patterson (In The Chair)
Cllr D Walker
Cllr J Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr D Norcott

Mr John Atkinson, HS2
Mr Chris Burrows, Costain
Cllr O Hunter, Cheshire East Council
Two members of the public

ACTION

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Mere Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd January 2017 were proposed by Cllr Duncalf and seconded by Cllr Walker to be a true and correct record. All agreed.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

3 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was agreed that all issues rising from the previous meeting are covered under the agenda headings.

4 **POLICE REPORT**

The latest report received from the police had been forwarded to the councillors prior to the meeting. There was nothing relating to Mere.

5 **HS2 – PRESENTATION FROM MR JOHN ATKINSON**

Mr John Atkinson, Engagement Manager, North West Region, Phase Two, Development Directorate, HS2 Ltd gave a presentation to the council. He is Manchester based and he joined HS2 last November. Below is a summary of his presentation.

The preferred rail alignment passes beneath the A50 in a deep cutting – *In order to span the A50 over the cutting a new bridge deck will be required for the road.*

It will be constructed off line to minimise impact and disruption. Once the new bridge deck is in place traffic will switch onto the new bridge and work can then begin to construct the rail cutting. There is thus a minor realignment in that the road will probably shift approximately 20 meters south at the crossing.

There is no intention to cut off Hoo Green Lane – *Work will be undertaken during the forthcoming design stage to determine the most appropriate highway solution to maintain Hoo Green Lane. A bridge is one of a number of possible solutions as well as diverting the road to connect with the A50 on the west side of the rail cutting whilst separately maintaining local access to the properties on Hoo Green Lane and Oakwood Road on the east side of the cutting. Any new alignment will be constructed off-line first and will only switch from the existing route once the new route is in place.*

Peacock Lane – Work will be undertaken during the forthcoming hybrid bill design to determine the most appropriate highway solution to cross Peacock Lane. This is likely to consist of two bridges. One over the HS2 mainline and one over the Manchester Spur. New bridges will be constructed off line.

Noise Impact – Noise impacts will be determined as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Key Milestones - Consultation	-	November 2016 – March 2017
Design Work	-	2017-19
Environmental Impact Assessment	-	2018-19
Hybrid Bill	-	2019
The first trains to run on the line will be in	-	2033.

The Chairman thanked Mr Atkinson for attending the meeting. Mr Atkinson then left the room.

6 **KNUTSFORD TO BOWDEN BY-PASS**

Mr Burrows gave a report on the opening of the new by-pass.

After initial issues which have now been sorted out the road is working well. Reports have been received from commuters of a 10 minute reduction in journey time.

There are still problems with sat navs especially as Google is still showing the old road. A resident Mrs Lise Hough had expressed concern in an e-mail to Mr Burrows regarding vehicle headlights glaring into her bedroom. This is very distressing as she suffers from migraine. Mr Burrows confirmed that the issue has been sorted via landscaping at the A50 new round-a-bout.

The opening ceremony for the by-pass will take place on the 24th March. Cllr Patterson will be attending.

Mr Burrows stated that with regards the de-trunking of the old A556 a meeting is to be called to which Mere PC will be invited to attend.

The Chairman thanked Mr Burrows upon his excellent work in getting the by-pass built and open on schedule. A round of applause was given by the councillors.

Mr Burrows thanked the council and stated he will be around for a while yet to oversee any issues and also some work on the de-trunking of the old A556.

Mr Burrows then left the meeting.

7 **DE-TRUNKING – A556 (B5569)**

Mr Simon Skates has replied regarding the councils concerns and comments that he hopes problems will not materialise but that if they do it is expected they will do so during the first twelve to eighteen months of the road environment changing. He will ensure that monitoring will start early.

A Mere resident Mr Alan Newnes has spoken to Carol Griffiths asking litter picking etc, to be carried out on the B5569 now that the new by-pass is open

Cllr Duncalf proposed that the Clerk write to Carol Griffiths reminding her of Mr Newnes request. Seconded by Cllr Patterson. All agreed.

KJW

8 **WINTERBOTTOM LANE/HOO GREEN LANE**

An e-mail has been received from Simon Wallace in response to the councils earlier e-mail. He replied as follows: “.....As Swineyard Lane was closed off for patching works and as a result we did not have enough left over material to be used in Winterbottom Lane. As Winterbottom Lane has been added to the list for chippings it will be included in a nearby scheme within the next financial year.

9 BONFIRE EVENT – 4TH NOVEMBER 2017

The council is waiting to hear from Mr Stott as to whether he has managed to speak with Lightech Sound and Light to negotiate a lower price for the firework display. This item to be carried over to the next Mere PC meeting in May.

10 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

It has been confirmed that Wendy Sinfield will attend the Mere PC meeting in May to discuss the 2016 data sheets.

Cllr B Reynolds and Cllr Patterson gave a report about the meeting they attended at the airport on the 7th March. One of the main items discussed was a billion pound project which will be starting at the airport in May. It will result in a state of the art transformation.

Complaints about aircraft noise is down by 92%. However in summer only runway 2 will be used which will result in more aircraft noise for Mere. Wendy Sinfield will be sending information to publish in the Mere PC newsletter.

11 TATTON PARK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – CLAMHUNGER LANE

A response has now been received from Graham Jones. A road closed sign will be placed at each end of Clamhunger Lane on the following dates.

<i>June 3rd and 4th</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Car Show</i>
<i>June 24th and 25th</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Cancer Research Race For Life</i>
<i>July 1st and 2nd</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>American Car Show</i>
<i>July 19th to 23rd</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>RHS Flower Show</i>
<i>August 6th</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>VW Show</i>
<i>August 19th and 20th</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Classic Car Show</i>
<i>Provisional – Nov 11th and 12th</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Half Marathon and 10K runs.</i>

12 BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY 2017

The Chairman's name has been drawn as one of the four people from Cheshire to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday 23rd May. The council congratulated him.

13 ARCHIVE

An invoice has been received from Mr Stott for the sum of £93.27. This is for having the old map of Mere framed and ready to display amongst the archive material which is displayed at Mere and Tabley Community Club. The frame is in oak with a flat front face to attach a plaque. It was agreed to discuss if the council wishes to place an engraved plaque on the frame at the next council meeting in May.

14 MERE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – PROGRESS UPDATE

The old website is now closed. However the domain name has been retained and released to the new supplier.

The Clerk is currently converting all the necessary information into PDF files and sending them to the new supplier to load on to the new website.

Cllr Duncalf announced that she will do the Mere PC newsletter until the end of the year only. The suggestion was made to utilise the web site in place of the newsletter. Have a Chairman's page for example.

It was suggested that the web site can be used to advertise the AGM and try to encourage more residents to attend. In relation to trying to get more people to attend the suggestion was made to hold the AGM at the Mere and Tabley Community Club next year. Cllr L Reynolds will make enquiries as to how much it costs to hire the club and will report back at the May meeting.

LR

15 PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS

There have been three new planning applications and four decision notices received since the last Mere PC meeting. Details are recorded in the Planning Book.

iv **AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILS LETTER ON PLANNING TO THE MP**
Council agreed no action to be taken.

v **THE REPAIR SHOP – New BBC2 show looking for sentimental items.**
An e-mail from Ryan who is on the casting team at Ricochet TV part of Warner Bros TV Production UK asks if there is anything in the parish which needs to be repaired for example memorial plaques, snapped weather vanes etc. They would repair at no cost and it would be featured on TV. All items would have to be taken away to the workshop. Cllr Duncalf suggested the AA box at Mere Crossroads. Cllr Duncalf will look into if it is a Grade II listed building first and report back to the council at the May meeting.

JD

19 *The date of the next Mere Parish Council meeting will be Monday 8th May starting at 7:30 with the AGM followed by the council meeting at 8pm.*

20 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

i *Cllr Wright said he had received a telephone call from a resident enquiring about whether there is a defibrillator which is accessible to the residents of Mere. This will be placed on the next meeting’s agenda for further discussion.*

The meeting closed at approximately 9:55pm.

Signed: Date: