

**Minutes of The Antrobus Parish Council Meeting
on Monday 18 Oct 2021 at St Marks Church**

Present

Mr S Batey (Chairman)

Ms C Bailey

Mr A Dunkley

Mrs C Bunn

Mrs H Metcalfe

Mr S Rigby

Mr S Palmer (Clerk)

Open Forum (7:15pm). 10 Villagers attended with 3 representatives from Arley Hall and the traffic management. The traffic management concerns for the popular Harry Potter event, especially in the Jn 20/Arley Straight area, were discussed. Traffic for the first 5 days has been even and without issues. Volumes were about 430 cars per night but are expected to increase to 720 later. Hard standing exists on site for 500 cars. The event lasts 3 months.

Topics discussed and answers given (in brackets):

1 The degree of Cheshire East liaison with CWAC Highways (The Safety Advisory Group (SAG) for CE includes Highways and emergency services, the latter are not restricted to boundaries).

2 Whether the plan was to be reviewed by the SAG part way through the 3 month event (Arley are having regular calls / emails with both the highways team and the SAG to update them on how the event is running and how traffic management within surrounding areas is being managed, the event is under constant review).

3 Preparedness to change routes if there are any pinch points & whether they had pre-prepared alternative routes e.g. due to road blockages or J19 being re-opened which could reduce traffic down Arley Straight (Jun 19 overnight closures are still anticipated. Arley follow Highways advice when looking to make changes. All the plans are dynamic and will be changed when deemed necessary).

4 Whether the Arley team would install speed restriction signs on the approaches in poor weather conditions (This is not Arley's jurisdiction. But they would support a legal speed limit reduction for Arley if proposed).

5 Could Arley control individual cars leaving the event once outside the estate because this was resulting in the noise of accelerating cars all evening up to 12:30am? (Stewards stood on the highway would be a risk and if anything would cause queues and additional noise. Arley have however asked all staff working on the event to leave slowly, carefully and with consideration for our local residents). Arley would amend customer emails to include encouragement to drive slowly on the approaches/exits and be aware that the country roads are narrow and unlit;

6 Arley were clear that emergency vehicles would be given access, e.g. if a car had spun and blocked the lane then other routes are open and the Fire service would be deployed to assist in moving a stranded vehicle on a public highway.

7 In icy conditions Arley would grit the Arley private roads, or put in other safety measures, after an ongoing safety review.

8 They would consider 'residents only' signs (though they can be abused) if monitoring shows traffic is using routes other than those signposted.

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9 At the PC's request, Arley have provided an emergency mobile help number for Antrobus villagers if there are problems on any particular night, such as getting out. This number is 07596 993788.

The chairman thanked Arley for accepting the PC invitation to attend, welcomed future communication between Arley and the PC and said that it is in all our interests for Arley to be financially sustainable, though we had at the same time to find practical solutions for any stakeholder issues.

The meeting started at 7:35pm

1. **Apologies for unavoidable absence** were received from Mr P Harrison, Mr C Wright, Mrs H Vanek and Ward Cllrs N Wright, L Gibbon and P Marshall.
2. **Member's Declaration of interest** - none
3. **Minutes** of the Meeting on 20 Sep 2021 - **(21/51) RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
4. **Matters Arising**

A Healthwatch promotional van will attend Village Hall Carpark on Wed 17 Nov 10-2pm. Pavement & grids to be reported. The 'Tommy' Silhouette is in place and the press are being contacted. Lowe Crescent sign is to be replaced. A commendation to R Betts has been given and a gift is in hand. The Parish meeting arrangements for 19 Oct are in place.
5. **Planning**
 - 5.1. An update on different types of low cost housing was given by the clerk, with financial examples of 'shared ownership' and some risks to maintaining low cost over multiple occupation. Water retention in heavy rain is to be achieved through a SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage System) under the estate road.
 - 5.2. **(21/52) RESOLVED** to note planning decisions and comment on applications (appendix 3).
 - 5.3. Enforcement – a location in the village has been referred to Planning.
6. **Highways**
 - 6.1. Arley Harry Potter experience – potential impact on highways – The emergency mobile help number 07596 993788 will be advertised.
 - 6.2. Flood prevention –the Flood Equipment Hub is in place. At least 3 flood reports have been commissioned by CWAC There are powers of enforcement for unmaintained land drainage. All relevant landowners will be identified and encouraged to check drainage.

- 6.3. A 12 step Community Resilience Toolkit is available.
Improvement suggestions for the draft Community Emergency Plan will be made by all before the next meeting.
- 6.4. Signage – an artist is working on design ideas.
- 6.5. Cheshire 10k – Arley have stated that the event will not be renewed next year.
- 6.6. Appleton Thorn HGV signage – to consider applying for a change – deferred.
- 6.7. Barbers Lane road closure – noted that it was ridiculously extensive for such a small problem.
- 6.8. New Highways concerns
Caution corner, Barbers Lane has crumbled some more – been reported.
- 7. Open Forum** – Cheshire West & East are to be asked if they liaise with CWAC Highways over traffic near the border. Arley hall to be invited for a debrief after the Harry Potter event is completed for this year.
- 8. Ward Councillors** – none attended.
- 9. Playground & Defibrillator**
 - 9.1. Weekly Inspections – no new issues
 - 9.2. Painting and repairs – chase for 2nd quote.
 - 9.3. Tree survey – the Village Hall have agreed to commission a survey. Clerk to check frequency with insurance.
 - 9.4. CPR training – **(21/53) RESOLVED** to book a course for 20 people for £220.
- 10. Accounts, Finance & Legal**
 - 10.1. The accounts in Appendix 1 were noted.
 - 10.2. **(21/54) RESOLVED** to approve the payments list Appendix 2
 - 10.3. Recent SLCC Conference – topics included biodiversity, tree surveys and insurance, emergency planning, rights of way, community engagement and Planning system changes.
 - 10.4. Location of future meetings – **(21/55) RESOLVED** to make Antrobus St Marks Church the primary location.
- 11. Consultations since last meeting**
Impact of Covid on Council Business. Speeding Issues.
- 12. Representatives & Working Groups** – The PCSO recently performed a speed check on Knutsford Road. She will be asked to attend, confirm contact methods and inform us when she next does a speed check.
- 13. Notable Correspondence.**
Cheshire Fire Authority annual report 2020. Digital Skills courses Northwich library. Inclusive Economy Strategy and Action Plan - Master-planning & Community Regeneration workshop invitation. Village hall – Jubilee event 2-5 June. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons guide. Cheshire East planning policy SPD.

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The Meeting ended at 9:45pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **held on Monday 15 Nov 2021 at 7.30 pm** at Antrobus St Marks Church. Open Forum at 7:15 pm.

Appendix 1 Accounts for previous month

Current a/c 5 Oct:	£ 10,988.43	Reserve	£ 24,501.51 a/c 3 Sep
Cashbook:	£ 10,888.43	Income:	£ nil

Appendix 2 Payments

Pre-approved, for ratifying: Bewcraft Signs Ltd – Plaque	£ 55.20		LGA 1972 s 111
Clerk – expenses incl. SLCC Conference, Northwich overtime and travel	£ 127.70		LGA 1972 s 111
Northwich Town Council – Play inspection	£ 88.20		LGA 1972 s 111

Appendix 3 Recent planning applications.

[Key: PC Parish Council; PWG Planning Working Group, CW&C Cheshire West]

FOR PC CONSULTEE comment, or noting:

Stretton Airfield car storage facility (2019) proposal letter - to omit the dwelling and increase the number of cars from 50 to 68 – PC 18/10: For private use only, with no racing.

21/03720/FUL Flash Farm Flash Lane CW9 6JX - New stable building and menage – PC 18/10: Object as the development seems exceedingly large for domestic and personal use and is not explained. Conditions should limit the development to non-commercial use and not to have lights, as there is no detail on lighting facilities and light pollution.

21/03610/FUL The Cartwheel Caldwell's Gate Lane CW9 6NX - Proposed garage/storage building on site of former storage building – PC 18/10: Size increase from former building not defined. Response referred to PWG.

CWAC DECISIONS MADE (SINCE LAST MEETING):

none

CWAC DECISIONS AWAITED:

21/00499/FUL Land At Flash Farm, Flash Lane (Appeal)
21/02995/FUL Land At Nook Lane
21/01065/FUL & 21/01066/LBC Crowley Lodge Lane
21/01021/FUL Wildacre Farm Occupation Lane
21/02521/FUL 3 Knutsford Road Antrobus CW9 6NH
21/01935/FUL The Old Barn Knutsford Road CW9 6JN
21/01805/FUL Oak Lodge Barbers Lane CW9 6JT
21/01695/FUL - Laurel Farm Reedgate Lane CW9
21/01065/FUL & 21/01066/LBC Crowley Lodge Lane CW9 6NR
21/00205/FUL Sandiway Farm Sandiway Lane CW9 6LD
21/00118/FUL & 21/00119/LBC Gale Moss Farm Arley Road CW9 6NS
21/00747/FUL Land At Caldwell's Gate Lane