

COMBERBACH PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 6.45pm at **Comberbach Memorial Hall**.

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Denise French

Clerk to Comberbach Parish Council

Open Forum

There will be a period of 15 minutes before the meeting starts for members of the public to raise any issue that relates to Comberbach. The Open Forum will start at 6.45pm and the formal agenda below will start after that. The period of public participation may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies for unavoidable absence.

2. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest on any matters on the agenda

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 July 2024 (attached)

4. Progress reports and updates

4.1 Resilience Plan – Julie Barnard, Planning & Exercise Officer, Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team will attend to answer any queries on the draft Resilience Plan for Comberbach (draft plan attached)

4.2 Funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire – following discussion at the previous meeting to note that the PCC and his team are currently working to determine his priorities for the coming year and subsequently are yet to determine what funds may be available to bid for by community groups.

5. Cheshire West and Chester Councillors updates

To consider any updates from CWAC Councillors.

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6. Recreation Area & Pump Track

6.1. To consider the regular update from the Chairman

6.2 To consider the reports from the regular inspections (attached)

6.3 To consider future play inspections. The Recreation Area is currently inspected annually by Playsafety Ltd and licenced by ROSPA.

The Parish Council has not conducted an audit to review costs for the annual inspection to assess how competitive is the price for a number of years.

The Council is recommended to:

(a) seek a quote from an alternative supplier who is ROSPA licenced to ascertain costs and forward the April report to playinspections.co.uk to prepare a quote.

(b) confirm that the quarterly operational inspection will continue with Northwich Town Council in July, October and January with the annual inspection by a RSOPA licenced company taking place in April.

7. Highways and Streetscene

7.1 To consider writing to the Head of Highways, CWAC to ask why the new interactive gullies map is not updated after a gully has been cleaned, and that gully drains are showing dates in June 2024 as still not updated or cleaned.

7.2 To consider writing to the Head of Highways, CWAC seeking information on the costs incurred on pothole repairs and patching works on Gibb Hill over the past few years since the resurface carried out in 2017 and asking why no one in Highways, until the intervention of Dylan Jones Highways Engineer in March 2024, agreed that a resurface was more cost effective

7.3 To ascertain if areas fronting a hedge and the highway can used for wild flower seeding.

8. Accounts and Financial Matters

8.1 To note the accounts for 31 July 2024 in Appendix 1

8.2 To approve the payments list in Appendix 2.

8.3 Defibrillator at the Post Office

To note that in accordance with the Financial Regulations and following consultation with the Finance Committee members, a replacement defibrillator was purchased for

installation at the Post Office. The existing defibrillator was out of warranty and would require £1,000 to repair.

The new defibrillator has an 8 year warranty and CPR pads suitable for both adults and children. The Zoll AED 3 Fully Automatic Defibrillator cost £1,434 plus a carry case £142.80, including VAT.

9. Projects and events

9.1 Christmas music concert – to note that the Barnton Silver Band has been booked for Saturday 23 November from 7.00pm – 9.30pm. To consider any further arrangements.

9.2 VE day – this is Thursday 8 May 2025, there will be an opportunity to light the beacon and hold a similar commemorative event to D Day earlier this year. To consider any further details.

9.3 Footbridge in Marbury Park – Councillor McDermott has requested an item on the agenda to consider the repair/replacement of a foot bridge in Marbury that joins Marbury Park to the Anderton side of the Hollows and means pedestrians do not have to use the dangerous park along the main road. To consider whether to progress exploring this proposal.

9.4 Consultations – to note the following consultations and consider whether the Parish Council wishes to respond:

(a) Campaign by Lord (Don) Foster regarding the safety of Lithium ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters (information attached)

(b) Manchester Airport Noise Action Plan

[Noise Action Plan | Manchester Airport](#)

(c) CWAC Housing Strategy

[Housing Strategy Consultation | Participate Now \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](#)

9.5 Access to broadband

Some residents have been in contact with Councillors about difficulties with connecting to broadband. To write to the Director of Customer Services, Marie Danby at Freedom Fibre, to ask her that she contacts the approved ISP's who are using the Freedom Fibre fibre to confirm that all houses in Comberbach (excluding some outlying areas) are available for a connection as confirmed with Freedom Fibre in November last year at the FF drop in session. To inform FF that residents are speaking to their nominated ISP's who say that there is no connection availability.

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10. Planning

10.1 To note in appendix 3 any decisions by CW&C and consider or note decisions advised by the planning working group.

10.2. To consider any new Enforcement matters.

10.3 The Chairman noted from the previous meeting the approval for a dropped kerb on the drive for 22 Cogshall Lane.

It is noted that an additional dropped kerb has been installed to 10 Cogshall Lane and to ask Planning if a retrospective application has been submitted, and to ask Highways if they have had any follow up from their visit last year, as the footpath has not been reinstated with a top surface of tarmac.

10.4 Sale of land fronting The Avenue

To note the email received from the new owners of the parcel of land fronting The Avenue to the corner of Budworth Lane and the information received that the owners intend to manage this land for nature.

The Parish Council to consider writing to CWAC Highways to ask whether the grassed area fronting the gate entrance on Budworth Lane can be left unmown

11. Correspondence

To consider the correspondence schedule along with a verbal update on any correspondence received since the agenda was published (to follow)

12. Representative Reports

To consider updates from Councillor representatives:

- Comberbach Memorial Hall Management Committee – Cllr McDermott
- Police Liaison – Cllr Chandler and the latest update from the PCSO Di Wiggins is attached
- School Liaison – Cllr McDermott
- Litterpick – Cllr Johnston
- Fete Committee – Cllr Ryder
- Bowling Club – Cllr Darwin

Part 2 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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To resolve under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

13. Quote for tarmacking works at the car park

To consider the quote for tarmacking works (attached)

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 6.45pm

Appendix 1 Accounts for 31 July 2024

Current account	£24,285.65	Reserve	£28,616.42
Cash book	£52,902.07	Reconciliation:	0

Appendix 2 Payments

Item	Amount	Power
PKF Littlejohn – External Audit 23/24, inv 0213	£252.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Northwich Town Council – Inspection, inv 7763	£60.00	LGA 1972 s 111
J Ryder – Timber for repairs	£135.05	LGA 1972 s 111
Northwich Town Council – Zipline works, inv 7796	£1,218.00	LGA 1972 s 111

Pre-Authorised Payments

Item	Amount	Power
PAP2413 – HAGS, zipwire beams inv 96988	£654.38	LGA 1972 s 111
PAP2414 – Barnton Silver Band, deposit for Nov	£100.00	LGA 1972 s 111
PAP2415 – Synchroprint, CVN July inv 6608	£232.32	LGA 1972 s 111
PAP2416 – Defib Warehouse, inv 154265	£1,576.80	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Babble, MS Office license Jul 24	£23.50	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Babble, MS Office license Aug 24	£23.50	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Tesco Mobile, Jun 24	£7.50	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Tesco Mobile, Jul 24	£7.50	LGA 1972 s 111

Appendix 3 Recent planning decisions by CW&C

APPLICATION DETAILS	DATE OF VALIDATION	CURRENT POSITION
21/05070/OUT - Outline planning permission for a mixed use development of up to 1,550 units of residential dwellings including	Wed 22 Dec 2021	Awaiting decision

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affordable housing (subject to viability); specialist accommodation for older people including residential care home; local centre and active ground floor uses comprising up to 600 sqm of flexible floorspace for retail (including small convenience food store); up to 275 sqm of health, nursery and community; up to 7,700 sqm of employment space; up to 950 sqm of cafe, restaurant, takeaway and public house floorspace; up to a 2,250sqm (up to 2FE) primary school with associated playing fields (Use Class F1(a)); and associated road infrastructure, landscaping (including Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems), public realm and amenity space (all matters reserved except for vehicular access), land at Winnington Works		
21/01937/S73, Single storey side and rear extension and creation of first floor (Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (materials) of planning permission 19/01832/FUL), 31 Senna Lane	Fri 30 Apr 2021	Awaiting decision
23/03026/FUL - Conversion of an existing stable block into guest accommodation, a domestic study and a security office. Conversion of an existing manage into an all weather sports pitch. Relocation of an existing garden maintenance shed. Construction of a new gym. Construction of a garage. Associated external works., Cogshall Hall, Senna Lane Also an application for Listed building consent	26 September 2023	Approved
24/00177/FUL - Two storey, part single storey side extension, single storey rear extension, front canopy porch and detached garage to replace existing. 18 Senna Lane Comberbach	23 January 2024	Awaiting decision
24/00595/FUL - Relocation of existing equine building and the siting of a new stable block with access track and hardstanding area Land Off Senna Lane, Comberbach	26 February 2024	Awaiting decision
24/00958/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling - Resubmission of planning application 23/02023/FUL, Hill View, Hough Lane	28 May 2024	Awaiting decision

24/00647/FUL - steel framed building, Ivy Lodge Farm	3 June 2024	Awaiting decision
24/02049/FUL – single storey garden room, 11 Kennelwood Road	12 July 2024	Awaiting decision
24/01734/FUL - Demolition of the existing dwelling and outbuildings, including removal of the mobile home, and the erection of a replacement dwelling - Brookside Farm, Cogshall Lane	27 June 2024	Awaiting decision