

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21st JUNE 2021 at ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

PRESENT: Councillors Norman Jones (Chair), Gwyneth Bullock, Jean Fairbrother, Ashley Griffiths, Barbara Hinds, Bob James, Chris Jones (County Councillor), Alex Lewis, Mary Southall, Mike Walker, Brian Ward and David Wisinger (Vice-Chair).

Peter Richmond: Clerk and Financial Officer
Three members of the public

21/32 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC – OPEN FORUM

Major concern was expressed by Hawthorn View residents by email and those at the meeting about the major problems being experienced as a result of the nearby residential developments at the Northern Gateway Airfields Site - drainage / flooding issues, nearness of new properties to existing properties, height of the new properties, hours of operation, noise levels and dust.

The Clerk advised that on 20th June 2021 he emailed Flintshire County Council and Eden Planning that Council is receiving more complaints from Hawthorn View residents outlining their ongoing serious issues with regards to the impact of the adjacent Airfields development and I'm advised that some residents will be attending Council's meeting tomorrow

I am advised that the ground on the new development has been raised about 11ft and residents fear that they are going to be further flooded. They have already been flooded on two occasions since the housing development works had started. The water authority had to be called on both occasions. A tanker was on site for 24 hours to assist. Urgent action needs to be done about the drainage as the water runs down to properties off the site now as it is the lowest point. Residents are frightened by this serious risk.

Properties are vibrating - This is especially when pile driving is carried out plus the heavy vehicles on site are also causing the properties to shake. I am advised that residents have noted that the timbers in their roofs have started to creak.

With all these problems residents are extremely concerned about the future value of their properties

Can you please advise on what Council should be saying to the Hawthorn View residents and who they and Council should be complaining to?

A reply was received from Eden Planning prior to the meeting outlining that Council should advise the residents that we have discussed with officers at Flintshire and have passed your email onto Planning Enforcement who will decide on an appropriate course of investigation and action with the Pollution Control team.

Please note however, that the level raising was approved in the original outline application and Natural Resources Wales were satisfied with the surface water drainage strategy. Local flooding events are likely to occur due to the fact that the existing properties lie within a flood plain. FCC Officers have previously visited the site in an enforcement capacity but could not find any evidence of surface water originating from the new development.

Whilst we appreciate that the issues you have raised will be worrying for residents, some disturbance during construction does occur and is reasonably necessary. Unless the contractors act outside of the planning permission and its conditions there is no action that can be taken. This is what the enforcement team will determine.

The Council and Eden are continuing to urge the owner / applicants to engage more effectively with their neighbours and the wider community.

RESOLVED – that Eden Planning and Flintshire County Council be asked to arrange as a matter of urgency a site meeting for the County Councillor, members of Sealand Community Council, officers from Eden Planning, officers from Flintshire County Council to meet with representatives from Countryside Properties. Drainage and the obvious risk of flooding is the major concern for this area of Garden City.

21/33 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mikael Khan

21/34 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted at the beginning of the meeting.

21/35 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 17th MAY 2021

The Chair advised that he attended the site meeting with Pochins on 10th June 2021.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/36 MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MAY 2021

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Council held on 17th May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

21/37 REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

A visit to St Bartholomew's Church was held on Monday 24th May 2021 at 5pm so that members of Council could view the meeting arrangements and the arrangements to ensure COVID compliance. All in attendance agreed the venue was suitable for its meetings and the venue met Covid compliance requirements. The rental charge will be covered under the Local Govt Act 1972 (\$150).

One Voice Wales have advised that Council can resume face to face whilst One Voices Wales are in discussion with the Welsh Government regarding the requirements set out in Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The Clerk outlined the arrangements should a member of the public request Section 47 attendance to not attend the meeting but to be able to hear and be heard. One Voice Wales advised that the outlined requirements of Section 47 should be put on hold pending their further advice. The One Voice Wales Chair and CEO are now going to see the (new) minister directly.

On the notification of the June 2021 meeting members of the public were advised that they are welcome to attend the meeting. There will be an "Open Forum" not exceeding 10 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to raise any issues with the Community Council. However, especially as we ease out of Covid restrictions if you would prefer to ask the Clerk to raise an issue on your behalf, please contact the Clerk on sealandcc@gmail.com.

This will be a socially distanced meeting and all attendees must wear a face covering and provide contact details on admission.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/38 CHAIR'S FUND 2021/22

The Clerk reminded Council that the agreed spend for the Chair's Fund for the 2021/22 financial year is £800.00. Payments being made under expenditure powers - Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S11).

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/39 POLICE ISSUES

Community Speed Watch – Sealand Avenue, Welsh Road and Sealand Road

Councillor Mike Walker has asked John Morris at North Wales Police for the purchasing details for Council to obtain a speed radar gun estimated cost £125. Expenditure being under Power of Wellbeing 2000. Expenditure to go against Council's S137 limit. The Clerk will contact John Morris at North Wales Police on this issue and also to advise that Councillor Ashley Griffiths is replacing Councillor Mike Walker to organise community speed watch at Sealand.

Request John Morris North Wales Police if he could arrange for the police traffic van down to be taken down to Amazon to monitor the traffic ignoring the no right turn onto the B5441

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

Sealand – Police walkabout in the area – Date to be Rearranged.

Constable Scott Noble 2884 advised on 8th June 2021 that second "grab a gripe" for Sealand/Garden City has been arranged for 1st July 2021. Scott asked the Clerk to advise all members of Council and for them to advise Scott if they wish to attend and to outline their preferred area to walk around. This was actioned on 8th June 2021. Scott has now advised that the date will need to be rearranged.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/40 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

a) Underpass - Foxes Lane

RESOLVED – that Wayne Jones be asked to inspect the underpass and to advise Council on its current position.

b) Ferry Lane Footbridge – Noise Nuisance

Wayne Jones contacted Ian Bushell on 25th February 2021 asking if there are any updates about the footbridge Sealand community Council are asking if there is any progress. Following the April meeting Ian Bushell was asked to provide a progress report. No reply.

The County Councillor advised that she will request a progress report from Ian Bushell.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

c) Car Sales – Sealand Road / St. Bartholomew's Court

It was reported that the external on-site lighting is currently not working. The County Councillor advised that the site is the subject of a planning application.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

d) Deeside Lane

The County Councillor advised on the latest problem at Deeside Lane involving organised motor bike scrambling. All complaints and incidents have been recorded and are being investigated by the County Council's Public Protection and Planning and by the Environment Services.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

e) Car Park – Welsh Road (Griffiths Pharmacy)

Following the April 2021 meeting Lee Shone and Ian Bushell were asked to provide a progress report. No reply. The County Councillor advised that she will request a progress report from Ian Bushell.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

f) Safer Routes in the Community's bids – Ferry Lane – 30 mph

Wayne Jones contacted Richard Flood on 25th February 2021 regarding Ferry Lane and safer routes funding for a footpath to be installed. Wayne has previously put this forward as a scheme as the road is joining up two cycle networks and there are a lot of caravan and camping visitors to that area. Following the April 2021 meeting a progress report was requested from Anthony Stanford and a reminder has also been sent.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

g) Dandy's Top Soil – Sealand Road

On 16th March 2021 Mandy Lewis, Development Manager confirmed that the consultants have visited the site and begun investigations. She will seek an update from them and will advise Council. The County Councillor advised that the site is now the subject of an Enforcement Order.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

h) Sealand Ditches – Sealand Manor

Deferred pending further updates.

i) Matched Funding Scheme – 2021/22 – Play Equipment

Richard Roberts, Aura's Play Design Officer advised on 7th June 2021 that the deadline for the Match Funding expressions of interest has now expired, so they are collating all the responses and in due course an expenditure code will be set up. Richard will chase this up and he is aware of how important the proposed Sealand Community Council match funded scheme is.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

k) Vehicle being driven on to grass verge at Meadow View, Sealand Manor

Clara Owen, Neighbourhood Housing Officer advised on 27th April 2021 that Capital Works have advised that they have yet to finalise this financial year's Environmental Works Programme but are aiming to complete that process by Friday 7 May 2021.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

l) Airfields Development Site - Refer to Minute 21/32 as above.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

m) Chelsea lime tree - Old Sealand Road – Tree Preservation Order

RESOLVED – that Stuart Body be asked if he will be carrying out further checks on this particular tree.

n) Children's Play Areas - Need to improve signage – No Dogs

Wayne Jones copied in Council to his email dated 21st January 2021 asking Environmental Services to confirm that these areas are on the order for marked sports pitches as there are a lot of people using the sports pitch to walk their dogs. Wayne has also witnessed dogs inside the play areas on Welsh Road and Sealand Manor. Following the April 2021 meeting of Council Wayne Jones was asked to submit a progress report.

RESOLVED – Paul Edwards be asked to provide a progress report.

o) Parking Complaints / Speed Limit Review – B5441 – Amantola

RESOLVED – that Paul Edwards be asked to provide a progress report regarding the date of the next Flintshire speed limit review.

p) Safer Routes to School – Garden City – Sealand Primary School

Anthony Stanford, Transport Manager confirmed on 1st April 2021 that the speed limit review is an ongoing process and our next stage will be to formalise the proposals (Make the legal Order) based on the speed limits that were advertised last year. He has requested a member of the Team to assess the route in accordance with the current speed limit criteria and to provide an update on the

outcome. Should the route meet the requirement for a reduced speed limit, then this can be taken forward through the formal advertisement process.

RESOLVED – that Katie Wilby be asked to provide a progress report.

q) Land to the east of Sealand Manor – Infilling of Drainage Ditches

Neil Parry previously advised that he will shortly meet with Councillor Mary Southall concerning the drainage ditches. A reminder has been sent to Neil.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

r) Sealand Road – Speed Limit Change Point 50 to 40 mph

Ian Bushell has advised that Technical Officers have reviewed the speed limit signs at the location as described below and the situation can be improved with additional 40mph repeaters. These will shortly be installed.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/41 COUNCIL'S STREET LIGHTING

All of the Council's 69 street lights are working. There have been a few recent repairs to lights at Ferry Lane and Riverside Park. The lighting stock reduces to 59 on 1st April 2022 with the replacement and adoption of columns 138 to 140, 154 to 157 and 160 to 162 - 10 in total – Riverside Park / Stoneleigh Close. Cost per column being £2,150.00 - total cost £21,500.00. That leaves 14 columns at Riverside Park to be replaced and adopted over the next two financial years. Jamie Bennett has advised that the lighting works will be undertaken in July 2021.

The Council's remaining street lights are at Cedar Avenue, Deeside Lane(unadopted), Ferry Lane, Hawthorn View, Manor Road (unadopted section), Riverside Park, Station Cottages (unadopted) and Villa Road.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**21/42 SECTION 137 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
PAYMENT OF GRANTS**

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes

The appropriate sum for the S137 Expenditure Limit for the purpose of Section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the calculation of the Free Resource Base is based on the local population taken from the current electoral role.

The amount per elector is £8.41 and this applies to the 2021/22 financial year. The most recent electoral role from Flintshire County Council at December 2020 indicates a total of 2152 (Sealand East 874 and Sealand West 1278). The amount per elector of £8.41 produces a total of £18,098.32

Allocated spend in 2021/2 is Section 137 grants of £2,200 and for school milk £2,000. The expenditure on free school milk comes under well-being (Local Government Act 2000, Sections (1-5) - this power is again restricted again by the S137 limit £8.41 for 2021/22. There haven't been any Section 137 payments so far in the 2021/22 financial year.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/43 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised on the planning applications have been received from Flintshire County Council.

PA Number	Application details	Location
061585	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval (059635) for the erection of 104 no. dwellings with associated infrastructure	at Former Corus Garden City site, Garden City, Deeside
062898	Application for approval of reserved matters following Outline Approval reference 061125	At RAF Sealand South Camp, Welsh Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2RD
063039	Demolition of the existing single storey rear extension and rear conservatory and the erection of a replacement two story rear extension and single-storey sun room.	Oak Tree Cottage, Old Sealand Road, Sealand, Chester, Flintshire, CH1 6BS
063040	Proposed rear extension and loft conversion, including a dormer roof extension and balcony.	7 Manor Road, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2SB

RESOLVED – that –

- i) no objections be raised in respect of planning applications – 062898, 0603039 and 063040.
- ii) objections be raised in respect of planning application 061585

The Council has major concerns concerning the proposed raising of height with sand and top soil. This will cause vast amounts of dust and noise.

The raising of the height of the site and the consequent higher level of the properties to be built will mean that existing Garden City properties will be overlooked resulting in a loss of privacy and a reduction in amenity value and an increase in nuisance.

Council also requests that all necessary safeguards are put in place during construction to avoid unnecessary negative nuisance to adjacent properties including the risk of structural damage when pile driving is in operation for the construction of foundations. With the nearness to existing properties Council is very concerned that cracks will appear in inner walls

Council has major concerns on the impact of the current drainage of the area which potentially could have a major flooding impact on Garden City

Traffic issues are a major concern as all new traffic will be linked into Welsh Road creating additional pressure on the highway's infrastructure

Council has major concerns about school provision at Sealand Primary School with the high numbers of new pupils that will be living at the to be built additional properties

Council has major concern on the impact of local health facilities – GP surgeries and dentists.

Council would like to see the definite inclusion of the provision of children's play area on the sites in question.

21/43 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The internal auditor on 22nd April 2021 advised that the amount on the Clerk's PAYE can be reduced by £312 pa in respect of the HMRC home working tax allowance. The 2020/21 PAYE amount has therefore been reduced from £11,690 to £11,378.

RESOLVED: - that-

- i) the under mentioned accounts be approved for payment.
- ii) it be noted that the Lloyds Bank charges for the previous period is £7.00 per month with an additional charge of £0.85 per cheque – 4 cheques x 4 = £3.40 - £10.40 in total and for the most recent period is £12.95 – 7 cheques x £0.85 = £5.95

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003428	G. J. Rippon	Staffing Review	£250.00			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003429	P. Richmond	Salary etc. – June 2021	£762.82			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003430	HMRC	June 2021 Tax PR £430.80 and Employers NI £46.94	£477.74			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)

003431	Flintshire County Council	Street Lights Maintenance April 2021 – 69 columns	£146.75			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003432	Flintshire County Council	Street Lights Maintenance May and June 2021 – 69 columns / Repairs at Riverside Park	£688.50			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003433	Councillor Mrs. B. Hinds	Engraving of Chair's Office	£11.25			Local Govt Act 1971 (S111)
Total Spend			£2,337.06			

21/44 INCOME

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank	Interest payment	£0.33
Total		£0.33

RESOLVED – that the income be noted.

21/45 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that all correspondence had been emailed to members of council which did not need reporting at the meeting.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

21/46 FRIENDS OF SEALAND – FIGTREE PROJECT – ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

It was reported that the Church's café will shortly open. Volunteers are being sought to help run the café.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

21/47 PROPOSED FLINTSHIRE COUNTY SUMMER PLAYScheme 2021 - TO FLINTSHIRE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Janet Roberts has advised that they are near the end of the recruitment process. They have written to school sites to confirm use of school fields where appropriate. There have been no issues to date.

The online registration process and all information will be available from 1st July 2021. Details will be forwarded to council for circulation. Welsh Government have confirmed that they are not funding food poverty at play provision, as in previous years. Welsh Government have now committed to funding free school meals throughout the holidays so have confirmed that they will not 'double-fund' via play, for Summer 2021.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS(WALES) ACT 2021

The Act changes the electoral cycle of principal councils and community councils from four to five-year terms. This would bring local government elections into line with the five-year terms for the UK Parliament (as set in the Fixed Term Parliaments Act 2011) and for the Assembly in GoWA 2006.

The electronic publication of documents extends to include making available key information as soon as reasonably practicable, and within seven working days of the community council meeting taking place, and must include: the names of members who attended; apologies for absence; declarations of interest; any decisions taken and the outcome of any votes. This would not apply to any decisions taken in private, or where disclosure of the information would be contrary to any enactment.

NOTE –One Voice Wales have advised that this part of the act and is still being consulted on and will not come into force until May 2022. OVW has been asked if there is an update on this.

From April 2022 community and town councils will have a duty to prepare and publish a report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements. The first report must relate to the financial April 2021- March 2022 and be published as soon as reasonably practicable after April 2022.

NOTE –One Voice Wales have advised that they are seeking clarification on this issue. They have to give us more detail on this. Given the low cash/resource base of many Councils, they can't be looking to set the bar very high. I think we are looking at something quite modest rather than some big glossy production. OVW will keep pushing and let everybody know via emails and the bulletin as soon as we get some detail. OVW has been asked if there is an update on this.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

21/49

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – 2020/21

The Annual Return and all required information as previously outlined by the Clerk were posted to Audit Wales on 10th June 2021

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/50

NOTICE OF AUDIT- 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk referenced the Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights, Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2021. The Clerk outlined the public notice and details of the public inspection arrangements. Inspection runs from 20th August 2021 to 17th September 2021. The notice is required to be displayed on the Sealand notice boards and the Council's web site no later than 6th August 2021. These are now on display.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

21/51

REVIEW OF THE CLERK'S NALC GRADE

At the previous meeting it was resolved that Gwilym J. Rippon - Fellow of the SLCC be asked to carry

out a staffing review and job evaluation for the cost of £250.00 – S112 LGA 1972. Gwilym has now submitted his report which will be an agenda item at the July 2021 meeting.

The Clerk outlined the report and it will be an agenda item for the July meeting of Council.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/52 COUNCIL WEB SITE – JOLORA LTD – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

The Clerk advised on the need to renew the on-going Service Level Agreement with Jolora Ltd. Jolora set up the web site a few years ago and have since managed and maintained the web site ensuring Welsh Government requirements are met and they ensure Council has a fully secure web site.

Summary of service and costs - Jolora Ltd will provide up to 4 hours of maintenance and improvement to the website hosted at sealandcommunitycouncil.co.uk each calendar month in return for a fee of £480 exl VAT paid quarterly in advance of the work being carried out. Jolora Ltd also provide server hosting for the website at a total cost of £150 exl per year.

Sealand Community Council are free to cancel the service without charge at any point prior to invoicing which occurs 30 days prior to the new quarterly period.

Financial Regulations states that when it is to enter into a contract of less than £25,000 where the value is below £3,000 and above £100 the Clerk / RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates.

It would not be comparative or value for money to seek quotations as other web site providers would have to construct a new web site to Council's requirements, load all the required data, deal with transfer of the site domain name, organise server hosting etc. An alternative web site provider would not be able to take over the Jolora site.

RESOLVED – that the –

- i) report be noted.
- ii) requirement to seek alternative quotations be waived.
- iii) Web support services as provided by Jolora Ltd be retained on an on-going arrangement.
- iv) annual maintenance cost of £1920 exl VAT be noted.
- v) separate annual server hosting charge for the website of £150 exl VAT be noted.

21/53 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS – 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk outlined the expenditure and income for the 2021/22 financial year up to cheque number 003432. This information was circulated by email before the meeting.

2021/22 Financial Year		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income				
General Admin Inc. Precept		£19,000.00	£57,000.00	-£38,000.00
Bank Interest		£0.62	£5.00	-£4.38
VAT Refund		£799.60	£800.00	-£0.40
Milk Claims		£0.00	£200.00	-£200.00
Total		£19,800.22	£58,005.00	£38,204.78
Expenditure		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Bank Charges		£34.60	£60.00	-£25.40
Chair's Fund		£0.00	£800.00	-£800.00
Staffing Costs		£3,009.87	£11,396.00	-£8,386.13
Admin Costs inc audit charges		£1,744.05	£2,640.00	-£895.95
Council Web Site		£576.00	£2,400.00	-£1,824.00
Insurances		£669.51	£770.00	£100.49
Defibrillator – LGA Act 2000(S2)		£0.00	£75.00	-£75.00
Play Schemes and New Equipment		£0.00	£10,500.00	-£10,500.00
Highways / Street Furniture Repairs		£0.00	£1,600.00	-£1,600.00
Street Lighting		£1,559.00	£26,950.00	-£26,079.50
Grants – Section 137		£0.00	£2,200.00	-£2,200.00
School Milk – Section 137		£0.00	£2,000.00	-£2,000.00
Total		£7,593.03	£61,391.00	£53,797.97
Current Summary	Balance as at 1 st April 2021 including £25,000 contingency fund.	£45,903.78		
	Total expenditure	£7,593.03		
	Total income	£19,800.22		
	Balance	£12,207.19		
	Overall balance as 21 st June 2021	£58,110.97		
End of Year Prediction	VAT Costs for 2021/22 financial year	£158.09		
	Balance as at 1 st April 2021 including £25,000 contingency fund.	£45,903.78		
	Total anticipated expenditure	£61,391.00		
	Total anticipated income	£58,005.00		
	Anticipated balance for the year	-£3,386.00		
Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31st March 2022		£ 42,517.78		

The site meeting was held to discuss and understand the impact of the development at the Former Corus Garden City site, Garden City, Deeside. Summary of the infrastructure works being undertaken on the Northern Gateway site.

1. The contractor for the works will be PP O'Connor and a letter will be delivered to affected residents informing them of the works and contact details.
2. Upgrading of the existing central access road to an adoptable standard. The upgraded road will include the provision of new road surface, footway, cycle path, lighting and verge. The road will need to be closed during this period with traffic being diverted via Farm Road.

Note - Council has been advised by Pochins that Tata have now informed their staff that the road will closed during the course of the works and that access will only be for emergency vehicles.

3. The finished level of the upgraded road will be approximately 16 inches above the current level.
4. The creation of flood mitigation and defence works including the creation of new swales (ditches), in accordance with NRW's requirements to provide protection and prevent flooding in extreme events.
5. Opening up various areas, around 14 acres, of the site for use as public open space and ecology including pathways and various areas for use of the public.
6. The individual development plots will be raised by approximately 18 inches from their current levels.
7. The finished floor levels of the future housing is set at 5.5m AOD, for reference opposite the site Farm Road is at 5.05m AOD and the existing road through the site is at 5.4 to 5.1 AOD running from Welsh Road to Garden City Drain.
8. During the works the Contractor will take suitable measures such as dampening, signage, tree protection and fencing the works in order to minimise any disruption during the course of the works to the residents and the public.
9. The works will also include the installation of new services, gas, electric, water, foul water and telecoms laid underground in the verges.
10. The existing overhead HV cables running along the road will be diverted and relocated underground in the road verge.
11. The Overhead cables on the 3 pylons adjacent to the River Dee will also be diverted underground, the exact timescale of this work lies with Scottish Power.

12. The approximate extent of the infrastructure works is shown on the attached Public Open Space plan, please note this plan is being reviewed and fine-tuned.

13. On siteworks start on 21st June 2021

21/55 ON LINE MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2021 – HYNET NORTH WEST

Members of Council were invited to a briefing with other Councils along the route. This gave an advanced visibility of the information which will be presented to the public during the consultation.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/56 COUNCILLOR MIKE WALKER – RESIGNATION

Councillor Mike Walker advised he has recently sold his house and in the coming months will be moving out of the area. It is due to this I am writing to Sealand Community Council to tender my resignation. I will be able to attend the July but will no longer be a Community Councillor with effect from after the July meeting. I have served on the Council for approximately 9 years and have found the experience both interesting and extremely rewarding throughout that time. I have met and made many friends while being a part of this community and am sure I will miss you all. Members of the Council and the Clerk expressed their appreciation of the work that Mike has undertaken whilst being a member of the Council. The Clerk advised that he will now advise Flintshire County Council that Council has a vacancy to fill,

REOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/57 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Operation of the River Dee drainage sluice gates

Request for the removal of rubbish – FCC seat cycleway – Foxes Lane to Sealand Road

21/58 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No issues were raised.

21/59 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 19th JULY 2021 – Starting at 6pm at St. Bartholomew's Church

**21/60 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT -
DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Council Member	Item	Minute Reference

The meeting opened at 6pm and closed at 8.15 pm

..... Signed 19th July 2021