

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Constitution Committee**
held on Wednesday, 15th December, 2010 at The Capesthorne Room - Town
Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

PRESENT

Councillor J P Findlow (Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew (for Cllr Livesley), M Asquith, A Kolker (for Cllr Beard),
A Moran, C Tomlinson (for Cllr Jones), R West, P Whiteley and J Wray

Apologies

Councillors D Brickhill, C Beard, R Cartlidge, S Jones, W Livesley and
D Topping

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors J P Findlow, C Andrew, A Moran, R West and P Whiteley
declared personal, non-prejudicial interests in relation to an item in the
minutes of the last meeting concerning the rights and privileges of
Honorary Aldermen and Freeman. They had all been admitted as
Honorary Aldermen by their former authorities and would therefore
become Honorary Aldermen on their retirement from Cheshire East
Council.

36 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public wishing to speak or ask a question.

37 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2010 be approved
as a correct record subject to the following amendment to the resolution of
Minute 27 (Honorary Aldermen and Freeman):

“RESOLVED

That Council be recommended to agree that

- (1) the rights and privileges of all Cheshire East Honorary Aldermen and
Freemen be extended to include:

- a. Admission tickets to the Cheshire County Show and the RHS Flower Show provided for by the Council for themselves and one guest;
 - b. A life Pass for Tatton Park provided for by the Council;
- (2) the rights and privileges of all Cheshire East Members be extended to include:
 - a. Admission tickets to the Cheshire County Show and the RHS Flower Show provided for by the Council for themselves and one guest;
 - b. A life Pass for Tatton Park provided for by the Council;
- (3) the organising committee for the Cheshire County Show, with the support of Cheshire East Council, be invited to consider the reintroduction of a lunch for civic and other dignitaries on a similar basis to that organised by the former County Council with tickets being offered to Cheshire East Honorary Aldermen and Freeman, Members or other local dignitaries on the basis that the cost of the tickets would be met by those invited."

[Note: at the Council meeting on 16th December 2010, the minute was further amended by the deletion of the word 'life' from resolution 2(b).]

38 WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - OUTCOME OF STAGE 2 CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Wilmslow Community Governance Review Sub-Committee following the second stage of public consultation.

The Sub-Committee's minutes were circulated at the Committee's meeting. These made recommendations on the creation of parish councils, numbers of councillors, warding arrangements and transitional arrangements. The Sub-Committee had also considered proposed budgets for the first year of operation of the new councils and had resolved that these be considered further and revised in agreement with the Chairman for recommendation to the Constitution Committee and Council. An addendum to the Sub-Committee's minutes, setting out the budgets and indicative Council tax levels agreed with the Chairman, was circulated at the Committee's meeting, together with a number of detailed indicative budgets which the Chairman had considered.

RESOLVED

That the Committee having taken into account all responses made during the Second Stage of consultation, and the recommendations of the Wilmslow Community Governance Review Sub-Committee, and having

regard to the need to ensure that Community Governance within the area reflects the identities and interests of the Community, and is effective and convenient, Council be recommended to affirm its recommendations made on 22nd July 2010 and that:

(1) having regard to comparator information for Parish Councils in Cheshire East, and having regard to electoral equality, three new parishes be created and the number of Councillors to serve on each of the new Parish Councils be as follows:

- a. Handforth: 7 Councillors
- b. Styal: 7 Councillors
- c. Wilmslow: 15 Councillors

(2) four wards be created for the Wilmslow Parish and named as follows, to provide as far as possible coterminous boundaries for electoral purposes:

- i. Wilmslow West (comprising 5 Councillors: polling districts 8FH1, 8FJ1, 8FG1, 8FC1, 8FA1(part), 8FB1(part), 8FD1(part);
- ii. Lacey Green (comprising 2 Councillors: polling districts 8EK1, 8EA1(part), 8FD1(part);
- iii. Dean Row (comprising 4 Councillors: polling districts 8EA1(part), 8EB1, 8EC1, 8ED1, 8EE1); and
- iv. Wilmslow East (comprising 4 Councillors: polling districts 8FD1(part), 8FA1(part), 8FB1(part), 8FE1, 8FF1)

(3) three wards be created for the Handforth Parish and named as follows:

- i. Handforth West (comprising 3 Councillors: polling districts 8EG1, 8EJ1)
- ii. Handforth East (comprising 2 Councillors: polling district 8EH1); and
- iii. Handforth South (comprising 2 Councillors: polling district 8EF1)

(4) accordingly, and subject to the following, the detailed provisions of the draft Cheshire East Borough Council (Re-organisation of Community Governance) Order 2010, as submitted to the meeting be approved and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to issue the Order and to make any necessary technical and detailed amendments as may be required:

- a. the transitional arrangements for the proposed town and parish councils be dealt with by the Wilmslow Community Governance Review Sub-Committee in consultation with relevant local Ward Members; and

- b. the proposed budgets for the first year of the new councils be as follows:

Wilmslow Parish Council	- £244,275	Indicative Council tax of £23.00 per Band D property
Handforth Parish Council	- £85,000	Indicative Council tax of £28.00 per Band D property
Styal Parish Council	- £8,200	Indicative Council tax of £28.00 per Band D property

(5) in accordance with Section 96 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the necessary arrangements to publicise the outcome of the Community Governance Review.

39 OUTCOME OF MEMBER CONSULTATION: VEHICLE MILEAGE RATES

RESOLVED

That no recommendations be made to Council at the present time with regard to the level of allowances paid in respect of Member mileage and the matter be considered further when the Independent Remuneration Panel has concluded its 2010 review of the Member Allowances Scheme as a whole and reported thereon to the Council.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.32 pm

Councillor J P Findlow (Chairman)