

**APPENDIX TO APC MEETING MINUTES 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016****CORRECTIONS TO STATEMENT ISSUED BY CLLR HILL AT APC MEETING 3 SEPT 2016**

Cllr Hill asked for his statement, as issued to Councillors, to be appended to the Minutes of the September 2016 Parish Council meeting. Following the Working Group review of this matter it was agreed there were incorrect facts in his statement. These are listed below and, to put the correct facts on record, are to be appended to the Minutes of the December 2016 meeting:

- There is no evidence to support the allegation that Cllr Siddorns '*failed in that role* [responsibility for devolution issues] *to progress the project for a very long time*'
- The formal submission to Cheshire East Council (CEC) requesting the asset transfer, in a format required by CEC, was agreed at the July 2015 Parish Council meeting and submitted to CEC on 3 August 2015, not in October 2015 as stated.
- The Parish Council's finance sub-committee was only formed at the July 2015 Parish Council meeting and therefore the statement that '*misleading sums* [were] *put forward by the Parish Council's finance committee (on which the two councillors opposed to the take-over make up the majority) and these misleading figures were even presented to the Council*' is incorrect. Great care had been taken to ensure that the figures presented in the final report to APC were as accurate as possible.
- Cheshire East did not hold consultation meetings for parish Councils in June/July 2016 prior to announcing its new devolution policy. No invitations were therefore received for the Clerk to communicate to Councillors.
- Councillors Siddorns and Seddon are named as delaying the process. The project was overseen by the whole Parish Council. The named Councillors have only two votes out of twelve in any Council decision making and cannot control the way the Council acts or votes.
- No vote could be taken at the September meeting as requested by Cllr Hill since no resolution was tabled on the Agenda. This is required by legislation.

For the purpose of clarity the recent time frame of activity is shown below

3 August 2015	APC's request to CEC to take over the Playing Field Complex submitted
26 May 2016	First indication from CEC that any transfer would be on a 30 year lease when the proposed change to their Asset Transfer Framework was provided. APC asked for a reconsideration
28 June 2016	Meeting held with representatives from CEC to query the change in policy and suggest a full transfer of the playing field and play area in conjunction with Fields in Trust.
1 July 2016	Letter sent to CEC confirming concerns and proposals raised in meeting

- 12 July 2016 CEC Cabinet confirms the new Asset Transfer framework
- 27 September 2016 CEC offers a long lease (99 years) for the playing field only subject to a back to back agreement with Fields in Trust and a 30 year lease for the remainder of the site apart from the Tennis Courts. APC requests a further meeting to discuss the matter
- 19 October 2016 Meeting held with representatives from CEC in which they indicated that if Fields in Trust agreed the play area could be included in the 99 year lease. APC again stressed they were referring to all the 'green' area including the wooded slope to the Shroppie Fly
- 2 November 2016 Letter from CEC confirming the above with the car park still offered on a 30 year lease
- 7 November 2016 APC votes to proceed with the 99 year lease for the 'green' areas and not to proceed with the 30 year lease for the car park.