

**MINUTES OF CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT ST DAVIDS CHURCH ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

PRESENT

Cllrs John Woodward (**JW**) (Chair), Sonia Peacock (**SP**), Patrick Brunt (**PB**), and David Lane (**DL**)

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr M Bailey (Parish Clerk) (**MB**)
Cllr Becky Posnett (Cheshire East) (**BP**)

PART A

227. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Greaves, Hollinshead, and Pope submitted their apologies.

228. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests were made by Members at the meeting.

229. MINUTES – 22nd MAY 2024 (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

The minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 22nd May 2024 were presented to Members for approval.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

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231. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised at the meeting from the above minutes.

- Neighbourhood Planning – Members **AGREED** to gauge interest and the number of volunteers via social media and the website.
- Village Green – the area is being maintained. The bench has been ordered and quotes for signs have been sought.
- Hedges – it was reported that the situation has improved and will maintain a watching brief. Information on the website has been included.
- Post Box – it was reported that the post box had been re-painted.

232. PUBLIC FORUM

The were no members of the public present at the meeting.

233. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial matters.

233.1 Ledger (1.4.24-30.6.24)

Members noted the ledger for the period 1.4.24-30.6.24.

233.2 Budget Monitoring Report (Quarter 1 – April-June 2024)

Members noted the budget monitoring report for the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year. Also attached was a summary of receipts and payments for the same period.

233.3 Internal Audit 2023-24

Members noted that a replacement Internal Auditor is being sought to carry out the above audit.

233.4 Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

Mark Bailey	£500.00 (Clerk Salary July-Sept 2024)
HMRC	£125.00 (Tax Months 4-6 2024/25)
Bluestone Credit	£435.00 (Back Tax)
Glasdon	£978.67 (Village Green Bench)

Members **RESOLVED** to approve these payments.

234. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cheshire East Councillor Becky Posnett attended to update the meeting on issues affecting Cheshire East Council. The following points were raised.

- Finances – still a challenge including relatively large overspends in areas such as Children and Young Families. It was reported that reviews were carried out in areas such as home to school transport.
- Bus Review – this has been carried out and several Bunbury services have been cut.
- Waste Collections – consulting on three weekly collections, as food collections will be weekly in 2026 by law.
- Police Cluster – going well – next meeting is in January 2025. Looking to put in a bulk order for bin stickers relating to speeding. Speaking to various parish councils to see if they would want them in their parishes. It was reported that the next Cluster meeting will be at Worleston Village Hall on 22nd January 2024 at 7pm.
- Recycling Centres – Cheshire East looking to close the centres in the north of the borough, which may result in fly tipping.
- Planning Appeal – this is covered under the Planning Matters item on this agenda.
- Speeding Issues – reported on the various devices available – range from around £2-3,000. Members **AGREED** to consider this matter further. Members further **AGREED** to involve the community in terms of items to be purchased. In terms of the speed gun, it was confirmed that re-training had been completed and that three people are needed for each session, together with information on location from What Three Words.

235. HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

No further issues were raised. It was confirmed that Cllr Lane had been trained on the speed gun. Members agreed that other volunteers would be requested as well as asking others from neighbouring parishes.

236. PLANNING MATTERS

No issues were raised by those present.

236.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council received details of the following planning application.

24/3268N Horseshoe Cottage, Winsford Road CW7 4DL
Proposed renovation of existing Horseshoe Cottage to include external hard and soft landscaping.

Members expressed no objections to the application.

236.2 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Members noted that a consultation was taking place on changes to the NPPF.

236.3 Appeal

Members note that the appeal on planning application 22/4413N is to be subject to an informal hearing on 27th September 2024 at 10am.

It was noted that Cllr Brunt had applied to attend the meeting. It was further noted that the Parish Council had objected to the original application. This will be reiterated at the above meeting. It was mentioned that residents should turn up in number to the meeting.

237. COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

238. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – 7.30pm – St David’s Church.

239. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members agreed to exclude the press and public due to confidential nature of items in accordance with section 1(2) of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This is pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART B

240. WEBSITE

Members **AGREED** to accept the proposal from Re-Coded Solutions for the development of a new Parish Council website.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed pm.

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