

**MINUTES OF CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT ST DAVIDS CHURCH ON 14TH DECEMBER 2022**

PRESENT

Cllrs Cllrs Keith Gilby (**KG**) (Chair) Heather Pope (**HP**), Helen Moss (**HM**), Philip Hollinshead (**PH**), and Patrick Brunt (**PB**).

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sarah Pochin (Cheshire East) (**SP**)

Dr M Bailey (Parish Clerk) (**MB**)

Members of the public

134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr John Woodward (**JW**) and Cheshire East Cllr Sarah Pochin (**SP**).

135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

136. MINUTES – 5TH OCTOBER 2022 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2022 were presented to Members for approval.

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

137. MATTERS ARISING

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

- Delphic Transport – it was reported that there had been some issues regarding HGVs in the area and potential damage to the local road network. No further information had been received from Church Minshull Parish Council and no further information from any other source.
- Former Boot and Slipper site – the latest date for completion is now Easter 2023
- Village Green Plans – yet to be tidied up and confirmed formally – got the land but the technical/legal issues are yet to be sorted out.

138. PUBLIC FORUM

Eleven members of the public were present at the meeting – the following issues were raised.

- Gritting – a resident asked about the latest situation. It was reported that Cheshire East Council had decided not to grit roads in the parish including Long Lane/Winsford Road. It was further reported that the Parish Council had made representations but this had made no difference. Signs are in place, but no gritting is taking place. Grit bins have been sited and CEC has been contacted about this in terms of health and safety and whether the public should be gritting roads

themselves. No response has been received on these points. The Chair advised that members of the public should contact CEC with complaints about this issue.

- Planning – a number of comments were made about Planning Application 22/4413N and these are included in the minute on this item.

139. FINANCIAL MATTERS

139.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.22-30.9.22)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2022-30th September 2022 was noted by Members.

139.2 Budget Monitoring/Receipts and Payments Summary (April-Sept 2022 – Quarter Two 2022/23)

The budget monitoring/receipts and payments summary for the second quarter of the 2022/23 financial year was noted by Members.

139.3 Budget Report/Draft Budget 2023/24

Members considered the budget for the Parish Council for 2023/24.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** the following: -

- (a) That a budget of **£5,415.00** be approved; and
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£5,000** from Cheshire East Council

139.4 Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

Mark Bailey	£500.00 (Clerk Salary Oct-Dec 2022)
HMRC	£125.00 (Tax Months 7-9 2022/23)

Members **RESOLVED** to approve these payments.

140. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Sarah Pochin presented her apologies and did not attend the meeting.

141. HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEEDWATCH

The following issues were raised under this heading.

- Gritting – the Chair reiterated his earlier point that people should complain to Cheshire East Council about this matter.

142. PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning issues affecting the Parish.

142.1 Planning Application

The Parish Council has received notification of the following planning application.

22/4413N Land Adjacent to Long Lane, Long Lane, Wettenhall CW7 4HH

Material change of use of land from stable block, menage and use of land for equestrian use to a mixed use of stables, menage, use of land as equestrian and the siting of caravans for residential purposes and the erection of two dayrooms together with associated hardstanding.

The Chair reported that Cllr Sarah Pochin had called the application in for consideration by the Planning Committee at Cheshire East Council. No developments in the process had been reported at the time of the Parish Council meeting. The Chair also reported that confirmation of the result of the call-in is being awaited.

It was further reported that there had been numerous objections to the application from members of the community, but that more people could provide objections.

It was noted that one resident had incurred costs to obtain legal advice on this matter and there had been contributions to the process from other residents. This process had highlighted issues with the application itself.

The Chair commented that there had been concerns that work could be done with or without permission due to inaction from Cheshire East Council. A resident commented that people should not underestimate the resources available to the applicants throughout the process including the potential for appeal.

PB left the meeting.

A resident asked whether other parish councils need to be informed about this matter. The Chair said that councils such as Alpraham, Darnhall and Eaton could be informed.

The Parish Council agreed that it would object to the application and submit comments to Cheshire East Council.

143. COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION

There were no matters raised under this agenda item.

144. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd March 2022 at 7.30pm at St David's Church.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 8.27pm.

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