

**MINUTES OF CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT ST DAVIDS CHURCH ON 12th JANUARY 2022**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr M Bailey (Parish Clerk) (**MB**)
Member of the public

The Parish Council noted the passing of Margaret Hollinshead, former Chair of the Parish Council.

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

89. MINUTES – 6th OCTOBER 2021 (ANNUAL MEETING)

The minutes of the Parish Council annual meeting held on 6th October 2021 were presented to Members for approval.

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

90. MATTERS ARISING

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

- Delphic Transport – KG reported that he was in touch with Church Minshull Parish Council as they have been seeking to address this issue. KG to ask Church Minshull to continue to investigate issues around the licence.
- Former Boot and Slipper site/Village Green – this work is behind schedule as some workers have had COVID. The completion date is now looking like May 2022. JW/KG had meeting with the developer. It is difficult to know how the land will look, but a boundary will be created, A plan will be sent to the Parish Council showing the existing green and the land gifted. It was confirmed that the Parish Council will not be responsible for the tree and should not seek to own this piece of land. Will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Noise Issues – this relates to South View. KG wrote to South View, but received no reply, Will keep under review.
- Community Emergency Plans – HM/HP will develop a plan which is proportionate to the needs of the parish.

- Grit Bins – HM reported that CEC will place grit bins at the horse bridge on Long Lane, area on Winsford Road by Millbank House, and the Canal Bridge on Wettenhall Road. CEC has said they will put them in these locations given that these roads have been taken off the winter maintenance list. It was agreed that the Parish Council will not provide advice on how to use the bins due to the absence of risk assessments (will refer to Cheshire East Highways). KG has written to the CEO of CEC about these issues but has not received a response.
- Top Up Member Funding – KG has emailed about this but received no response.
- Highways Safety Survey – no updates
- Police Cluster Meeting – KG did not attend and provided apologies.
- Cheshire East Community Governance Review – the Parish Council responded to the consultation by requesting that arrangements be kept as they are and that the Council remains a Parish Council.
- Cheshire Community Action – the Parish Council to become members.
- Flooding – KG reported that he had spoken to Church Minshull PC who are looking to get an action group in place.

91. PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public attended the meeting and raised the following matters.

- Speeding – the resident expressed concerns about speeding in the parish, which have been compounded by gritting issues and the state of the roads. The matter has been reported to the police, but there has not been any action. It is felt there is a danger to properties and two bus stops have no pavements. The support of the parish council was requested on this issue. It was stated that the Parish Council would collaborate with neighbouring parishes to put a plan together for the MP and achieve positive engagement with the police and with CEC. HM said that CEC has a draft Speed Management Strategy under consultation and the Safer Police Partnership is in place in Cheshire East. Not much has happened, however. It was also suggested that the speed gun could be used, and KG will action this.
- Little Man Inn Planning – there appears to be no protection for the 150-year-old pond and there should be mitigation in place. There is also a door in the building area which allows trespass.

92. FINANCIAL MATTERS

92.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.21-30.9.21)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2021-30th September 2021 was noted by Members.

92.2 Budget Monitoring/Receipts and Payments Summary (April-September 2021 – Quarter Two – 2021/22)

The budget monitoring/receipts and payments summary for the second quarter of the 2021/22 financial year was noted by Members.

92.3 Budget Report/Draft Budget 2022/23

Members note the attached budget report and draft budget for 2022/23.

Members requested the following amendments to the budget.

- Budget for room hire changed to £200.00
- Addition of a 'Chair's Fund' item - £100.00

Based on this information, Members **RESOLVED**: -

- That a budget of **£5,565.00** be approved; and
- That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£5,000.00** from Cheshire East Council

92.4 Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

Mark Bailey	£300.00 (Clerk Salary Dec 2021-January 2022)
HMRC	£237.04 (Tax on Salary Months 9-10 2021/22 and NI payment)
ChALC	£25.00 (Training Course)

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments.

93. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Sarah Pochin was not present at the meeting.

94. HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEEDWATCH

The following items were raised under this heading.

- Top-up highways funding – Cllr Pochin was not sure how much is left in her fund – KG/MB to check.
- Highways Safety Survey – agreed to fund the survey – KG/MB to check with Cllr Pochin

- A51 closure – it was reported that the A51 is now open – it was agreed to work with neighbouring parish councils (Calverley) to do an online petition.

95. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters affecting the parish to report.

96. COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION

The following matters were raised under this agenda item.

- Queen’s Jubilee – there are a few ideas in place, including planting a tree on 11th March 2022 and beacon on 2nd June 2022. It was reported that the church will be having a small beacon and Church Minshull PC will be asking the community for their ideas. It was agreed to include in the church magazine and on Facebook (HM to action).
- Speeding Issues – covered under ‘Public Forum’ item above.
- Clerk – to review arrangements for the Clerk.
- Long Lane – safety survey (see Borough Councillor item above).

97. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7.30pm (details to be confirmed).

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 8.50.

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