

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULLVERNON
ON 24 JANUARY 2011**

PRESENT:	Mr D C Forrest	Chair
	Mr K Halford	Vice-Chair
	Mr W Barnes	Mr W T Beard
	Mrs P K Butterill	Mr D N Bebbington
	Mr R Hollinshead	Mr L Horne
	Mrs L Horne	Mr M McGlone
	Mr B Palin	Mr D Preece
	Mr J Whittingham	Mr M Wilson

APOLOGIES: Mr J Winstanley

350 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No Member made any declaration of interest in any item of business on the agenda.

351 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (13 DECEMBER 2010)

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2010 were not available owing to the Clerk's recent injury, and would be submitted to the next meeting for approval.

352 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, a period of 10 minutes was allocated for members of the public to ask questions. Two members of the public were in attendance and raised matters in respect of a proposal to develop an area of land on Parkers Road.

Arising out of discussion, it was agreed that a representative from Bloor Homes be invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

353 POLICE MATTERS

There were no police matters to report.

354 MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr D Preece: Request for Grant from representatives of the Peer Mentoring Programme, Leighton Primary School. This matter had been deferred from the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £500 be made to Leighton Primary School to fund its peer mentoring programme.

355 FINANCIAL MATTERS

355.1 Budget Proposals – 2011-2012

Members considered an updated budget proposals report for 2011-2012 and were invited to set its precept for the following year.

It was agreed that Line 23 (Speed Watch Scheme) be increased from £10,000 to £11,300. The Clerk's salary remained unaltered at £3,162 pa. No other amendments were made.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of £22,000 from Cheshire East Council to fund its budget proposals for the year 2011-2012.

355.2 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payment be approved –

£131.27 Mrs C M Jones – claim for travelling expenses for the calendar year 2010.

Mileage rate, as set by the National Association of Local Councils) 42.9P per mile for a car of up to 999 cc engine.

Audlem-Minshull Vernon return = 34 miles

Attendance at meetings as follows:

11 January, 15 February, 10 May, 21 June, 2 August, 13 September, 25 October
15 November, 13 December

Attendance at 9 meetings = 9 x 34 (miles) = 306 x 42.9P = £131.27

356 TRAILER-MOUNTED VEHICLE DISPLAY UNIT

Church Minshull Vernon Parish Council had submitted a request to hire/borrow the trailer-mounted unit, subject to satisfactory insurance/security arrangements being made. Subsequent to this item being included on the agenda, further information had been received and it was now understood that Church Minshull Parish Council was now making its own arrangements to purchase its own equipment.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

357 UPDATE ON PROJECTS/STANDING ITEMS

357.1 Speed Watch Scheme/Traffic Management

Mr Les Horne reported on recent activities under the Speed Watch scheme and the new Traffic Management Scheme.

During discussion of road safety, comment was made that either a street light, or a light within the church grounds at the entrance to the car park, would be beneficial to users of the church and the community hall. Mr Hollinshead undertook to raise this matter with the Parochial Church Council. An alternative would be for the Parish Council to consider funding the installation of a street light in 2012-2013.

357.2 Local Area Partnership (LAP)

The Parish Council was updated on a recent LAP meeting.

358 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence:

- ChALC Newsletter – January 2011
- Consultation – Hackney Carriage Service within Cheshire East

The Parish Council was invited to comment on this consultation which was intended to harmonise the differing licensing regimes of the predecessor district councils prior to the formation of Cheshire East Council.

No comments were made.

359 SHARED ITEMS

Members shared information –

- War memorial refurbishment –good progress was being made
- The Clerk was asked to report the poor road surface on Moss lane
- A student from Reaseheath College wished to plant 25 trees in the parish at locations yet to be identified by the Parish Council.
- It was suggested that a tree be purchased in 2012 for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

360 NEXT MEETING

7 March 2011

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