

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULLVERNON
ON 7 MARCH 2011**

PRESENT: Mr D C Forrest Chair
Mr K Halford Vice-Chair

Mr W T Beard Mr B Palin
Mr R Hollinshead Mr L Horne
Mrs L Horne Mr D Preece
Mr J Whittingham

IN ATTENDANCE: PC A Kent
PCSO V McKenna

APOLOGIES: Messrs W Barnes, D N Bebbington and J Winstanley

361 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

362 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 13 December 2010 and 24 January 2011 be approved as correct records.

362 MATTERS ARISING (not detailed elsewhere on the agenda)

Minute No. 339: The Clerk was asked to enquire of Cheshire East Highways if the survey on the A530 had been undertaken.

363 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.

There were no questions from members of the public.

364 POLICE MATTERS

PC A Kent and PCSO V McKenna updated the Parish Council in respect of activities within the area. The Parish Council was informed of "engagement dates" which had been arranged with Leighton and Mablins Lane Schools. Car parking on footways was also raised; in particular, on the verges opposite to Leighton Hospital. Unless an obstruction was caused, there was no offence.

365 BLOOR HOMES – DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARISH

The Clerk had made contact with one of the Directors of Bloor Homes (Mr Will Scawn) regarding the proposed development in the parish. Mr Scawn had not confirm whether he would be able to attend the meeting. It was expected that he would be in attendance at the next meeting.

366 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that no objections be raised to the following applications:

10/4836N – Mabllins Lane CP School – timber-framed polycarbonate roofed study area

11/0401N – 10 Wharfdale Avenue, Crewe – single-storey extension

11/0456N – Linear House, Marshfield Bank, Woolstanwood

367 FINANCIAL MATTERS

367.1 Theft of Battery – Trailer-Mounted Vehicle Display Unit

It was reported that the battery from the vehicle display unit had been stolen. The matter had been reported to the Police and to the Parish Council's insurers. TWM of Winsford (the supplier) had quoted £517 for the replacement battery. As the matter was currently being dealt with by the insurers, no further action could be taken at the present time.

367.2 Security Unit

A quotation for the supply of an alarm for the unit was provided. This would reduce the risk of theft in the future.

Two options –

1. A simple Yale keypad operated system @ £ 135.00
2. A silent system that sends text alert messages when the battery cabinet is opened @ £ 480.00

RESOLVED: That the quotation of £135.00, from TWM Systems, be accepted for the provision of a Yale keypad operated system.

367.3 Authorisation of Payment

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

£56.34 Mr L Horne – expenditure to cover the cost of ink cartridges for printing associated with the Speed Watch Scheme and refreshments for the meeting.

£2,042.52 AON Ltd. – annual insurance premium

367.4 Receipts and Payments Statement – 1 April – 31 December 2010

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments Statement for the period to 31 December 2010, tabled at the meeting, be approved.

368 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Members were invited to share information or request the inclusion of items on the next agenda.

- Parish Field: Mr Beard suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider the field for the creation of allotments.

- The Chairman reported on a conference in Congleton at which time Cheshire East Council priorities had been outlined.

369 SPEED WATCH/SIDS SCHEME

Mr Horne reported on Speed Watch activities. He also reported that with effect from 1 April 2011, the two Road Safety Officer posts had been removed from the Cheshire East Council's establishment.

He suggested that the Parish Council consider the establishment of a Working Group to examine matters currently undertaken by the Road Safety Unit.

It was agreed that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

370 LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP (LAP)

The Parish Council received an update on LAP activities and the agreed ward list of Nantwich LAP roadworks for 2011-2012.

371 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received.

- ChALC Newsletter – March 2011. The Parish Council was asked to note that HMRC was changing its arrangements for the treatment of tax payable by Parish Clerks. In future, all Parish and Town Councils would need to be registered as employers. The Clerk was seeking guidance and would provide an update at the April meeting.
- Rural Planning Facilitation Service: gives any rural business/farm, the opportunity to speak to a planning adviser about any diversification or new plans they may have for their business/farm. The Rural Planning Advisers were all qualified planners with local knowledge and experience of rural planning in the Cheshire region and would provide up to 1.5 days independent advice at no cost.
- CEC was upgrading its planning system and no planning lists would be available until 11 March.
- The Playing Field – published by Cheshire Playing Fields Association
- Cheshire Community Action – St Patrick's Day event 17 March 2011
- Cheshire Community Action Newsletter – February 2011
- Community Asset Transfer – eyes wide open (the Big Society Works Ltd)
- Diamond Jubilee 2012 – letter from Cheshire East Council.

372 ELECTIONS – 5 MAY 2011

Members were reminded that there were "all out" elections on 5 May 2011. The Notice of Election would be published on or around the 28 March. There was a relatively short turn-round time between publication of the notice and the submission of candidacy papers.

The Clerk would arrange to issue nomination papers to all sitting parish councillors.

373 NEXT MEETING

18 April 2011