

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON, CREWE
ON 24 AUGUST 2015**

PRESENT:

Councillor Les Horne	Chairman
Councillor M McGlone	Vice-Chairman
Councillor W T Beard	Councillor Linda Horne
Councillor D Kay	Councillor R Lee
Councillor B Palin	Councillor D Ridings
Councillor P Wright	

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public

55 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

56 MINUTES – 27 JULY 2015

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of Councillor D Ridings' name in the list of those present.

57 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

58 FLOOD ALLEVIATION – BRADFIELD GREEN

The drainage scheme at Bradfield Green was currently with the Delivery Team (Cheshire East Highways) and the scheme had already started.

Paul Reeves (Flood Alleviation Manager) was on holiday and therefore unable to attend this meeting. He had agreed to attend the September meeting to up-date the Parish Council.

59 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Lawrence Price was not in attendance. The Chairman reported that he would be contacting PCSO Price in respect of speed watch activities.

60 WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY – 4 JUNE 2016

The Working Group had not met since the last meeting and there were no matters to report.

The Clerk reported that she had completed the application form for a fly-past and would submit this before the due date of 20 September 2015.

61 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Working Group had not yet met. Members agreed that the first action to be taken was to arrange a public meeting in either the second or third week in September; with one being held at each of the schools.

The Clerk advised Members of the importance of being able to proceed immediately after the public meetings to ensure that the momentum was maintained. She undertook to ask if either

Tom Evans (CEC Spatial Planning Team) or John Heselwood (Cheshire Community Action) would be available to attend either of the meetings to advise on the process.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Clerk arrange for two evening public meetings to be held; one at Mablins Lane School and one at Leighton Academy, either the second or third week in September; and

(b) That the Clerk contact the CEC Spatial Planning Team and Cheshire Community Action to enquire into the availability of the appropriate planning specialists.

62 FINANCIAL MATTERS

62.1 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

£88.80	HM Revenue & Customs – tax on Clerk’s salary
£8.75	M McGlone reimbursement for parts for mounting of notice-board at Woolstanwood.

62.2 Tree Survey

Charlie Ashcroft of Buckland Tree Care Ltd. had carried out a survey of the trees in the parish late in 2014. Since that date the Clerk had sent e-mails on several occasions requesting the report and the invoice, and had also spoken to her on the phone. Although Members had previously suggested that a letter be sent by post, her website did not include a postal address.

Members agreed that the Clerk send a final letter to Mrs Ashcroft requesting the tree survey report and invoice, for submission to the next meeting. In the event of the report and invoice not being provided, the Council would seek the services of another surveyor who could carry out a survey of trees in the parish. The consequence of this would be that Mrs Ashcroft’s invoice would not be paid.

RESOLVED: That action as detailed above be approved.

63 PLANNING

63.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council was invited to comment on the following planning applications:

15/3438N	Mablins Lane Community Primary School, Mablins Lane Single-storey in-fill extension to provide new class-room facility
15/3249D	Land adjacent to Flowers Lane, Leighton Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 on application 15/1557N
15/3813N	Oaklea, Middlewich Road, Leighton, Crewe Conversion of stables to form ‘Granny Annexe’ for residential use ancillary to main dwelling.
15/3500N	Leighton Hospital, Middlewich Road Proposed extension to existing MRI/X-Ray area within the existing X-Ray Department including internal alterations to house two x MRI scanners and associated accommodation plus reporting rooms.

RESOLVED: That no observations be made in respect of planning applications Nos. 15/3438N, 15/3249D, 15/3813N and 15/3500N.

63.2 Planning Seminar – 24 September 2015 (Hosted jointly by Cheshire Association of Local Councils and Cheshire Community Action)

Members were invited to nominate a Member to attend the planning seminar to be held on 24 September. This was an all-day event to be held in Middlewich. Places were limited. The Clerk had booked one place.

RESOLVED: (a) That Councillors Les Horne and P Wright attend the planning seminar to be held on 24 September; and

(b) That in the event of there being only one place available, this be offered to Councillor Wright.

63.3 Local Plan Strategy – Wider Engagement Event – 3 August 2015

Owing to personal commitments, the Chairman had been unable to attend this event; Councillor Kay had also been unable to attend owing to transport difficulties.

The slides and a report of the meeting would eventually be provided by Adrian Fisher (Cheshire East Council) who led the event.

64 STAFFING COMMITTEE

At the meeting held on 27 July, a fifth Member had been appointed to the Staffing Committee. The membership now comprised Councillors W T Beard, D Kay, R Lee, M McGlone and D Riding.

The Clerk had offered dates in August for a meeting, but had only received responses from two of the Members.

In view of the difficulties previously and currently experienced, the Parish Council was invited to consider how to proceed with this. An option was for the Parish Council itself to deal with the matters to be considered, and this could be dealt with as an item on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting, after disposal of the ordinary business.

RESOLVED: (a) That the composition of the Staffing Committee be revised to four Members with Councillor M McGlone acting as substitute; and

(b) That Staffing Committee business be dealt with at the next meeting, at the conclusion of the ordinary business.

65 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report for August was received.

66 WITHDRAWAL OF ROUTE 3 BUS SERVICE

Following an oral report at the July meeting, by Councillor Beard, it had been agreed that the reported withdrawal of Route 3 bus service be included as an agenda item at this meeting.

No decision was taken, but the Clerk had provided an update to Members, by e-mail, explaining the reasons for withdrawal of the service.

67 REPORTS/SHARED INFORMATION

Members were invited to share information or to report on attendance at recent meetings of outside bodies. The following issues were reported:

- Parking on Beconsall Drive
- Sign to be placed opposite to Bright Stars Nursery publicising the location of the defibrillator.

- Leighton Hospital: The Chairman would be meeting with senior Highways Engineers and Management representatives from Mid-Cheshire Hospitals Trust to discuss the highway implications of the development on Minshull New Road.
- Road closures generally, and specifically Flowers Lane. The Chairman undertook to discuss the Flowers Lane closure with a Highways Engineer and Ward Councillors to consider alternative routes.
- The Clerk was asked to forward to Members a copy of the ChALC training programme.
- Police and Crime Commissioner meeting: 17 September 2015. Councillors Les Horne and P Wright would represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

68 SPEED WATCH

The Chairman reported that he had contacted the Police about support for the speed watch scheme, but had yet to receive a response.

69 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28 September 2015

70 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

71 CLERK'S EMPLOYMENT

The Parish Council considered the Clerk's report in respect of additional employment which had been offered to her.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised in respect of the Clerk accepting another offer of employment in addition to her current clerkship of Minshull Vernon & District Parish Council.

.....Chairman