

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON, CREWE
ON 25 JANUARY 2016**

PRESENT:

Councillor Les Horne	Chairman
Councillor W T Beard	Councillor Linda Horne
Councillor D Kay	Councillor R Lee
Councillor B Palin	Councillor M Stanley
Councillor D Street	Councillor C Stringer
Councillor K Stringer	Councillor P Wright

APOLOGIES:

Councillor M McGlone
Councillor D Ridings

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, Members stood for a moment's silence as a mark of respect for the late Douglas Forrest who was an Honorary Freeman of the Parish and a former Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr Forrest had died over the Christmas period.

135 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.

136 MINUTES – 21 DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

137 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, a period of 10 minutes was allocated for questions from members of the public. There were no questions from members of the public.

138 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Lawrence Price was not in attendance.

139 FLOOD ALLEVIATION – BRADFIELD GREEN

Councillors Les Horne and M McGlone had prepared notes of a meeting held on 21 December 2015 with Borough Councillor M E Jones, and CE Highways Officers. A copy of the report was now submitted.

Paul Reeves had phoned the Clerk earlier in the day to inform her that the delay continued because the landowner had not yet signed the necessary paperwork, despite the best efforts of the CEC Legal Team.

RESOLVED: That a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 be submitted to Cheshire East Council asking for the following information:

- Copy of the terms and conditions of the grant made to facilitate the scheme;
- Up-date in writing showing the current status of the scheme;
- Details of work completed to date;

- Has CEC contacted the land-owner who made an unauthorised connection into the new system?
- Full set of approved plans to be provided.

140 FINANCIAL MATTERS

140.1 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payment be approved:

£88.80 HM Revenue & Customs – tax on Clerk’s salary

140.2 Receipts and Payments Statement – 1 April – 31 December 2015

RESOLVED: That the receipts and payments statement for the period to 31 December 2015 be accepted.

141 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

16/0249N 94 Kestrel Drive, Crewe, CW1 3YX
Side extension to form utility room and W.C.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised in respect of planning application No. 16/0249N.

16/0327N 2 Snowdon Drive, Woolstanwood, CW2 8UG
Retrospective change of use from open space to garden area

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council object to planning application No. 16/0327/N on the following grounds.

- (a) Appropriateness of use taking account of the local area;
- (b) Landscape; and
- (c) This could ‘open the floodgates’ to similar applications.

142 WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY – JUNE 2016

At the previous meeting, the Clerk had been asked to enquire if there were any restrictions in respect of the addition of names to war memorials which would dictate that the names of the deceased must be of those who had resided in the parish in which the war memorial was located.

A copy of guidance from the War Memorials Trust was now submitted and did not indicate that there were any restrictions.

Arising out of discussion, Members were informed that Steve Bratt would be making a presentation to the Crewe History Society on 9 February 2015 (7.00 pm) in respect of the air crashes in the parish.

There was a brief discussion about arrangements for the next meeting of the Working Group.

143 INFORMATION ITEM – LEADER OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

It was reported that Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey had been elected as the new Leader of Cheshire East Council, subject to confirmation by Full Council on 25 February 2016.

144 EXTERMINATION OF MOLES AT BRADFIELD GREEN

At the previous meeting, it was reported that there was evidence of mole activity at Bradfield Green. The Parish Council was invited to consider if action should be taken to exterminate the moles.

Following discussion, Members agreed to hold the matter in abeyance for two months. In the meantime, the Clerk would make enquiries and seek a quotation from a company other than that which had been employed on the previous occasion.

145 MEETING WITH POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

John Dwyer, the Police and Crime Commissioner is inviting representative from across the local councils in Cheshire East to attend a meeting on Tuesday, 26 January at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ.

There were no Members available to attend this event.

146 REPORTS/SHARED INFORMATION

Members were able to share information or report on attendance at meetings of outside bodies. Matters raised included the following:

- Dog-fouling on Parkers Road.
- Litter in close proximity to Mablins Lane School. The Clerk was asked to write to the Head Teacher.
- Bye-law re. children over the age of 12 years not being permitted on playgrounds. Councillor Beard was researching a former Crewe & Nantwich bye-law. If the information was available at the date of publication of the next agenda, this would be added as an item.
- Cheshire East Highways was creating a new cycle route from Parkers Road to Bradfield Road.
- Potential development of land to the rear of The Eight Farmers public house.

147 SPEED WATCH

There were no speed watch matters to report.

148 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22 February 2016

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm