

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON, CREWE  
ON 22 AUGUST 2016**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Les Horne	Chairman
	Councillor M McGlone	Vice-Chairman
	Councillor Linda Horne	Councillor D Kay
	Councillor B Palin	Councillor D Ridings
	Councillor J Cunningham	Councillor R Lee
	Councillor P Wright	
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	One member of the public	
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillors D Street C Stringer K Stringer and M Stanley	

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**58 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.

Cllr D Kay declared a personal interest in Agenda item 13.2 **CANDIDATE FOR PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

**59 MINUTES – MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**60 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Stuart Kay who was representing the Crewe Branch of the Royal British Legion invited Councillors to visit the Crewe branch.

**61 CANDIDATE FOR PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**  
**This item was brought forward from 13.2**

Mr Stuart Kay spoke about why he wants to be involved and his relevant experience. Members asked their questions.

**RESOLVED:** That Stuart Kay is co-opted as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. Cllr. Kay signed the acceptance of office and received the declaration of interest form for completion.

**62 CLERK VACANCY**

It was reported that interviews for a new Clerk had been held on 15 August and that Marilyn Houston had been appointed. Both Carol and Marilyn were present to ensure a smooth handover. Marilyn was welcomed by Members.

Carol Jones reported that she would also meet separately with the new Clerk to transfer various documents, both paper and electronic.

## 63 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 63.1 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:

£88.80	HM Revenue & Customs – tax on Clerk’s salary (Carol Jones final payment)
£782.97	Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Subscription September 16 to March 17
£25.00	St Peters Community Hall – Hire of Hall for interviews 15 August
£1020.00	Mercia Tree Care. – felling of diseased tree (£850 net and £170 VAT)
£173.47	Cllr Les Horne – Reimbursement for purchase of two covert cameras.
£210.00	Society of Local Council Clerks- Recruitment advertising.

### 63.2 Financial Error – Minutes – 21 December 2015

The Parish Council noted that there was an error in the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2015. This was not picked up in January 2016 and the Minutes were therefore approved as a correct record.

The clerical error was acknowledged so that the auditors (internal and external) are aware of this when the accounts for 2016-2017 are audited. The error occurred at Minute No. 126.3 (Budget 2016-2017 and Precept).

The correct amount of precept was requested from Cheshire East Council, and the appendix to the Minutes shows the correct budget level; however, the resolution is given below that and incorrectly refers to a budget of £36,660. The budget is actually £23,900.

## 64 FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

At the previous meeting, the Parish Council resolved to submit a letter of complaint to the Chief Executive of Cheshire East in respect of the way in which the Cheshire East Highways team had dealt with the flood alleviation scheme at Bradfield Green. The Clerk had been told that a reply would be received by the 26<sup>th</sup> August. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

## 65 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

16/4080N      10 Leighton View, Crewe, CW1 3YT  
Proposed extension to first floor over existing leisure room.

**RESOLVED:** That no objections be raised in respect of planning application No. 16/4080N.

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16/3915N      Land off Parkers Road, Crewe  
Development of 12 no. two bedroom two storey flats

**RESOLVED:** That the PC has no objections to the proposed development, application No. 16/3915N, but has concerns about the safety of the access to the site through an area being used to access a children's nursery.

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**66 FACEBOOK PAGE/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A report from Councillor K Stringer was deferred to the next meeting.

**67 ANNUAL REPORT – 2015-2016**

The Annual Report for 2015-2016 was submitted to the meeting. Members requested amendments and additions to the final version.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council approves printing and distribution by the Leaflet Team at an estimated cost of £584 and accepts that the cost may be more dependent on the number of additional houses.

**68 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no Police Officers in attendance; however, the Chairman reported that he had spoken to Carol Ball the new PCSO for the Leighton area and her colleague Paul Edmund. Issues that the Parish Council is aware of were raised and will be worked on jointly. Members discussed additional concerns and the Chairman reminded them that these should be reported to the Police on the 101 phone line.

**69 SPEED WATCH**

Councillor Les Horne reported on speed watch activities. During speed watch on the A530 four arrests had been made for various driving offences, including driving under the influence of drugs.

**70 CASUAL VACANCY**

Following the resignation of Councillor Beard, the vacancy had been advertised but no election was called so it can be co-opted to. The Parish Council will add the vacancy to the others that are being advertised on noticeboards and the website. A suggestion was made that it could also be advertised on the Facebook page.

A discussion followed on the subject of nominating Councillor Beard for Honorary Freeman status. Councillors Ridings and Wright will look at the criteria and in order to consider putting the nomination forward.

**71 REPORTS/SHARED INFORMATION**

Members were able to share information which had not been available at the time of publication of the agenda or to report on attendance at meetings of outside bodies.

- Councillor J Cunningham had completed the speed watch training.
- Councillor Les Horne had purchased the two covert cameras for use in the parish to try to obtain evidence in respect of fly-tipping. He produced these and explained their usage. Volunteers are needed. There may be a small further cost for batteries and SD cards.
- Councillor D Ridings reported on a site visit to the Playground at James Atkinson Way, made with the Chairman. The safety surface was in need of repair. This had been reported to Cheshire East.

**72 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**26 September 2016**

**The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked the Clerk, Carol Jones for all her help in the past. Councillors Les and Linda Horne presented Carol with a bouquet of flowers, from them, as a token of their appreciation. Members wished her well for the future.**

.....Chairman