

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON, CREWE  
ON 19 DECEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Les Horne	Chairman
Councillor M McGlone	Vice-Chairman
Councillor B Palin	Councillor D Ridings
Councillor J Cunningham	Councillor Linda Horne
Councillor P Wright	

**IN ATTENDANCE:** None

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors R Lee, K Stringer, C Stringer, D Kay, S Kay and M Stanley.  
Councillor D Street was absent.

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**117 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.

None

**118 MINUTES – MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**119 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no speakers.

**120 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cllr. D Ridings joined the meeting.

**120.1 Authorisation of payments**

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

£ 91.60 HM Revenue & Customs – tax on Clerk's December salary

£ 366.62 Marilyn Houston - Payment of November net salary

£12.61 Mike McGlone – Power tool from CNS

**120.2 Budget Proposals – 2017-2018**

The Parish Council was invited to finalise the budget for 2017-2018. The Chairman took Members through the draft budget report making final decisions on each line of the budget. Members were encouraged to give consideration to any projects for next year. £..... was set aside for these to include:- Tree planting and new benches throughout the parish; a raised planter and noticeboard at Barrows Green; repositioning of the plinth at the Queen Elizabeth memorial to allow water to run off. In addition, the possibility of developing an allotment site at some point in the future was discussed subject to feasibility. This enabled the PC to set the precept.

**RESOLVED:** That a budget of £29745 for 2016/17 be approved.

**RESOLVED:** To set the precept at £21000

**120.3 Parish Council ownership of the public phone box at Bradfield Green that is on the BT decommissioning list.**

The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to confirm to BT that the PC is interested in taking over responsibility for the public phone box at Bradfield Green on payment of £1. Only an automated reply confirming receipt had been received as BT are receiving a high volume of responses.

**121 FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

The Chairman reported that following the request made to CEC to take this complaint to stage two, and the reply that this was not possible at this time as a legal process was being gone through, he had been informed that the legal process had been completed. The Clerk has in the meantime sent this to the Local Government Ombudsman.

**122 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

16/5754N Prior approval of extension to rear of property  
8, Clayton Close, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 3QQ

**RESOLVED:** That the PC has no objection to the planning application.

16/5763N New car showroom  
Grenson, Marshfield Bank.

**RESOLVED:** That the PC has no objection to the planning application.

16/5783N Signage  
Unit 1, Parkers Road, Crewe, CW1 4PYD, Minshull Vernon

**RESOLVED:** That the PC has no objection to the planning application but would request that the incorrect sign "Welcome to Coppenhall...." be corrected to "Welcome to Leighton...".

16/5972N Reserved matters approval for a substitution of house types on Phase 2, plots 194-352, 365-394inc. following outline approval of 11/1879N  
Land North of Parkers Rd

**RESOLVED:** That the PC has no objection and supports the recommendations of the tree survey.

**123 FACEBOOK PAGE/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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

**124 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no Police Officers in attendance. The Chairman gave an update on analysis of crime data. The PCSO had conducted speedwatch on Parkers Road and a walkabout with the Wulvern Housing Officer. Turnout was low for the community beat meetings.

**125 SPEED WATCH**

125.1 Report on speed watch activity

Councillor Les Horne reported on speed watch activities he had undertaken including Woolstonwood, Parkers Rd and Bradfield Green which were relatively quiet. The traffic police have been out on police interceptions in January.

125.2 Purchase of new SID

The Chairman is waiting to hear back from the Highways Manager Dave Chan to agree a site for the new SID that the PC will purchase.

**126 MOLE PROBLEM**

There is a problem on the green at Bradfield Green that needs to be dealt with at a small cost.

**127 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 Palin reported that proposed parking restrictions in Woolstonwood had appeared in the Chronicle.
- Councillor McGlone reported that there were several objections from residents on the planning website regarding 16/3836N Moss Farm.
- Councillor Les Horne asked if any members wanted to attend the Town and Parish Council meeting at Middlewich on 23 January. The Clerk was asked to book places for the Chairman and Councillor Ridings.

**Part Two**

*Confidential matters. Press and public excluded from the meeting.*

**128 HONORARY FREEMAN**

**128.1 Recognition of Service - former Councillor Beard**

The Extra Ordinary meeting to confer the honour will be on 27 January. The Clerk is ordering refreshments and the certificate. The Chairman will enquire about the board lettering.

**128.2 Review of Honours criteria**

There was a discussion regarding the honours criteria that had been set by the PC previously.

**RESOLVED:** That the criteria should stand. That in addition a long service award should be introduced for Members serving twenty years or more on the PC.

**128.3 To reconsider the nomination made by Councillor Palin for Marshall Wilson.**

The suggestion for conferring an honour was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That former Councillor Marshall Wilson be given a certificate recognising his long service. The Clerk will contact him to inform him and invite him to the meeting on 27 January.

**129 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK**

The Clerk's contract has been drafted. A copy will be emailed for signature.

**130 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**23 January 2016**

.....Chairman