

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON, CREWE
ON 28 NOVEMBER 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Les Horne Chairman
Councillor Linda Horne Councillor S Kay
Councillor B Palin Councillor D Ridings
Councillor J Cunningham Councillor R Lee
Councillor P Wright Councillor D Street
Councillor D Kay Councillor C Stringer

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillors K Stringer, M McGlone and M Stanley.

102 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

103 MINUTES – MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2016

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

104 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no speakers.

105 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cllr. C Stringer joined the meeting.

105.1 Authorisation of payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

£ 91.60 HM Revenue & Customs – tax on Clerk's November salary as advised by CVS Cheshire East

£ 366.62 Marilyn Houston
Payment of November salary as advised by CVS

£17.00 RBL Wreath

105.2 Budget Proposals – 2017-2018

The following documents had been provided by the Clerk:-

- Covering report.
- Receipts and Payments Statement to 30 September 2016.
- Budget 2016-2017 together with budget monitoring showing the position at 30 September 2016 and revised estimates to 31 March 2017.

The Parish Council was invited to consider the budget proposals for 2017-2018. The budget will be finalised at the December meeting. The Chairman took Members through each line of the budget agreeing proposed figures. The Clerk noted the proposals and will incorporate them into a draft budget report to be presented at the December meeting.

105.3 To consider the opportunity to take ownership of the public phone box at Bradfield Green that is on the BT decommissioning list or to comment on the proposal.

The Clerk had circulated the information from BT. The phone box can be transferred to the PC on payment of £1

RESOLVED: 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.

106 FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The Clerk reported that following the request made to CEC to take this complaint to stage two, a reply had been received that this was not possible at this time as a legal process was being gone through. Members found this unacceptable. The Clerk will now send this to the Local Government Ombudsman.

107 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

16/5461N Pair of semi-detached dwellings to rear of 156 Bradfield Road
156, Bradfield Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 3RQ

RESOLVED: That the PC objects to the planning application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site that is not sustainable and concern regarding the shared access.

16/5458N Revised design for approved dwelling (15/2547N) on land
adjacent to 156 Bradfield Road.

RESOLVED: That the PC objects to the planning application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site that is not sustainable and concern regarding the shared access.

16/5297N 156, Bradfield Road, Crewe, CW1 3RQ
Loft conversion with new dormer window and sunpipe to rear elevation. New external insulation with render finish to entire dwelling, to match adjoining semi. Front lawn to become gravel driveway. Dropped kerbs to provide off road parking.

RESOLVED: That the PC objects to the planning application on the grounds of lack of privacy for development at the rear of the property.

16/5372N Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling
Two Woods Barns, Moat House Farm, Middlewich Rd Minshull Vernon

RESOLVED: That the PC has no objection.

16/5409N Chapel House, Middlewich Rd, Minshull Vernon
Two storey side and rear extensions, re-submission of application 16/2354N

RESOLVED: That the PC has no comment.

108 FACEBOOK PAGE/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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

109 ANNUAL REPORT – 2015-2016

The Annual Report should have been received by all households by now.

110 POLICE MATTERS

There were no Police Officers in attendance. The Chairman reported that he had attended the Cluster Meeting where no major concerns were reported. There were a few road traffic concerns. The Chairman gave an update on analysis of data.

111 SPEED WATCH

111.1 Report on speed watch activity

Councillor Les Horne reported on speed watch activities he had undertaken including a session with potential new volunteers and the PCSO.

111.2 Purchase of new SID

The Chairman has met with the Highways Manager Dave Chan to agree a site for the new SID that the PC will purchase. Hopefully Highways will pay for the installation and cost of a new pole but is uncertain that they can do this; if not it will cost the PC approximately £400 which will make the total for the VAS and installation £4,000 approximately.

RESOLVED: to be sited on the north bound lane at Woolstonwood.

112 SAXON GATE DEVELOPMENT – To consider concerns raised on lack of progress on installation of tactile walkways, access ramps and play area.

The Chairman reported on the update received from Bloor Homes. They have agreed to install tactile paving on Parkers Rd but on the estate it will have to wait till after the top dressing has been completed. However they will look at it again if residents are having difficulties. With regard to the playground, they will be sticking to the original plan to install it when there is 70% development.

113 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 Les Horne reported on a response received from Cheshire East Registration Service. The Sub Committee has agreed that a review should be commenced, but it feels that rather than a reduction from 22 to 18 members that a reduction to a maximum of 10 members would be more appropriate, and would prefer to use this figure as a basis for public consultation as part of the Review, subject to the views of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to reply that the PC would like to reduce to 18 Members. There are 14 places filled currently and with the new housing in the area there should be potential for further recruitment.
- The problem with moles is to be an agenda item for the next meeting,

Part Two

Confidential matters. Press and public excluded from the meeting.

114 HONORARY FREEMAN

114.1 Recognition of Service - former Councillor Beard

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

114.2 Any other nominations received in writing in line with guidance.

Another suggestion for conferring this honour was not thought to meet the present criteria. The Clerk will circulate the criteria so that Members can review it.

115 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

The former Clerk's contract needs a lot of redrafting so this is a work in progress for Councillor McGlone.

Deferred

116 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19 December 2016

.....Chairman

APPROVED