

**MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
held on 18 December 2017 at ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON, CREWE**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Les Horne Chairman  
Cllr M McGlone (minutes) Vice-Chairman

Cllr Linda Horne Cllr S Kay  
Cllr B Palin Cllr D Ridings  
Cllr D Street Cllr C Stringer

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two Members of the Public. Two Speakers from 'Biowise'

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Lee; Cllr M Stanley; Cllr K Stringer; Cllr J Weir.  
(Cllr M Stanley – non apology; Cllr P Wright – non apology)

**(19.15-20.00pm) Pre PC Meeting Presentation: Leighton Grange IVC Facility**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman introduced Mr Bob Wilkes, Development Director, Biowise Ltd, and Joanna Holland of HEC Consulting, who made a presentation relating to the proposed IVC 'composting' facility at Leighton Grange, including the pre planning application investigation that had occurred; the impact surveys that had been completed; and the environmental monitoring that would be utilised during construction and future operation of the facility.

Councillors made a number of observations and queries including: anticipated outputs (45,000 tonnes pa); employment opportunities (7-10 locally); and process water quality checks/ Legionella (in accordance with environmental license).

Councillors/ residents were extended an invitation to visit the Biowise facility in Hull.

The Chairman enquired whether Biowise had any means of contributing to local community projects, for example the proposed Mablins Lane Community Project. Mr Wilkes responded positively and requested further details and information to be provided.

(20.05pm) The Chairman welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

**1 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.

**1.1** Cllr McGlone declared a personal interest in item 18 of the published Agenda ('Use of the Parish Field') as he was related to the applicant.

**3 MINUTES – 20 November 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting (20 Nov 2017) were not available for review. It was agreed that the minutes shall be prepared for review/ approval at the January 2018 meeting.

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

## 5 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 5.1 Accounts Management

The acting RFO (Cllr K Stringer) was not present at the meeting, and a financial report was not available for discussion. It was understood that a report for the December/ January periods will be made available at the January meeting.

### 5.2 Bank Statements

It was reported that the NatWest Bank had commenced the issue of statements at two-monthly, rather than monthly, frequency.

### 5.3 On-Line Banking

The Chairman agreed to visit the NatWest Bank to enquire about on-line banking facilities.

### 5.4 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were discussed:

**£TBA** K Stringer - printing and distribution costs for Annual Report

**No payment agreed.**

(It was established that the order had not been placed, nor payment made at the time of the meeting)

**£50.00** S Kay - RBL Poppy Wreaths (x2)

**No payment agreed.**

(There was a query on the amount payable and the quantity received – Cllr Kay suggested that the actual cost was £17 or £17.50, and that 1x wreath had been received)

**Resolved:** Cllr Kay would contact the Royal British Legion to establish the correct detail.

### 5.5 Budget Proposals 2018-2019

The content of a revised 'Draft Budget Proposals' spreadsheet was analysed. A number of items were detail-discussed, and minor adjustments were agreed upon.

**Resolved:** That the Budget Proposals become finalised based upon the agreed inputs.

## 6 PLANNING MATTERS

### 6.1 Applications for Consultation

There were no items upon the Agenda for discussion. A pre-meeting search upon the CEC website recognised the following:

**17/ 5691N** **Minshull Wharf, Cross Lane, Minshull Vernon, CW1 4RG**

- Diversion of an 11Kv overhead line

This was however decided upon by CEC as 'not objected' on 14 December 2017.

## **7 POLICE MATTERS**

### **7.1 Cheshire Police Reports & Cluster Meetings**

No reports had been provided by Cheshire Police. There had been no cluster meetings.

### **7.2 Crewe Police Attendance at PC Meetings**

Cllr C Stringer enquired whether a representative from the Crewe Division could attend or report to PC meetings. The Chairman stated that as there was no PCSO in post at the moment, direct interaction was difficult. It was however understood that the PCSO post was being actively recruited.

### **7.3 Police & Crime Commissioner Meeting**

Cllrs Les Horne and Wright had attended a Police & Crime Commissioner event, and provided a summary of the discussions including: a review of police station closures; rural 'booking-on points' for police officers; and police budget reduction proposals.

## **8 SPEEDWATCH**

### **8.1 Speedwatch Activity**

There had been no manned activities since the previous meeting.

The Chairman reported that two (2) persons had contacted him to enquire about participating in speedwatch activities.

### **8.2 SID Operation**

The Chairman reported that recent 'dull' weather has affected the solar charging SID's, resulting in non-operation of some equipment.

The battery on the mobile SID at Woolstanwood would be exchanged by the Chairman over the following days.

## **9 VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL CROSS, WALLEYS GREEN and WAR MEMORIAL, BRADFIELD GREEN**

### **9.1 Estimate for Works**

An estimate had been received from IMI (Independent Memorial Inspection) for the steam cleaning, repair, and treatment of the Memorial Cross and the War Memorial.

The cleaning only cost was detailed at £1950 (VAT inc) for each Memorial. A number of additional cost options were listed, including (per Memorial):

- Hard wax covering (protection) £100.00
- Application of biocide £75.00
- Lime pointing (per m2) £60.00

## 9.2 Testimonial Check

Cllr C Stringer agreed to undertake a service provision check based upon the testimonials detailed by IMI, to assure the PC of the capabilities of the company to undertake such work.

**Resolved:** Subject to a positive testimonial check, an order would be placed with IMI for the cleaning, repair, and treatment of the Memorials

## 10 MABLINS LANE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Cllr K Stringer was not present at the meeting to provide a progress update.

## 11 DEFIBRILLATOR – PC ‘TELEPHONE BOX’, BRADFIELD GREEN

Cllr C Stringer confirmed that an application for the defibrillator had been made with the Community Heartbeat Trust some five (5) weeks ago. It was understood that the application would take approx. twelve (12) weeks to process.

## 12 BENCHES – WALLEYS GREEN & BRADFIELD GREEN

### 12.1 Order and Delivery

Cllr C Stringer confirmed that the (two) benches had been ordered, and would be delivered (to his home address) in January 2018.

### 12.2 Dedication Plaques for Benches

Walleys Green - proposal: “Rededicated by MVDPC in 2017 to replace the original bench placed in 1953 by the Women’s Institute of Minshull Vernon”.

Bradfield Green – Councillors were requested to consider a suitable dedication for fixing to the Bradfield Green bench, making recognition of the significance of the centenary of the end of WW1.

## 13 LEIGHTON BOUNDARY SIGNS

The Chairman had attempted to converse with CEC Highways relating to the proposals. It was understood that incorrect contact details had been previously provided. The CEC officer that was now to be contacted was David Chan.

## 14 BOUNDARY FENCE – MEMORIAL GREEN, BRADFIELD GREEN

A proposal was tabled for the establishment of a low maintenance recycled plastic post and rail fence for the boundary of the Memorial Green and Bradfield Green Farm, in order to define and improve the appearance of the Green. An estimate had been prepared for the supply of materials only (ex. delivery), in the sum of approx. £2,100.

**Resolved:** Subject to agreeable material delivery cost, and a confirmation of any installation labour costs, the fence shall be procured and installed.

The Chairman agreed to communicate the proposals to the residents of Bradfield Green Farm.

## 15 PROPOSED USE OF PARISH FIELD

(Cllr McGlone left the Meeting during this item discussion due to a declared interest)

Following the previous meeting in-principle agreement to permit the use of the Parish Field as a 'small holding', the Chairman reported that Field neighbour consultations had recognised no objections.

The applicant (Mrs C. McGlone), in attendance at the meeting, thanked the PC for the opportunity, and confirmed proposal details. The suggested rent rate (£520pa) was queried, based against the value of a field that was devoid of services; the proposed use as a 'hobby' rather than a commercial enterprise; and the benefits to the PC of a field boundary resident preserving the low-key status of the Field.

A discussion on an appropriate rent rate was made. The PC noted that a previous Field renter had paid £200pa for the keeping of horses.

**Resolved:** That a rent rate of £200pa be accepted, exclusive of maintenance costs

(Cllr McGlone re-joined the meeting following the discussion of this item).

## 16 REPORTS and SHARED INFORMATION

Members were invited to share information or to report on attendance at meetings of outside bodies.

### 16.1 Bus Shelter, Walleys Green

Cllr Palin had made a maintenance enquiry to CEC. It was reported that CEC were unaware that the bus shelter existed, but would look into the matter.

### 16.2 Provision of Meeting Agenda

Cllr Palin (no email account) stated that he had not received (as previously) a 'posted' copy of the meeting agenda and documents. Cllr Street (no email account) duplicated the comment. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with the Clerk.

### 16.3 Proposed Road Network Changes, Leighton Area

Cllr Palin commented upon the CEC announced proposals to the road infrastructure in the Leighton area. Councillors generally discussed the key aspects.

### 16.4 WW1 Centenary Events

Cllr Ridings reported that Mablins Lane and Leighton Academy schools had been informed of the PC proposals to mark the centenary. Both schools wanted to participate. An 'activity day' of 9 November 2018 had been suggested. Further arrangements were to be established.

### 16.5 Meeting Dates 2018 – St Peters Community Hall Booking

Cllr McGlone enquired whether the Hall management had confirmed the bookings into 2018 (their diary runs Jan-Dec). There was no known communication. Cllr McGlone agreed to undertake the booking.

**16.6** 'Fly Tipping' Surveillance Cameras

As noted at the previous meeting, Cllr McGlone enquired whether it was confirmed that the surveillance cameras were missing/ stolen (from Moss Lane). Cllr K Stringer stated that following a check, he believed they were missing, but asked Cllr Les Horne to undertake a joint confirmation visit.

It was agreed that if the cameras are missing, then a theft report was to be made to Cheshire Police, and adjustments made to the asset list. No insurance claim would be made, due to the equipment value versus the excess that would be payable (£400).

**16.7** Traffic and Pedestrian Management – Leighton Nursery, Minshull New Road

a) The Chairman reported that the pavement bollards (to stop vehicles creating safety issues by driving onto the footway) were to be installed by CEC imminently.

b) The Chairman reported that (Borough) Councillor Bebbington had made an application (from S106 monies) for the installation of a ('zebra') crossing point on Minshull New Road, to the north of the school, at the end of the 'Leighton Greenway' path.

**16.8** Borough Councillor Resignation

The Chairman noted the resignation of Michael Jones as the Bunbury ward Borough Councillor.

**16.9** Land Drainage, Moss Lane Fields

The Chairman reported that a resident had raised concerns relating to possible additional 'land drainage' activities in the fields adjacent to Moss Lane. These may become connected into the recent CEC flood alleviation system. It was previously stated by CEC that no further land drainage connections would be permitted.

The Chairman reported that he had emailed the concern details to officers of the CEC Flood Management Team.

**16.10** Saxon Gate/ Moss Lane Flooding

The Chairman reported that recent flooding events on Moss Lane (Parkers Road end), associated to the 'Saxon Gate' development, were being investigated.

**17 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**17.1 Date of Next Meeting**

22 January 2018

(The meeting ended at 21.35pm)

Signed as an accepted record (subject to minuted amendments) .....Chairman

.....Date