

**MINSHULL VERNON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019**

PRESENT:

Cllr Les Horne (Chairman), Cllr Clive Stringer (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Baxter, Cllr Linda Horne, Cllr Stuart Kay, Cllr Mike McGlone, Cllr Brian Palin, Cllr Michael Stanley, Cllr Jim Weir and Cllr Paul Wright

IN ATTENDANCE:

One member of the public

198 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

198.1 Cllrs Hamlett, K. Stringer and Borough Cllr Green.

199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

199.1 None.

200 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2019

200.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

201 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

201.1 No questions were raised.

202 FINANCIAL MATTERS

202.1 Annual Governance Statement

The Responsible Financial Officer submitted the Annual Governance Statement which was Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The Statement outlined the requirements that Councils were expected to operate relating to financial governance. The recommendation was that all of the necessary requirements had been satisfied by the Council in 2018/19.

RESOLVED – that the Annual Governance Statement 2018//19 be approved.

202.2 Accounting Statement

The Council considered the Accounting Statement which detailed the income and expenditure in 2018/19. The Council's end of year financial position was a balance in the sum of £41,415; of which £20,000 was ringfenced for the Community Hub. It was noted that the budget 2018/19 had been underspent by £14,802.

RESOLVED – that the Accounting Statement 2018/19 be approved.

202.3 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
ChALC	Affiliation	1,470.04		1,470.04
Defib Machines	Defibrillator Rental	588.00	73.00	515.00
Mark Robinson	Salary	212.75		212.75

203 PUBLICITY

203.1. Councillors discussed potential new sites for noticeboards which included adjacent to the former Merlin Public House and on the Greenway. The Chairman agreed to liaise with the highways authority regarding suitable locations.

204 YOUTH ACTIVITIES

204.1. Councillors discussed the provision of a Youth Shelter and further investigation would be undertaken on cost and benefits.

205 PLANNING MATTERS

205.1 Applications for Consideration

Application	Description	
19/1631N	Steel portal framed agricultural livestock building - cubicle building at Park Hall Farm, Nantwich Road, Minshull Vernon	No comments
19/1371N	Outline application for the development of up to 400 residential units (Use Class C3) and associated infrastructure and open space on Land off, Minshull New Road, Leighton	Request extension to enable further consideration

205.2 Decided/Awaiting Decision by the planning authority

Application	Description	Decision
19/0625N	Change of the use of the former public house (Use Class A4) to retail store (Use Class A1) including retention of existing accesses, reconfiguration of car park and associated works including fencing at The Merlin, Bradfield Road, CREWE	Approved with Conditions
19/0553N	Single storey extension to rear and first floor extension to rear/side at Chapel Cottage, Middlewich Road, Minshull Vernon	Approved with Conditions
18/5924N	Section 73 Release from Planning Obligations on approved application 11/1879N on Land at Parkers Road, Crewe	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 22 Jan)
18/6118N	A proposed series of highway infrastructure measures and associated works, in the Leighton area of Crewe, and known as the North West Crewe Package on Land Between Flowers Lane Minshull New Road The A530 Middlewich Road And North of, Pyms Lane, Crewe	Committee Date – 27 Mar
19/0295N	First floor extension and conversion of the existing garage to form ancillary accommodation to the dwelling at 7, Perry Fields, Leighton	Approved with Conditions
18/4033N	Variation of conditions 8 and 12 on application 15/2126N - Solar farm and associated development on Land (South) at, Moss Farm, Moss Lane, Warmingham	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 07 Nov 18)

206 PROVISION OF SIGNS FOR THE NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

206.1 The Chairman advised the defibrillator in the former telephone kiosk on Queen's Crescent was fully operational and had been inspected by the North West Ambulance Service. It had been recommended that direction signs be provided to the defibrillator and on the kiosk.

RESOLVED – that the Chairman be authorised to spend up to £200 on the provision of these signs.

207 BENCHES

207.1 The Council had previously authorised the provision of two benches; one on The Green and one on the Perryfields Play Area. Councillors received a quote for benches from the usual provider and selected a 'Lest we Forget' bench for The Green and a 'Firefighter Sam' bench for the Play area.

RESOLVED – that the Council purchases the two benches as set out above.

208 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 208.1 Following the Council's decision to proceed with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, Councillors discussed the establishment of a Steering Committee. It was agreed that this should comprise Cllrs Ian Baxter, Lisa Hamlett, Les Horne, Linda Horne, Clive Stringer and Kathryn Stringer. Cllr Stringer agreed to liaise with the members of the public who had shown interest in joining the Committee.
- 208.2 The Chairman advised that he would liaise with a Councillor from a Council that had already been through the process, who had offered support in outlining the process and requirements.

209 SPEEDWATCH AND POLICE CLUSTER REPORTS

- 209.1 The Chairman advised that he had accompanied the police whilst they had been using the TruCAM and there had been numerous speeding incidents.
- 209.2 The Chairman outlined the crime statistics in the Cluster area and whilst there were a high number in the Parish Council area, most of these related to incidents at Leighton Hospital.

210 HS2

- 210.1 Councillors discussed the proposals for the provision of the tunnels. There was concern regarding the transportation of the spoil via Parkers Road and the potential for the traffic increase caused by this being exacerbated by the works on the new road infrastructure.

211 REPORTS AND SHARED ITEMS

- 211.1 With regards to the closure of Lime Tree Avenue (Minute 167), the Clerk was asked to seek a response as none had been forthcoming to date.
- 211.2 Cllrs Les Horne and Stuart Kay were authorised to attend two CVS training courses.
- 211.3 There was an event to mark Dementia Day at Nantwich Civic Hall on 20 May 2019.

212 CLERK'S REPORT

- 212.1 Elections 2019
There had been thirteen valid nominations for Parish Councillors, which resulted in nine ordinary vacancies on the Council. The Council would be able to co-opt to these vacancies at the next meeting and notices would be posted publicising this shortly.
- 212.2 Street Naming and Numbering
At the last meeting, the Council had submitted of three proposed street names for a new development off Parker's Road (Minute 194). The Borough Council advised that its policy prevented the names of living persons being used for such purposes, thus one of the names could not be used. Councillors questioned this as Dunwoody Way appeared to have been named contrary to this policy and the Clerk was asked to raise this with the Borough Council.

213 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

213.1 Monday, 20 May 2019, commencing at 7.15pm (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council).

214 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

214.1 RESOLVED - That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

215 PARISH FIELD

215.1 The Chairman provided an update on the provision of a gate on the boundary.

216 CLERK'S PROBATIONARY PERIOD

216.1 RESOLVED – that the Clerk's employment be confirmed following the satisfactory performance of duties during the probationary period and the hours of work be increased to eight hours per week, to bring it in line with previous Clerks.