

**MINSHULL VERNON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 MAY 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Les Horne (Chairman), Cllr Clive Stringer (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Linda Horne, Cllr Sean Houlston, Cllr Dawn Kay, Cllr Stuart Kay, Cllr Mike McGlone, Cllr Brian Palin, Cllr Brian Silvester, Cllr Michael Stanley, Cllr Jim Weir and Cllr Philip Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Two members of the public

**19/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

19/01.1 RESOLVED – that Cllr Les Horne be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

**19/02 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

19/02.1 RESOLVED – that Cllr Clive Stringer be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

**19/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

19/03.1 Borough Cllr Pochin

**19/04 CO-OPTIONS**

19/04.1 Following the Parish Council elections on 02 May 2019, there were currently nine ordinary vacancies on the Parish Council.  
RESOLVED – that Sean Houlston, Michael Stanley and Philip Williams be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**19/05 CODE OF CONDUCT**

19/05.1 Councillors considered the new Code of Conduct which had been adopted by the Borough Council in December 2018.  
RESOLVED – that the Parish Council adopts the Code of Conduct, adopted by the Borough Council in 2018.

**19/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

19/06.1 Cllr McGlone declared an interest in Minute 19/22 relating to the Parish Field.

19/06.2 Cllr Les Horne declared an interest in Planning Application 19/2178N as he had attended a meeting with planning officers

**19/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2019**

19/07.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**19/08 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

19/08.1 No questions were raised.

**19/09 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

19/09.1 RESOLVED – that the following appointments be made:-

- Cheshire Association of Local Councils  
**Cllrs Byron Evans and Clive Stringer**
- Police Cluster Meetings  
**Cllrs Les Horne and Sean Houlston**
- Hill top and Hole Hose Farms Local Liaison Committee

**Cllr Mike McGlone**

**19/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

19/10.1 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Clive Stringer	Power Tool	349.99	58.33	291.66
SPS	Payroll	72.00		72.00
JDH Business Services	Internal Audit	163.20	27.20	136.00
Mark Robinson	Salary	394.20		394.20
David Ogilvie	Benches	2,299.20	383.20	1,916.00
South Cheshire Pipe Band	Replacement cheque	200.00		200.00
Chairman	Chairman's Allowance	500.00		500.00

19/10.2 Grant Application

A grant application had been received from the Mablins Lane School PTA for the purchase of a candy floss machine for their summer fair.

RESOLVED – that the grant in the sum of £153.95 be approved.

19/10.3 Community Clean-Up

A grant had been received from the Borough Council in the sum of £809 as part of Central Government's Community Clean-Up grant funding. The Council had been nominated by former Borough Cllr Derek Bebbington. It was agreed that this matter would be considered further at the next meeting.

**19/11 YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

19/11.1 The Chairman advised of incidences of anti-social behaviour on the Parkers Road Estate. A request for additional PCSO patrols had been submitted to be used as a deterrent.

19/11.2 Councillors discussed options for the provision of youth activities and noted the football pitch would soon be available on the Carrington Way playing field. It was agreed that Youth Activity Committee be appointed comprising Cllrs Byron Evans, Lisa Hamlett, Sean Houlston, Linda Horne, Clive Stringer and Kath Stringer. This matter would also be further considered at the next Council meeting.

**19/12 PUBLICITY**

19/12.1 It was noted that Cllrs Lisa Hamlett and Kath Stringer would continue with the publicity on Facebook. Cllr Weir offered to assist with placing items on the Council's noticeboards.

**19/13 PLANNING MATTERS**

19/13.1 Applications for Consideration

Application	Description	Decision
19/1962N	Two-storey extension removing existing garage; new double garage; brick boundary wall; internal re-work and some replacement windows <b>at Spring Cottage, Moss Lane, Minshull Vernon</b>	Comments re visibility splays on the new entrance
19/2178N	Outline planning approval for the development of up to 850 residential units (Use Class C3), land reserved for new primary school, a local centre (Use Class A1-A4, AA, B1a, C3 and D1) and associated infrastructure and open space <b>on Land Off Minshull New Road And, Flowers Lane, Leighton</b>	Defer to next meeting

19/13.2 Decided/Awaiting Decision by the planning authority

Application	Description	Decision
18/5924N	Section 73 Release from Planning Obligations on approved application 11/1879N on <b>Land at Parkers Road, Crewe</b>	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 <b>Land Between Flowers Lane Minshull New Road the A530 Middlewich Road and North of, Pyms Lane, Crewe</b>	Approved with Conditions
18/4033N	Variation of conditions 8 and 12 on application 15/2126N - Solar farm and associated development on Land (South) at, <b>Moss Farm, Moss Lane, Warmingham</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 07 Nov 18)

**19/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

19/14.1 It was noted that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee would be held in the near future. The Committee would comprise Cllrs Lisa Hamlett, Les Horne, Linda Horne, Sean Houlston, Clive Stringer and Kath Stringer.

**19/15 REVIEW OF PARISHES**

19/15.1 Councillors noted that the Borough Council had commenced a Borough-wide Community Governance review which included all Governance arrangements for Parish and Town Councils. Consultations would commence in the next few months and this would provide the opportunity for interested parties to submit their observations at that time. It was agreed that this matter would be considered further at the next meeting.

**19/16 SPEEDWATCH AND POLICE CLUSTER REPORTS**

19/16.1 The Chairman advised that the Police Safety Camera van on Minshull New Road had caught a high number of speeding vehicles.

**19/17 HS2**

19/17.1 Cllr Stanley advised that HS2 were currently considering the use of derelict land for car parking. An HS2 Implementation Advisory Group was being held on 24 May.

**19/18 SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

19/18.1 The Council reviewed the Scheme of Delegation.

RESOLVED – that the following delegations be approved:-

- Highways matters – Cllr Horne
- Planning responses where deadline is between meetings – Clerk in consultation with Chairman and Vice-Chairman

**19/19 REPORTS AND SHARED ITEMS**

19/19.1 Following a suggestion that Cllrs should be provided with Tablets for use at meetings, Cllr Clive Stringer was asked to investigate and provide a quote to the next meeting.

19/19.2 Cllr S. Kay advised that there were many speeding vehicles passing the Speed Indicator Device in Woolstanwood.

19/19.3 The Chairman confirmed that no response had been forthcoming from the

Borough Council regarding the Council's concern about the closure of Lime Tree Avenue as part of the Sydney Bridge works. A further reminder would be sent.

19/19.4 Councillors discussed the feasibility of placing a play area on Tollemache Drive, although this would need to wait until the next financial year as ANSA currently had no further finances to provide a play area.

**19/20 DATES OF MEETINGS 2019/20**

19/20.1 RESOLVED – that the meetings in the 2019/20 municipal year be held on 24 June, 22 July, 19 August, 23 September, 28 October, 25 November, 16 December, 27 January, 24 February, 23 March, 27 April and 18 May.

**19/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

19/21.1 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 item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**19/22 PARISH FIELD**

19/22.1 The Chairman provided an update on the provision of a gate on the boundary.

19/22.2 Councillors reviewed the current terms and conditions for the lease on the Parish Field.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Field remains to be let at a cost of £200 per annum for 2019/20.