

**MINSHULL VERNON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22 JULY 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Les Horne (Chairman), Cllr Clive Stringer (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Baxter, Cllr Byron Evans, Cllr Linda Horne, Cllr Sean Houlston, Cllr Dawn Kay, Cllr Stuart Kay, Cllr Connor Naismith, Cllr Brian Palin, Cllr Brian Silvester, Cllr Margaret Smith, Cllr Michael Stanley, Cllr Kathryn Stringer, Cllr Jim Weir and Cllr Philip Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Cllr Sarah Pochin and one member of the public

**19/39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

19/39.1 Cllr McGlone

**19/40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

19/40.1 Cllr Stuart Kay declared a prejudicial interest in the grant application from the Royal British Legion and left the meeting during consideration thereof.

19/40.2 Cllr Dawn Kay declared a personal interest in the grant application from the Royal British Legion.

19/40.3 Cllr Les Horne declared a personal interest in Planning Application 19/2176N.

19/40.4 Cllr Linda Horne declared a personal interest in Planning Application 19/2176N.

**19/41 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2019**

19/41.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**19/42 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

19/42.1 No questions were raised.

**19/43 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

19/43.1 Finance Report

Councillors considered the Finance Report which provided budgetary analysis, bank reconciliation and an end of year projection.

19/43.2 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Gross £</b>	<b>VAT £</b>	<b>Net £</b>
Defib Machines	Cabinet	598.80	99.80	499.00
ChALC	Training	35.00		35.00
Stuart Kay	SID expenses	31.77		31.77
Mark Robinson	Salary	323.80		323.80

19/43.3 Grant Request

Councillors considered a grant request from the Royal British Legion in the sum of £1,200 towards the costs of a Veterans Breakfast Club which was held twice per month. This service was provided for the whole of the Crewe branch area including many veterans currently residing within the Parish Council's area.

RESOLVED – that a grant in the sum of £1,200 be provided to the Royal British Legion, with funding allocated from the S137 budget line.

19.43.4 Bank Account

The Council currently had two bank accounts with Natwest Bank. It was suggested that the Council should operate an online banking facility and the Clerk outlined the options and how these would operate within the Council's financial regulations. The Council agreed in principle to moving to online banking and the Clerk would provide further options to the next meeting.

19.43.5 Tablets

At the last meeting, Councillors had received quotes to provide tablets for all Councillors, wi-fi access at meetings and also the possibility of Council email addresses was raised. The Clerk confirmed that the initial costing for all of these would be just under £3,000, which would require quotations obtained to comply with financial regulations. It was agreed that a Group comprising the Clerk and Cllrs C. Stringer, K. Stringer and Weir investigate this matter further, with the remit extended to include website redevelopment and e-newsletter.

**19/44 YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

19/44.1 The Council was still awaiting the completion of the Enhanced DBS checks.

**19/45 SAFEGUARDING**

19/45.1 The Council's Safeguarding Lead, Cllr Dawn Kay submitted a draft of the Council's proposed Safeguarding Policy. A further version would be submitted once the feedback from CVS and ChALC had been reviewed. Cllr Kay was thanked for the work to date on developing the policy.

**19/46 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

19/46.1 Councillors discussed options for the utilisation of this grant from the Borough Council. One suggestion was that wild flowers should be planted along verges and the Chairman would liaise with the highways authority to seek their views and permission if necessary.

**19/47 PLANNING MATTERS**

19/47.1 Applications for Consideration

Application	Description	Decision
19/2787N	To erect an oak gazebo and replace an existing garage with an oak car barn at Manor House, Bradfield Road, Leighton	No comments
19/2890W	Installation of two single storey modular office and welfare units, siting of a new portable vehicle weighbridge with associated service kiosk at Pyms Lane Waste Disposal Site, Pyms Lane, Woolstanwood	No comments
19/2889N	Advertisement Consent for welcome signage at the entrance to the site at Pyms Lane Waste Disposal Site, Pyms Lane, Woolstanwood	No comments
19/2176N	Planning application for construction of 5 No. detached dwellings complete with the provision of new access, associated parking, turning and landscaping at Land At Former Grenson Motors Site, Middlewich Road, Bradfield Green	Comments and suggested conditions

19/47.2 Planning Application 19/2176N

RESOLVED:–

i) that the Council makes the following comments on this application –

- The application stated that the site was empty but this was not the

- case as it was currently being used for the storage of vehicles;
  - The application stated that there was no land contamination. This was challenged as the site was a petrol station and vehicle repair garage for 70 years, thus contamination was very likely and needed to be investigated;
  - No provision for the storing of waste or recycling; and
  - No mention of how surface and waste water would be dealt with;
- ii) that should the application be approved then the following conditions be imposed –
- All contractors’ vehicles to park onsite and under no circumstances be permitted to park on Moss Lane, A530, West View or Queens Crescent;
  - All deliveries to be made between the hours of 09:00 and 15:30;
  - Hours of construction be limited to Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00; Saturday 08:00 to 13:00 and no construction permitted Sundays or Public Holidays;
  - Crossing point be provided to enable access to the bus stop on the Southbound A530 and reinstatement of bus stop adjacent to site on Northbound A530.
- iii) Borough Cllr Pochin be requested to call-in this application so that it would be considered by the Planning Committee.

19/47.3 Decided/Awaiting Decision by the planning authority

Application	Description	Decision
19/2356N	Minor amendments to approval 18/0552N including the removal of an oak tree, installation of a weighbridge kiosk, an electrical substation and feeder pillar, 3 no. additional escape staircases, additional storage tank and moving of rainwater attenuation tank and surface water headwall at <b>Leighton Grange, Middlewich Road, Leighton</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 01 October)
19/2808N	Demolition of The Existing Conservatory, And Detached Flat Roof Garage, And Proposed Single Storey Side And Rear Extension at <b>Rose Cottage, Middlewich Road, Leighton</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 06 August)
19/2396N	Erection of a new two-storey SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) school and associated landscaping at <b>Site of Former Lodgefields School, Lodgefield Drive, Crewe</b>	Committee Date – 07 August
19/2432N	The Re-development and change of use of the former Public House (use class A4) to new retail store (use class A1) including retention of existing accesses, reconfiguration of car park and associated external works at <b>The Merlin, Bradfield Road, Crewe</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 19 July)
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 on <b>Land off Minshull New Road and, Flowers Lane, Leighton</b>	Committee Date – 24 July
19/1371N	Outline application for the development of up to 400 residential units (Use Class C3) and associated infrastructure and open space <b>on Land off, Minshull</b>	Committee Date – 24 July

	<b>New Road, Leighton</b>	
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>	Refused – increase in size and visibility splays
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)

**19/48 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

19/48.1 Cllr Houlston provided an update on the commencement of the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. The next Steering Group meeting would be held on 06 August 2019, commencing at 7.00pm at the Minshull Vernon Community Hall. The first stage was the submission of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, which the Group had agreed be co-terminus with the Parish Council's boundary.

**19/49 RESIDENT OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION**

19/49.1 Councillors discussed examples from other Parish Councils on how they communicated with residents. The Council currently had a website and Facebook page, noticeboards and the Annual Report was distributed to all households.

19/49.2 It was suggested that a newsletter be produced in electronic format but with hard copies available in a number of central points. This would be further considered at the next meeting.

**19/50 ANNUAL REPORT**

19/50.1 The Council discussed the contents for the Annual Report 2018/19. A number of suggestions were made such as the Council's grant to enable Mablins Lane School's Forest Classroom Project, potential wildflower planting, the role of the Council, and supporting the work of the Royal British Legion. Councillors were asked to submit suggestions and/or submissions to the next meeting.

**19/51 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

19/51.1 Councillors discussed the forthcoming review of Parishes being undertaken by the Borough Council. A number of suggestions were made to extend the area covered by the Parish Council and these would be considered in more detail at the next meeting.

19/51.2 With regards to the Council's name, this would be further discussed at the next meeting.

**19/52 SPEEDWATCH AND POLICE CLUSTER REPORTS**

19/52.1 The Chairman provided an update on Speedwatch and crime statistics in the Parish area. A meeting was being held with highways officers to discuss potential traffic calming measures on the A530 in Bradfield Green.

19/52.2 Following approval for the purchase of a new Speed Indicator Device on Parkers Road at the previous meeting and following the review of three quotations, it had been agreed to purchase it from TWM.

**19/53 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

19/53.1 Borough Cllr Pochin referred to the agenda for the Strategic Planning Board. The Board would be approving the Publication Draft version of the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document, which contained

details of proposed Gypsy and Traveller sites across Cheshire East. Councillors expressed concern about the proposals and the Chairman was authorised to provide comments for submitting to the Board.

19/53.2 Borough Cllr Evans referred to discussions with Youth Services regarding ways to support young people congregating on the Carrington Way Play Area and also Street Sports.

**19/54 REPORTS AND SHARED ITEMS**

19/54.1 Cllr Williams advised that he had liaised with the highways officers regarding the issues raised at the last meeting.

19/54.2 The Chairman advised that works to refurbish the Perryfields Play Area should commence within the next three weeks.

19/54.3 Cllr Smith suggested that the Council should consider whether it wishes to undertake any activities in 2020 to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. This would be considered at the next meeting.

19/54.4 The Chairman advised that he would be meeting with the PCSOs to discuss a potential Family Funday during the School holidays

19/54.5 The Chairman advised that he and Cllr McGlone had commenced works at Whalley's Green.

**19/55 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19/55.1 Monday, 19 August 2019, commencing at 7.15pm