

**MINSHULL VERNON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Two members of the public

**19/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

19/23.1 Cllr Palin and Borough Cllr Pochin

**19/24 CO-OPTIONS**

19/24.1 Following the Parish Council elections on 02 May 2019, there were currently six ordinary vacancies on the Parish Council.

RESOLVED – that Connor Naismith and Margaret Smith be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**19/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

19/25.1 Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in Planning Application 19/2178N.

19/25.2 Cllr Les Horne declared an interest in Planning Application 19/2178N as he had attended a meeting with planning officers

**19/26 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2019**

19/26.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendments-

- that Cllr Evans be added to the list of those present;
- that Cllr Dawn Kay be added to the members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee (minute 19/14); and
- that a standing item be added to future agenda entitled ‘Borough Councillors’ Reports’ (minute 19/19)

**19/27 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

19/27.1 No questions were raised.

**19/28 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

19/28.1 Finance Report

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

19/28.2 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Gross £</b>	<b>VAT £</b>	<b>Net £</b>
Mablins Lane PTA	Grant	153.95		153.95
Mark Robinson	Salary and website	366.66	7.18	359.48
HMRC	PAYE Q1	232.60		232.60
Mike McGlone	Purchases	110.60		110.60
Les Horne	Purchases	266.83	41.99	224.84

19/28.3 Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit has been completed and the auditor had confirmed that the Council’s systems of internal control were adequate for the purposes

intended and effective. The one issue identified was as follows –

Issue	Recommendation
No evidence was provided that three quotations were sought for all payments for supplies in excess of £1,000 as required by the financial regulations	The procurement requirements for contracts in the Financial Regulations Should be adhered to.

This was in effect a reminder to follow the Council's financial regulations, although noting that there are occasions when the Council would not seek further quotations, but these should be minuted.

RESOLVED – that the internal audit report be received and adopted.

**19/28.4 Training**

Cllr Stuart Kay had requested attendance at a CVS training course entitled 'Volunteers and the Law', which would cost £35.

RESOLVED – that the Council provides the funding from the training budget.

**19/28.5 Speed Indicator Device**

Councillors discussed the options regarding the repair or replacement of the SID on Parkers Road, which was no longer in operation.

RESOLVED – that the Council purchases a new SID and the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to spend up to £2,500 on this following the Council obtaining three quotations, to comply with the financial regulations.

**19/29 YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

19/29.1 Cllr Kathryn Stringer provided an update on this and advised that the Clerk would have to facilitate the Enhanced DBS checks.

**19/30 SAFEGUARDING**

19/30.1 Cllrs Stuart Kay and Les Horne had attended a CVS training course on Safeguarding. It was suggested that the Council should have a Safeguarding Lead and a Safeguarding Policy.

RESOLVED – that Cllr Dawn Kay be appointed as the Council's Safeguarding Lead.

**19/31 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

19/31.1 The Borough Council had awarded a grant in the sum of £809 for the Parish Council to work with organisations to undertake community-led street cleans. The Chairman asked that all Councillors consider ways in which to utilise these monies and provide suggestions to the next meeting. It was also suggested that Wistaston Conservation Group be asked to provide advice on this.

**19/32 PLANNING MATTERS**

**19/32.1 Applications for Consideration**

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>	No comments
19/2808N	Demolition Of The Existing Conservatory, And Detached Flat	No

	Roof Garage, And Proposed Single Storey Side And Rear Extension at <b>Rose Cottage, Middlewich Road, Leighton</b>	comments
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>	Support
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>	Support
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>	Objection

19/32.2 Planning Application 19/2178N

RESOLVED:-

i) that the Council objects to this application on the following grounds –

- increased traffic congestion;
- adverse effect on local countryside;
- increased pressure on local amenities; and
- lack of clarity regarding affordable housing provision.

ii) in the event that the planning authority approves this application, then conditions be included to address the following issues –

- the North West Crewe Package must be completed prior to any works commencing;
- No construction traffic to use Minshull New Road;
- All construction vehicles to be parked onsite;
- Maximum retention of existing hedgerows, trees and other natural features;
- Following completion, regular review of the highways network and consideration of traffic calming measures; and
- Monetary contribution to the Community Centre.

19/32.3 Decided/Awaiting Decision by the planning authority

Application	Description	Decision
19/1631N	Steel portal framed agricultural livestock building - cubicle building at <b>Park Hall Farm, Nantwich Road, Minshull Vernon</b>	Approved with Conditions
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 New Road, Leighton</b>	Committee Date – 24 July
19/1962N	Two-storey extension removing existing garage; new double garage; brick boundary wall; internal re-work and some replacement windows at <b>Spring Cottage, Moss Lane, Minshull Vernon</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 02 July)
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)
18/4033N	Variation of conditions 8 and 12 on application 15/2126N - Solar farm and associated development on Land (South) at, <b>Moss Farm, Moss Lane,</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 07 Nov 18)

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**19/33 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

19/33.1 The initial Steering Committee meeting would be held on 01 July 2019. Councillors considered the draft timetable which indicated the completion of the process by 2022. The importance of community engagement and involvement was paramount throughout the development of the plan.

**19/34 REVIEW OF PARISHES**

19/34.1 Councillors noted that the Borough Council had commenced a Borough-wide Community Governance review which included all Governance arrangements for Parish and Town Councils. The review would consider all issues including boundaries, Parish clusters, Council names and numbers of Councillors. This would be considered further at the next meeting.

**19/35 SPEEDWATCH AND POLICE CLUSTER REPORTS**

19/35.1 Councillors discussed the process regarding feedback from Cluster meetings.

**19/36 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

19/36.1 Cllr Williams raised the issue regarding dangerous bends on the section of Connect 2, Section 451 from Coppenhall Lane to the Rising Sun. It was suggested that warning signs should be placed in the vicinity of these bends. As the majority of this route was outside the Parish Council's area, it was suggested that the Borough Councillors for Wistaston be contacted to take this forward.

19/36.2 Cllr Williams referred to the poor condition of the bridge wall on the A530 road/cycle path and the Clerk was asked to report this to the highways authority.

**19/37 REPORTS AND SHARED ITEMS**

19/37.1 Cllr Clive Stringer provided details of quotes obtained for the provision of tablets and wi-fi connectivity for Councillors. This would be considered in more detail at the next meeting.

19/37.2 The Chairman advised that he had contacted the highways authority regarding overgrown hedges on Mablins Lane.

19/37.3 The Clerk was asked to write to former Cllr Paul Wright, who had indicated that he would not be seeking to be co-opted onto the Council, to thank him for his service over the years.

19/37.4 Councillors were reminded of the invitation to attend the opening of the Forest Classroom at Mablins Lane School on 22 July at 2.00pm. The Council had supported this with a grant of £3,000.

19/37.5 Cllr Kathryn Stringer asked that the provision of Councillor identification badges be considered at the next meeting.

19/37.6 Cllr Stuart Kay provided details of a fundraising dinner for the Royal British Legion at Rookery Hall on 26 September 2019.

**19/38 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19/38.1 Monday, 22 July 2019, commencing at 7.15pm