

**MINSHULL VERNON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Les Horne (Chairman), Cllr Clive Stringer (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Baxter, Cllr Lisa Hamlett, Cllr Linda Horne, Cllr Stuart Kay, Cllr Mike McGlone, Cllr Brian Palin and Cllr Kathryn Stringer

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

One member of the public

**181 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

181.1 Cllr Weir and Borough Cllr Green.

**182 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

182.1 None.

**183 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2019**

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

**184 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

184.1 No questions were raised.

**185 PUBLICITY**

185.1. The Chairman sought suggestions from Councillors for ways to publicise the Parish Council's activities across the community. Cllr K Stringer advised that she would continue to manage the Council's Facebook page and seek quotes for banners to publicise meetings. Noticeboards were being considered at the former Merlin House and Eight Farmers Car Park. Another suggestion was for Welcome Packs in the new houses.

**186 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

186.1 Finance Report

The Council received the finance report which provided a budgetary analysis and an end of year projection which totalled £21,672, together with a ringfenced reserve of £20,000 as a contribution to the Community Hub.

186.2 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Zurich Insurance	Insurance 2019/20	1,118.21		1,118.21
Kedel Ltd	Fencing	2,281.92	380.32	1,901.60
HMRC	PAYE Q4	205.20		205.20
Mark Robinson	Salary & Expenses	309.03		309.03
Mablins Lane	Room Hire	20.00		20.00
Any further invoices received prior to the meeting				

186.3 External Audit

At the last meeting, Cllr K Stringer suggested that the Auditor had advised that the issue raised relating to the variances between the two-year's accounts had been answered satisfactorily and thus should not have been contained on the certificate. The Auditor was unable to confirm this as the person who dealt with the audit had left and there was no further information on file. Therefore, the Auditor confirmed that, in its opinion, the certificate as submitted was correct.

186.4 Insurance

Following the update of the schedule as discussed at the last meeting, the Cost for the forthcoming year remained unchanged at £1,118.21.

RESOLVED – that the insurance policy be approved at a cost of £1,118.21.

186.5 Risk Schedule

The Council had a comprehensive set of risk assessments covering memorial structures, noticeboards, Parish Field and Boundaries, Mature trees, Parish Clerk Home Working, Speed Display Units and Powered Maintenance Equipment. A general risk assessment document had been drafted and submitted to the Council for consideration.

RESOLVED – that the Risk Schedule be approved.

**187 YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

187.1. The Chairman advised that he had a meeting with ANSA recently to discuss the play area projects. Borough Council planners had advised that Leisure facilities would be part of the Leighton Development S106 agreement along with a Community Hub, so there could be options with this. Cllr K Stringer advised that she would establish a poll on the Facebook page asking for the views from the community.

**188 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

188.1. Tom Evans, from the Borough Council's Neighbourhood Planning team, attended the meeting to provide guidance on the Neighbourhood Planning process. It was essential that there was community involvement and engagement throughout the process. Grant funding was available to support the process and the majority of the spending would be on consultants' fees. A Steering Committee comprising Councillors and members of the public would be necessary.

**189 PERRY FIELDS PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS**

189.1. ANSA had submitted a grant application in the sum of £4,000 towards the overall cost of the scheme of £21,984. The improvements involved the provision of fencing, new springy, new flooring and swings.

RESOLVED – that the grant application of £4,000 be approved.

**190 CARRINGTON WAY (MABLINS LANE) IMPROVEMENTS**

190.1. ANSA had submitted a grant application in the sum of £1,316.75 for the improvements to the open space which included the provision of an informal kickabout space. This grant would be used to supplement S106 monies.

RESOLVED – that the grant application of £1,316.75 be approved.

**191 PLANNING MATTERS**

191.1 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 <b>at The Merlin, Bradfield Road, CREWE</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 02 Apr)
19/0553N	Single storey extension to rear and first floor extension to rear/side at <b>Chapel Cottage, Middlewich Road, Minshull Vernon</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 29 Mar)

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)
18/6034N	Reserved matters approval for a substitution of house types on Phase 2b, Plots 8,13-14,265-352, 365-375,381-394 (116 plots in total) on <b>Land off Parkers Road, Crewe</b>	Approved with Conditions
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, Pym's Lane, Crewe</b>	Awaiting decision - Committee Date – 27 Mar
19/0074N	Variation of Condition 14 on 15/1249M - Proposed construction of 10 No. Dwelling complete with access, associated parking and landscaping at <b>Grenson Motor Co Ltd, Middlewich Road, Minshull Vernon</b>	Application Withdrawn
19/0295N	First floor extension and conversion of the existing garage to form ancillary accommodation to the dwelling at <b>7, Perry Fields, Leighton</b>	Awaiting decision – delegated (expected 18 Mar)
18/5733N	Erection of 2no additional poultry buildings on established poultry farm at <b>Red Hall Farm, Middlewich Road, Leighton</b>	Approved with Conditions
18/6163N	Change of use from disused agricultural site to Landscaping / Builders merchants supplies, to include materials bunkers, office building trade / retail counter and workshop / stores, access road, car parking and off-road lorry parking for up to four articulated vehicles with secluded hardstanding and turning areas at <b>Field and land to north of Eardswick Lane and east of Bradfield Green Farm, Minshull Vernon</b>	Refused – adverse effect on open countryside
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)

## 192 SPEEDWATCH AND POLICE CLUSTER REPORTS

192.1 The Chairman advised that he had accompanied the police whilst they had been using the TruCAM and there had been 24 speeding incidents in a 50-minute period.

## 193 HS2

193.1 The Chairman advised that HS2 ground investigations would be necessary before any works commenced on the line. There were concerns regarding the amount of construction vehicles necessary for transporting excavated materials and the effect on local routes. It was suggested that this should be transported by rail.

## 194 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

194.1 A request had been received from the Borough Council for the naming of three streets off Parkers Road, Crewe.  
RESOLVED – that the following names be used – Alan Fawcett, John Jones and Byron Evans

Councillor C Stringer declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during consideration thereof.

## 195 POWER TOOL

195.1 Councillors considered the provision of a replacement power tool following

the loss of one during works to the telephone kiosk at Bradfield Green in preparation for the defibrillator.

RESOLVED – that the Council purchases the replacement power tool and this is added to the fixed assets register.

**196 REPORTS AND SHARED ITEMS**

196.1 It was noted that there was CCTV in the Church Hall although there were no notices to this effect.

196.2 The Chairman advised that he had met with a contractor and would be obtaining a quote for a boundary fence around the Green.

**197 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

197.1 Monday, 15 April 2019, commencing at 7.15pm