

MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

(Leighton, Minshull Vernon and Woolstanwood)

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NOTICE of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors are summoned to a meeting to be held on:

DATE: MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2017

TIME: 7.15 pm

VENUE: St. PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON

Endorsement:



(Chairman)

Dated 13 August 2017

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Or

Chairman (Les Horne) – 01270 522386

Members of the Parish Council

To: L Horne (Chairman); Mrs L Horne; S Kay; R Lee; M McGlone (Vice Chairman); B Palin;
D Ridings; M Stanley; D Street; C Stringer; K Stringer; P Wright

Cc: Cheshire East Ward Councillors

DN Bebbington (Leighton)

ME Jones (Bunbury)

MJ Simon and MJ Weatherill (Wistaston)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is an opportunity for residents to address Members under the 'Public Question Time' slot.

On occasions, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meetings when the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature; for example, dealing with individual people, contracts and financial affairs of other parties.

NOTES

Members of the Public

The Parish Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend its meetings. You are requested to enter and leave quietly and to remain quiet during the meeting. Mobile phones and pagers should be switched off, and no food or drink should be brought into the meeting.

The Parish Council has a Public Question Time Procedure and members of the public are able to ask questions during the 10-minute slot in the early part of the meeting. In addition, if you feel there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council you may contact the Clerk, the Chairman, or any member of the Parish Council, and arrangements can be made to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting, if appropriate.

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Notice of Items

The Parish Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is case law to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch.119*).

The law does not make provision for “urgent business” and if any matter is truly urgent because it must be dealt with before the next meeting, a special meeting should be arranged unless there are delegation arrangements in place to allow the Clerk to take certain decisions, in consultation with the Chairman. (S.101(1) Local Government Act 1972).

Exclusion of Press and Public

It is sometimes necessary for individuals other than Members or Officers of the Parish Council to remain in a meeting when the public and press have been excluded. This will depend on the role of the individuals concerned; for example, if they have been invited to the meeting to offer technical or professional advice to Members. However, even in these circumstances, caution needs to be exercised as it would be difficult to hold such individuals to account if they subsequently divulged what was discussed at the meeting.

In the case of other individuals who simply have some background knowledge of the issue, it would be difficult to argue that they should be treated any differently from any other member of the public for the purposes of exclusion. It is important for Members not to allow themselves to get into a position where they are selecting who should remain in the meeting; this could lead to an abuse of procedure and bring the Parish Council into disrepute. It would also enable accusations to be made that some individuals were allowed to exercise undue influence.

Planning Grounds - The grounds on which comments can be made on planning applications are as follows

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| 1 | Development Plan in all its aspects | 8 | Appropriateness of use taking account of local area |
| 2 | Government legislation and guidance (PPG) | 9 | Effect on highway safety and parking |
| 3 | Siting | 10 | Landscape |
| 4 | Design | 11 | Listed buildings |
| 5 | External appearance | 12 | Conservation areas |
| 6 | Compatibility with street-scene | 13 | Land contamination |
| 7 | Development effect on neighbouring properties, amenities and privacy | 14 | Flooding |

Non-Relevant Matters

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| 1 | Matters controlled by other legislation | 6 | Business competition |
| 2 | Effects on private rights | 7 | Personal circumstances – health/ finance |
| 3 | Provisions in covenants/deeds | 8 | Ownership |
| 4 | Effect on property values | 9 | Moral issues |
| 5 | Private opinions | | |

Note: If the Parish Council agrees, in principle, with an application, but not in all aspects, suggestions for “development conditions” can be made, in line with relevant factors.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence should be notified to the Chairman by noon on the day of the meeting, if possible. Apologies must be received and accepted before the meeting. If received after the meeting they cannot be recorded.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

Whilst the Clerk can advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the particular circumstances.

3 MINUTES – 24 July 2017

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 24 July 2017.

4 MEMBERSHIP and CLERK ISSUES

4.1 Co-Option of a Member

To consider the co-option of Mr Jim Weir as a Member of the MV&D Parish Council.

(Mr Muir will be invited to provide a summary of his interest in becoming a Member, and current Members will be invited to pose questions as necessary).

4.2 Employment of a Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman will provide an update on the advertisement and status relating to the employment of a permanent Clerk to the Parish Council.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to ask questions.

6 FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Accounts Management

Cllr K Stringer (interim RFO) to report on the status of the accounts.

6.2 Authorisation of Payments

The Parish Council Members are invited to consider the following payments:

- *There are no payments for consideration*

7 PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Applications for Consultation

The following planning applications for consultation have been received from the CEC at the time of publication of this agenda. Additional applications received before the meeting will be issued to Members by e-mail and will be accessible on the CEC Planning website.

17/3589N UNIT 8 MARSHFIELD BANK, Woolstanwood, CW2 8UY

- erect proposed takeaway unit on existing car park (comments by 6 Sept)

17/3593N UNIT 8 MARSHFIELD BANK, Woolstanwood, CW2 8UY

- illuminated heart shaped sign to side of serving hatch (comments by 28 Aug 17)

17/4071N LAND AT MOAT HOUSE FARM, MIDDLEWICH ROAD, Minshull Vernon, CW1 4RD

- proposed siting of residential caravan for a max. period of 1year (comments by 6 Sept 17)

17/4072N LAND AT MOAT HOUSE FARM, MIDDLEWICH ROAD, Minshull Vernon, CW1 4RD

- proposed agricultural building (comments by 6 Sept 17)

7.2 Planning Update

25 July 2017 - ChALC/ CEC event - Holmes Chapel Community Centre

To receive a report on the above event from Cllr C Stringer.

8 POLICE MATTERS & CLUSTER REPORTS

To receive reports relating to Cheshire Police and associated activities.

9 SPEEDWATCH

To receive reports relating to speed watch activities, and speedwatch equipment.

10 ANNUAL REPORT

Note only for future item. The Annual Report will be collated and published in September 2017.

11 CASUAL VACANCIES

To detail the publication of the Notice of Casual Vacancies.

12 VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL CROSS

To receive an update from Cllr Kay regarding the identification of stonemason services.

13 MABLINS LANE COMMUNITY PROJECT

To receive an update on the status of the Mablins Lane community hall and allotments project.

14 MERLIN PUBLIN HOUSE – COMMUNITY USE

(Cllr Mr L Horne) To discuss the possible use of the Merlin Public House as a community centre.

15 Ex BT TELEPHONE BOX – Bradfield Green

(Cllr Mr L Horne) To discuss the renovation of the telephone box at Bradfield Green.

16 FUTURE STREET NAMING PROPOSAL

(Cllr D Ridings) To discuss a proposal to name a new development street to honour Marjorie Geddes.

17 REPORTS and SHARED INFORMATION

Councillors are invited to share information.

(Members are reminded that ‘Shared Information’ is a means of exchanging information but does not replace the need for decision items to be placed on the agenda).

18 FUTURE MEETING DATES

18.1 Date of Next Meeting

25 September 2017