

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON, CREWE
ON 21 AUGUST 2017**

PRESENT:	Councillor Les Horne	Chairman
	Councillor Linda Horne	Councillor S Kay
	Councillor B Palin	Councillor D Ridings
	Councillor C Stringer	Councillor K Stringer
	Councillor D Street	Councillor P Wright
IN ATTENDANCE:	Borough Councillor D N Bebbington	
	Mr Jim Weir	Candidate for co-option
APOLOGIES:	Councillors R Lee and M McGlone	

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they had 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.

No declarations were made.

39 MINUTES – 24 JULY 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

40 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP – CO-OPTION

The Parish Council was invited to consider the co-option of Mr Jim Weir onto the Parish Council. Mr Weir was in attendance and briefly explained why he wished to become a parish councillor, following which, it was –

RESOLVED: That Jim Weir be co-opted onto the Parish Council to represent the Leighton Urban Ward.

(Note. Mr Weir signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was then able to participate fully in the meeting.)

41 UP-DATE ON EMPLOYMENT OF NEW CLERK

The closing date for applications for the appointment of a Parish Clerk was 31 August. There had been only one application to date.

The Chairman would be arranging a meeting of the Staffing Committee during the week to consider the situation.

Arising out of discussion, Councillor K Stringer indicated that she wished to undergo Clerk's training, offered by NALC, through the local Cheshire Association of Local Councils, with a view to being considered for appointment as the Parish Clerk. As Councillor Stringer was a Member of the Staffing Committee, she would now be '*conflicted out*' and would not be able to attend the meeting in view of her conflict of interest.

42 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public in attendance at this point in the proceedings.

43 FINANCIAL MATTERS

43.1 Report of the Interim Responsible Financial Officer

Councillor K Stringer tabled an up-dated Financial Statement which reflected payments made in July 2017. The bank reconciliation was noted:

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	<u>BANK ACCOUNT</u>	£
B/fwd on 1 Apr 2017	17,531.61	Reserve Account	20,441.00
ADD First half precept	10,500.00	Current Account	100.00
ADD Other receipts	0.80		
LESS cheques previously detailed	<u>(102.59)</u>		
	<u>27,929.82</u>		<u>20,541.00</u>
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>			
LESS Payments	7,409.56	LESS U/p cheques	(20.74)
	<u>20,520.26</u>		<u>20,520.26</u>

43.2 Authorisation of Payments

It was noted that there were no payments for authorisation.

44 PLANNING MATTERS

44.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council was invited to comment on the following planning applications:

- 17/3589N Unit 8 Marshfield Bank, Woolstanwood, CW2 8UY
Erection of proposed takeaway unit on existing car park.
- 17/3593N Unit 8 Marshfield Bank, Woolstanwood, CW2 8UY
Illuminated heart-shaped sign to side of serving hatch.

RESOLVED: That no comments be made in respect of planning applications Nos. 17/3589N and 17/3593N.

- 17/4071N Land at Moat House Farm, Middlewich Road, Minshull Vernon, CW1 4RD
Proposed siting of residential caravan for a maximum period of 1 year
- 17/4072N Land at Moat House Farm, Middlewich Road, Minshull Vernon, CW1 4RD
Proposed agricultural building.

RESOLVED: That planning applications Nos. 17/4071N and 17/4072N be supported on the basis that it was a new business which deserved the Parish Council's support.

- 17/4011N Bentley Motors, Pyms Lane, Crewe, CW1 3PL
Hybrid Planning Application for
- o Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for means of access and layout for Production and Manufacturing Facility 2);
 - o For the erection of two production and manufacturing facilities;
 - o Two covered links connecting one of the production and manufacturing facilities with Bentley's existing manufacturing facility;
 - o An engine test bed facility together with associated car parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure.
 - o Full planning application for the erection of a gatehouse, security fencing, pedestrian turnstile and associated turning facilities to the west of the existing Bentley Motors site on Pyms Lane;

- The erection of a gatehouse, security fence, pedestrian turnstile, bin store, reconfiguration of visitor parking and associated turning facilities to the east of the existing Bentley Motors site on Pyms Lane;
- The erection of a gatehouse, security fence, cycle store, pedestrian turnstile and associated turning facilities together with a further gate on Sunnybank Road.

The Chairman reported that this planning application had been received on Friday, 18 August with a deadline date of 20 September, for observations (prior to next meeting of the Parish Council). The Chairman had contacted the Case Officer requesting an extension to 26 September. A response was awaited.

44.2 Planning Update – Event hosted by CEC/ChALC – 25 July 2017

Councillor C Stringer had been unable to attend this event, owing to an urgent business commitment.

45 POLICE MATTERS

There were no PCSOs in attendance, but PCSO Carol Ball had provided the Chairman with a list of various criminal and anti-social behaviour incidents, including the following:

- Neighbour disputes
- Sexual offence
- Burglaries in Leighton area
- Theft
- Environmental anti-social behaviour.

Arising out of discussion, reference was made to a significant incident on 24 July 2017 in the vicinity of Lambourn Drive. This had involved armed Police Officers and Police helicopter action.

46 SPEED-WATCH

It was reported that the faulty speed sign (reported to the Parish Council on 24 July 2017) had now been returned to Parkers Road.

The Chairman reported that he had been out on site with traffic Police.

47 ANNUAL REPORT – 2016/2017

Members discussed preparation of the Annual Report which was due to be issued in September. Although the purpose of the document was to report on the Parish Council's activities in 2016/2017, a 'look forward' to the year 2017/2018 could also be included. The following were agreed for inclusion:

- Facebook (article to be provided by Councillor K Stringer, as the lead councillor on this project).
- Progress on Community Projects
- Recognition of contribution by former councillors Terry Beard and Marshall Wilson.

48 CASUAL VACANCIES

As reported at the previous meeting, the Council had not notified Cheshire East Council of new vacancies as there were currently 10 vacancies out of 22 seats (Note: In view of the co-option of Mr Weir, earlier in the meeting, membership had increased to 13 Members, leaving nine vacant seats.)

49 VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL CROSS

Councillor S Kay reported on progress so far, and advice received, in respect of remedial work required on the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Memorial Cross. He expected to be able to report in more detail at the September meeting.

50 MABLINS LANE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Councillor K Stringer reported that the meeting of the Mablins Lane Committee had been cancelled and there were no specific matters to report at this time. She also reported that a number of complaints had been received about the proposal. In view of this, the Chairman suggested that it might be appropriate to hold a public meeting to try to allay concerns expressed by residents.

No decision was taken at this time and the matter could be considered at the next meeting.

51 MERLIN PUBLIC HOUSE – COMMUNITY USE

This item had been requested by the Chairman. He invited Members to consider potential uses for the Merlin Public House site. The following were suggested.

- Community centre.
- Allotments site
- Partnership arrangement with Cheshire East Council if S.106 funding could be diverted to such use. The site could possibly be acquired under the Derelict Sites Act.

The Chairman reported that he and Borough Councillor Derek Bebbington would be attending a meeting with the Multi-Task Agency and would report back to the Parish Council in September.

52 EX-BT TELEPHONE KIOSK – BRADFIELD GREEN

The Chairman reported that he had secured the services of a volunteer who would be able to refurbish the BT telephone kiosk; this would comprise, cleaning, painting and window-pane replacement.

The Parish Council was able to paint the kiosk in whatever colour it chose and Members were invited to agree a colour. Councillor C Stringer undertook to verify the correct colour, as used on original telephone kiosks.

RESOLVED: That the ex-BT telephone kiosk be painted red.

53 FUTURE STREET NAMING PROPOSAL

Councillor D Ridings suggested that the next time that the Parish Council was invited to offer a name for a new street on a new development, the name 'Marjorie Close'¹ should be put forward to Cheshire East Council to acknowledge the late Marjorie Geddes' contribution to the parish.

Members were advised that whilst names could be offered to the Borough Council, the suffix, e.g Close, Avenue, would be determined by Cheshire East Council taking account of appropriate regulations and its own policy.

It was suggested that the Parish Council could compile its own list of themes/road names, in priority order. The list could be retained and when the Council was invited to submit suggestions for new streets, this list would be used as the source document.

RESOLVED: That 'street-naming' be added as an agenda item for the September meeting.

¹ Subsequent inspection of the CEC Street Naming Policy indicates that 'Close' can only be used for cul-de-sacs.

54 REPORTS/SHARED INFORMATION

Members were able to share information or report on attendance at recent meetings of outside bodies. Issues raised included the following:

- Anti-social behaviour at The Gables.
- Overgrown hedge on Coppenhall Lane.
- Reference to questionnaire completion in respect of Becconsall Drive. **AGREED** That this item should be referenced in the Annual Report.
- Invitation from the Leader of Crewe Town Council to attend an event of importance to neighbouring parish councils. Councillors Les Horne and David Street agreed to attend if possible.
- ChALC Training Session – 13 September 2017 at Tarvin (Examining the role of local councillors as community representatives and leaders.
- Spatial Planning Update. Link to be added to the Facebook page.
- Meeting on 31 Oct 'Connected Decisions On Flood Risk'.

55 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25 SEPTEMBER 2017

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm and concluded at 8.50 pm