MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULLVERNON ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Mr D C Forrest Chairman

Mr W T Beard Vice-Chairman

Mr W Barnes Mr L Horne
Mrs L Horne Mr R Hollinshead
Mr B Palin Mr I Williamson

Mr M Wilson

APOLOGIES: Messrs D N Bebbington, B Evans, K Halford and D Preece

447 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and, if necessary, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

448 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 MINUTES)

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

There were no members of the public in attendance and the Parish Council proceeded to its next item of business.

449 PLANNING MATTERS

449.1 Planning Applications

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

• 11/2502N - Grenson Motor Company, Marshfield Bank

Existing grey cladding, goods in-doors and pedestrian access doors to be painted red RAL3000 to Workshops, existing cladding and verge flashings to be painted white RAL9010 to showroom existing grey glazed frames to be painted silver RAL9006

11/2959N – 5 Bleasdale Road

Garage conversion and extension

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised to either of the planning applications.

449.2 Local Development Framework – Place Shaping Consultation

The Parish Council was invited to participate in the first stage of consultation in drawing up new development plans for towns and villages in Cheshire East. This was being promoted as an opportunity for Parish Councils to notify the Borough Council of their requirements for their parishes in 2030. Comments were requested by 30 September 2011.

Comments made included the following, before it was agreed that the survey questionnaire be completed at the meeting, by the Clerk, and submitted to Cheshire East Council.

- Crewe Town Centre overdue for re-development
- Support for retention of Lyceum Theatre and Crewe Library
- Crewe Market was an attraction but had depleted as a consequence of high rents.

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- Loss of Planning Help Desk at Municipal Buildings, Crewe. This was a key service provided to members of the public.
- The road network was insufficient to cope with traffic.
- Consider the type of employment which was proposed as this would impact on the type of education which should be offered.
- Did the area need more housing, or should there be a regeneration of existing unoccupied dwellings?
- Introduce "park and ride" service from the railway station to the town centre.

RESOLVED: That the comments made by Members, as included in the questionnaire completed at the meeting, be submitted to Cheshire East Council as the Parish Council's response to the Place-Shaping Consultation.

450 PURCHASE OF POSTS/SOLAR ASSEMBLIES/SIGNS TO BE LOCATED OUTSIDE LEIGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AND MABLINS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

This item had been included on the agenda as an urgent item which would not wait until the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council was asked to give formal approval to one of three quotations from TWM Traffic Management Systems (attached) for the purchase of 4 posts/solar assemblies and signs to be located outside each of the two primary schools. These would be an extension to the scheme involving the trailer-mounted vehicle speed display unit.

This matter had been raised at the meeting held on 16 May 2011, but the quotations were not available at that time. They were subsequently provided to the Clerk and should have been scheduled for the meeting held on 4 July to enable the Parish Council to decide which of the three options should be approved. Unfortunately, the Clerk had omitted to add them to the agenda, and the matter had subsequently been overlooked.

Having realised her error, the Clerk contacted TWM Management Systems to explain the situation. The company had confirmed that it could offer a lead-time of 4 weeks from receipt of the order.

Following consideration of the quotations, it was -

RESOLVED: (a) That Option 3 of the quotations submitted by TWM Management Systems be approved at a total cost of £11,290, excluding VAT; and

(b) That it be noted that the option provided for 4 posts, 4 solar assemblies, associated batteries and control gear, 4 reflective "children crossing" signs, 4 timers and 2 SDU 3000 signs.

451 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26 September 2011

......Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm and concluded at 8.50 pm

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Subsequently re-scheduled to 3 October 2011