

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON ON 27 FEBRUARY 2012**

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mr D C Forrest	Chairman
Mr I Chenery	Mr K Halford
Mr Les Horne	Mrs L Horne
Mr M McGlone	Mr B Palin
Mr M Wilson	

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor M Jones [Cheshire East Council Cabinet Member]
Borough Councillor M J Weatherill [Cheshire East Council Cabinet Member]

APOLOGIES: Mr W Barnes, Mr W T Beard, Mr D N Bebbington, Mr B Evans
and Mr R Hollinshead

535 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 the item.

No declarations were made.

536 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2012

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2012 be approved as a correct record subject to the following:

Minute No. 529: (Items Requested by Parish Councillors)

(i) Whalleys Green – overgrown hedging

Delete the word “hedging”
Insert the word “tree”

537 MATTERS ARISING

537.1 Fly-tipping: Response from Councillor R Menlove (Cheshire East Council Cabinet Member)

The Cabinet Member had responded to the issue of fly-tipping and enforcement action. A copy of his response was detailed on the agenda.

“Firstly, the Streetscape team attends and removes the material. If any incriminating evidence is found it is given to the Community Wardens team which takes enforcement where possible.

As far as Moss Lane is concerned, it is recognised that the problem is persistent but there is inadequate evidence to proceed against transgressors.”

The Parish Council would be informed of any significant developments.

537.2 Planning Site Inspection Protocol

The Clerk read to the meeting the response from the Planning and Development Manager of Cheshire East Council. The letter responded point-by-point to the issues raised by the Parish Council.

537.3 CEC Shared Site for Parish Councils

At the previous meeting it had been reported that there was a shared site on the Cheshire East Council website. This was for town and parish councils only to access. The Clerk had been provided with her own log-in and password details. Any Member of the Parish Council wishing to access this site needed to have their own log-in and password.

It was agreed that Cheshire East Council provide a log-in and password for Mr M McGlone who would then be able to report on whether the site was of benefit to the Parish Council.

538 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 questions from members of the public.

539 POLICE MATTERS

In the absence of a Police Officer, the Parish Council proceeded to its next business.

540 DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012 – JUNE 2012

540.1 The Chairman and Parish Councillors Les Horne and Linda Horne reported on progress on arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee.

Venue/Date for Family Day Event	Transferred to Leighton Primary School, to be held on Saturday, 2 June 3.00 pm – 7.00 pm. This was a more central venue for local residents.
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Events/costs	Hog Roast and barbecue/drinks	£1,800
		£100
	Bouncy Castles	£455
	Face painting	£90
	Punch & Judy and Magic Show	£125
	Side stalls/roundabout	£1,250
	"Creepy crawlies"	£300
	Caricature drawing	£406
	Balloons	

	St John Ambulance	
	Fire and Rescue	
	Police	

Commemorative Mugs	Order for 1,000 mugs placed.	£3,500
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Members discussed the distribution of the mugs to each school-pupil at the two primary schools. It was agreed that a notice be prepared for the website and for the notice-boards publicising the purchase of the mugs to ensure that children who lived in the parish, but were under primary school age, could receive a china mug.

Guests of Honour	An invitation had been issued to Messrs Bickerton and Bickerton but no response had been received
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Nantwich & District Band	The band was unavailable. In view of this, a disco, or similar type music would be arranged.
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Marshalling	Cadets had been asked to help with car parking marshalling
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Other matters were also considered.

Collection for Donation to St Luke's Hospice: During discussion, the possibility of collecting donations for St Luke's Hospice was raised. The Clerk undertook to verify if there was a power to make such a donation, and report back to the Parish Council.

Control of Food Distribution: There would be a ticketing process to control food distribution.

Advertising: Advertisement of the event would be on notice-boards, local press, schools, Church magazine and website.

Public Address System: Enquiries into costs of PA systems were required.

Outside bar: It was agreed that an outside licensed bar was inappropriate for this event.

Volunteers: The Working Group emphasised that parish councillor volunteers were required on the day to supervise events.

540.2 Footpath Around War Memorial – Planning Application

The planning application, together with drawing from Ben MacDonald had been submitted, but without a certificate of ownership which was a requirement of the application. Notwithstanding this, Borough Councillor Michael Jones stated that he had discussed the matter with the Planning department and no certificate of ownership was required. The next stage of the process would be for Cheshire East Planning to allocate a Reference No. to the application.¹

The Parish Council was asked to authorise payment of a cheque to CEC for an amount not exceeding £85.00 to cover the cost of the application.

RESOLVED: That payment of not more than £85.00 be approved, payable to Cheshire East Council to cover the cost of submission of the planning application.

540.3 Inscription for Plaque

Members were invited to suggest appropriate inscriptions for the plaque.

541 CASUAL VACANCY

541.1 It was reported that Parish Councillor D Preece had resigned as a parish councillor for personal reasons.

This had caused a casual vacancy which had been advertised in accordance with electoral regulations.

541.2 A member of the public who was in attendance, expressed interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council. It was agreed that this be placed as an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

542 PLANNING MATTERS

12/0352N – Leighton Primary School

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised to this planning application.

¹ This information was conveyed by Borough Councillor Michael Jones, who arrived later in the meeting

543 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

£875.00	Whitehill Direct Ltd.for headers installed on four notice-boards
£372.00	L C Charles – fitting of towbar on Councillor Les Horne’s vehicle for the Purpose of re-locating the trailer-mounted vehicle speed display unit around the parish.
£3,373.14	Commemorative Mugs – pro-forma invoice for purchase of 1000 China mugs; the invoice to be paid prior to delivery of goods.

- Following consideration of this item it was agreed that an item be placed on the next agenda to discuss the location of the notice-board at Whalleys Green.

[Note: Borough Councillor Michael Jones arrived during discussion of this item.]

544 SPEED WATCH SCHEME (Incorporating activities associated with the trailer-mounted vehicle display unit)

Councillor Les Horne had not collated all data from the speed watch equipment, but he reported on recent activities. It was also reported that progress was being made on the installation of posts for the new equipment outside each of the primary schools.

545 SPECIAL EVENT TO CONFER HONORARY FREEMAN STATUS ON FORMER PARISH COUNCILLORS CHARLESWORTH AND WHITTINGHAM

The only date in April on which the community hall was available was Monday, 30th. Former councillors John Whittingham and Marshall Charlesworth had both indicated their availability on this date.

Arrangements were agreed as follows:

- 7.00 pm start
- Light supper to be provided by John Major of Grants Butchers (mid-range buffet at approximately £5.50 per cover).
- Wine and soft drinks to be served
- Each of the two recipients were inviting up to 10 guests each
- Parish Councillors and their wives/partners to be invited. Notification to be given to the Clerk by 1 April.
- Press representatives to be invited

546 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Borough Councillors M Jones and M J Weatherill reported on Cheshire East Council matters of interest.

- The Budget Council meeting had been held the week before when it had been resolved that there should be no increase in Council Tax, borough-wide (this did not include charges to be made by the Police Authority and the Fire Authority which the Council collected on their behalf).
- Weston Lane: development at the former Royal Mail headquarters was due to start.
- Crewe Green Link – funding for the last stage had been received.
- The Nantwich LAP had supported the proposed extension to the 30 mph speed limit outside the community hall.

547 CREWE AND NANTWICH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS

Crewe LAP: Two highways lists, provided by the Crewe LAP Manager were submitted. List 1 was all highway schemes and List 2 was the high priorities identified by Cheshire East Highways. It was noted that schemes costing in excess of £50,000 were to be removed. Owing to shortage of funds, it was quite likely that many of the schemes would not proceed.

548 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

Matter Requiring a Decision

- Letter from Clerk to Church Minshull Parish Council

A scheme had been developed to provide a Monday-Friday circular bus service linking Nantwich - Leighton Hospital - Minshull Vernon - Church Minshull - Worleston - Nantwich with two journeys in each direction round the 'loop' each day.

Church Minshull PC was seeking the Parish Council's view on whether it could support such a facility in principle, an indication of the likely usage of such a service, and whether the Parish Council would be willing to provide financial support towards such a service.

Borough Councillor Michael Jones reported that there was commercial sponsorship for the scheme and there was no requirement to commit any funding towards it.

The Parish Council agreed to support the scheme in principle.

For Information (e-mailed separately to Members)

- List of direct-dial numbers for Planning Officers (CEC).
- Cheshire East Council's Borough Solicitor's letter to all town and parish councils in Cheshire East outlining future arrangements for prayers at meetings of the Borough Council following the recent Bideford ruling.
- CVS Cheshire East – February 2012 Bulletin
- CEC Letter notifying town and parish councils that they will each receive a grant for the financial year 2012-2013 to offset what it refers to as "double-taxation" of the parished areas.
- CEC had been contacted by Reaseheath College, Nantwich which was promoting a part of its landholding South of the Equine Unit, on the A51, as a possible site for a strategic urban extension. Reaseheath College was very keen to ensure that it had *"consulted widely and meaningfully with local leaders and communities regarding the proposed developments at Kingsley Fields. Garnering the views of local people is important to us, as we wish to make sure we take these on board and that, where possible, these influence our proposal so that we optimise the benefit to local communities and the College. The event will be advertised in the Nantwich Chronicle for three weeks prior to the date."*

549 SHARED INFORMATION

Parish Councillors were invited to share information and/or request items for inclusion on the next agenda.

550 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that the matters to be discussed are of a confidential nature and the public interest would not be served in disclosing the information.

551 REVIEW OF INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Parish Council's annual premium was due for renewal on 1 April 2012. It had been the intention to review insurance arrangements at this meeting; however, the Clerk reported that one of the quotations had not been on a like-for-like basis and it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

552 DERELICT HOUSE

The Borough Council had responded to the Parish Council's request in respect of this matter.

It was agreed that no further action be taken but that the Borough Council Officer be requested to update the Parish Council as and when appropriate.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 8.55 pm