

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ST PETER'S CHURCH, MINSHULLVERNON
ON 14 NOVEMBER 2011**

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mr W T Beard	Vice-Chairman [In the Chair]
Mr I Chenery	Mr Les Horne
Mr M McGlone	Mr B Palin

APOLOGIES: Mr D C Forrest (owing to family bereavement), Messrs K Halford, M Wilson, R Hollinshead, D N Bebbington, W Barnes and Mrs Linda Horne
Parish Councillors B Evans and D Preece were absent

492 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.

493 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.

Prior to discussion of the budget report, the Chairman agreed to a variation in the agenda order.

The following planning applications had been received and required comment before the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

494 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

11/3801N Moss Farm, Moss Lane – proposed erection of 20 kw wind turbine
Deadline date for comments: 7 Dec 2011

11/3864N Unit 9B – Marshfield Bank, Woolstanwood – erection of sub-station and switch room.
Deadline date for comments: 29 Nov 2011

11/3883N Springfield Cottage
Deadline date for comments: 7 Dec 2011

11/3202N Minshull Nurseries – extension to restaurant and kitchen
Deadline for comments: 30 November 2011

[Note: This application had not been submitted for comment by CEC, but had been noted from the weekly planning lists.]

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised to the planning applications listed above.

495 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2012-2013

The Parish Council was invited to give initial consideration to its budget proposals for 2012-2013. A revised report would be submitted to the January 2012 meeting when the Parish

Council would be required to authorise the Clerk to request a precept from the Borough Council.

The following documents were submitted:

1. Clerk's covering report.
2. Receipts and Payments Statement for the period to 31 October 2011.
3. Budget monitoring sheet showing spend to 31 October 2011 and revised estimates to 31 March 2012.
4. Schedule of proposals for 2012-2013 amounting to £37,440.

Members discussed the proposals and made the following amendments.

	Item	£	Notes
Line 1	Postage	100	The Clerk to review previous costs and adjust accordingly
Line 2	Printing costs – newsletter, agendas etc.	1,000	The Clerk to review previous costs and adjust accordingly
Line 5	Stationery and postage	300	The Clerk to review previous costs and adjust accordingly
Line 6	Clerk's salary	3,200	No adjustment to be made this year.
Line 9	Insurance	3,000	Retain at £3,000 but consider in January following a review of the assets register.
Line 10	Room hire, St Peter's Church	100	Delete
Line 12	Grass cutting/parish field maintenance	500	Change heading title to "Parish land maintenance" Reduce from £600 to £500. £100 anticipated income from hiring out of parish field.
Line 14	Cheshire Community Action membership	80	Delete
Line 18	Wreaths	50	Councillor McGlone would provide contact details of the Royal British Legion for the Clerk.
Line 21	St Peter's Church	10,000	The Clerk was asked to enquire into the purpose of the requested £10,000.
Line 22	Diamond Jubilee footpath around war memorial	10,500	Add £500 to the £10,500 allowance to cover the cost of a planning application.
Line 23	Grounds maintenance	0	Delete [this had been included in the event of the Parish Council wishing to take over responsibility from CEC for grounds maintenance in the parish.

Line 24	Speed Watch	400	Increase to £600 to cover the cost of an additional tow-bar for Councillor L Horne who was responsible for moving the equipment around the parish.
Line 25	Website development	200	Reduce from £200 to £50.
Line 26	Drainage scheme – Bradfield Green	0	Delete on the basis that drainage was a Borough Council responsibility.
Line 27	Boundary Signs	700	Delete

During discussion, Councillor Horne suggested that at a future meeting, the Parish Council could consider the introduction of welcome packs for new residents to include general information, contact details for parish councillors, meeting dates, contact information for local facilities such as schools, etc.

RESOLVED: That the budget proposals be amended as discussed and a revised document be submitted to the January 2012 meeting.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 8.40pm