

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON
ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2013**

PRESENT: Councillor L Horne Chairman
Councillor M McGlone Vice-Chairman

Councillor W T Beard Councillor M Bromhead
Councillor I Chenery Councillor K Halford
Councillor Linda Horne Councillor B Palin
Councillor D Scott Councillor M Wilson
Councillor P Wright

APOLOGIES: Councillors D N Bebbington and R Lee

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Lawrence Price

Note:

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr Richard Lee, a local developer, made a presentation to the Parish Council in respect of proposals to develop 6 acres of land owned by Peter Stubbs.

It was agreed that this subject be placed as an item on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

941 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were invited to declare any non-pecuniary interest or disclosable pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and, in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item, unless a dispensation had previously been granted in respect of any specific item of business.

No declarations were made:

942 MINUTES

942.1 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 August 2013 be approved as a correct record.

942.2 Matters Arising

- Portable Defibrillators: The Clerk had invited Mr Sharples (NW Ambulance Trust) to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to offer advice in respect of the purchase of defibrillators. A response was awaited.

943 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Lawrence Price reported on recent criminal activity in the parish. He made particular mention of fly-tipping on Moss Lane, which had abated recently.

PCSO Price was thanked for his attendance and he withdrew from the meeting.

944 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.

945 FINANCIAL MATTERS

945.1 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

£80.00	HMRC – Tax on Clerk’s salary
£396.00	BDO LLP – External audit 2012-2013 (£330 net and £66 vat)
£53.59	Mrs C M Jones – reimbursement for payment to Zurich Municipal. Additional payment to cover the cost of additional equipment added to the insurance schedule.
£17.10	Les Horne – wheel clamp (associated with speed watch scheme)
£30.00	Cheshire Association of Local Councils – training 27 Sept for D Scott

945.2 External Audit

BDO LLP had now concluded the external audit and its report was submitted. There were no matters which came to BDO’s attention necessitating the issue of a separate “additional issues arising” report.

946 ITEM REQUESTED BY PARISH COUNCILLOR

- **Bloor Housing (Councillor D N Bebbington)**

The Parish Council considered an e-mail from Councillor D N Bebbington sent in his capacity as a Cheshire East Ward Councillor to CEC Planning.

It was understood that Bloor Homes was negotiating with Cheshire East Council in an effort to amend its S.106 obligations to reduce the number of affordable homes on land at Parkers Road from 140 to 40. Councillor Bebbington was seeking the Parish Council’s support to suggest to Cheshire East Council that the number of affordable housing units be increased from the 40 proposed by Bloor Homes, to 80.

Members were adamant that the original proposal for 140 affordable homes, as set out by Bloor Homes’ representatives at the Parish Council meeting held in May 2011, should stand.

RESOLVED: (a) That Cheshire East Council be informed that the Parish Council strongly objected to any reduction in the number of affordable homes on land at Parkers Road;

(b) That Bloor Homes be compelled to provide the 140 affordable homes as provided for in the S.106 Agreement; and

(c) That Cheshire East Council be asked to provide a justification for any proposed reduction in affordable housing units.

947 SPEED WATCH SCHEME

Councillors Horne and Wright reported on speed watch matters. Data had been circulated via e-mail to Members.

At the previous meeting, Councillor Horne had proposed arranging a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner; however, in view of the increased Police presence, he had decided not to pursue this at the present time.

948 PLANNING MATTERS

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

13/3519N	Leighton Hospital	Refurbishment of existing Wards 22 and 23 to create new neo-natal unit (Ward 22) including new external plant rooms and upgrade existing labour ward (Ward 23)
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13/3446N	Parkfield Farm, Middlewich Road	Permanent retention of farm access track from land forming part of Hole House Farm, Warmingham to land forming part of Parkfield Farm.
13/3611N	Newstead Farm, Moss Lane	Proposed alterations and extension
13/3565W	Hole House Gas Storage Facility, School Lane, Warmingham	Variation of condition 1 re. approval 12/4685W – minor amendment to carry out development without complying with condition 1 (approved drawings) of planning permission 11/4557W (extension to ten temporary gas drilling compounds and ten permitted operational compounds; the development of two temporary de-gassing facilities and minor extension to existing gas processing plant.
13/3414N	The Old School, Middlewich Road, Bradfield Green	Conversion of existing loft space.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised to planning applications Nos. 13/3519N, 13/3446N, 13/3611N, 13/3565W and 13/3414N.

949 REPORT FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor W T Beard reported on the Crewe Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting held earlier in the day. He indicated that he would provide a detailed report to the next meeting.

The issue of 20 mph speed limits on housing estate roads was to be considered at the next LAP meeting.

Councillor Les Horne reported on the Nantwich LAP meeting. There was a sum of £16,000 surplus and Councillor Les Horne had persuaded the LAP that part of this be allocated to to resolve visibility issues at Brookhouse Lane (A530 Walleys Green) and the installation of countdown markers on the road outside St Peter's Church.

Repeater Signs, Marshfield Bank: Although not minuted, a councillor had asked at the previous meeting about the possibility of speed repeater signs at Marshfield Bank. It was reported that CEC had refused the request on the grounds that there were sufficient measures already in place.

Members were informed that any proposed highway schemes needed to be submitted to Borough Councillors M E Jones and D N Bebbington before November 2013.

950 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There were no Borough Councillors in attendance.

951 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of the following items of correspondence.

Cheshire East Council

- Loneliness and Social Isolation – letter from Councillor J Clowes (Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Social Care)
- Traffic and Management Report – works planned and in progress

- Community Resilience Speed Training event – Thursday, 31 October (Malbank School) 5.30 pm 6.30 pm
- Nantwich LAP Highways Group meeting – 2 October – 5.00 pm–7.00 pm
Goodwill Hall, Faddiley
- ChALC Crewe and Nantwich Area meeting – 2 October – 7.30 pm
Wychwood Village Hall

952 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28 October 2013

(Note: Councillor M Wilson tendered advance apologies for the meeting.)

953 SHARED INFORMATION

Members shared information as follows:

- Stihl Equipment: A hedge-cutting attachment was required for the Stihl equipment. Councillor McGlone undertook to provide specification details to the Clerk and the matter could be considered at the next meeting. It would not be necessary to seek quotations, other than from Sharrocks which had supplied the equipment.
- “All Change for Crewe” was the Borough Council’s new economic strategy to make Crewe the premier location in the North-West region for advanced manufacturing and engineering by 2030. A copy of the document was likely to be available in the next few weeks.
- The Chairman declared, in the interests of openness and honesty (in accordance with the Code of Conduct) that Mr Richard Lee, who had made a presentation prior to the meeting, had initially asked for a private meeting with him. Having received advice, the Chairman had declined the private meeting.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.25 and concluded at 8.25pm