MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 3rd JANUARY 2017 AT CHURCH MINSHULL VILLAGE HALL

Present:
Cllr M Carss      Vice Chairman
Cllr J Stockdale
Cllr G Russell
Cllr B Charlesworth
Cllr J Smith
Cllr M Jones      Cheshire East
Mrs S McBennett   Clerk to Church Minshull Parish Council

03.01.01 Apologies for Absence/Membership
Cllr Wallis had sent his apologies. 
Resolved: that the apologies for absence from Cllr Wallis be accepted.

03.01.02 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

03.01.03 Minutes of the Meeting of 8th November 2016
Cllr Carss wished to note that Cllr Smith had agreed to assist with the mapping exercise on the Steering Group and not join it permanently. Cllr Stockdale would join the NHP Steering Committee.
Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of 8th November 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Vice Chair.

03.01.04 Matters Arising from the Minutes
Item B5074 Update – was covered in Public Participation.
Item 04.07.16 RV Parking on the B5074 – The resident had been given an extension from 14th November 2016 for 2 months to remove the vehicles by CE. Cllrs reported that Google Maps showed an icon of an RV Sales business at the address and a link to a sales website.
Action: The Clerk would pursue again with Mr Wilsher of CE.
Item 10.05.20 CM Village Hall Broadband Installation – Discrepancies in accounting from BT were still reported to be a problem. The missing cheque had been accounted for with BT and the information passed to the Treasurer of the Village Hall.
£100 Prize allocated to CM Vision
Action: The Clerk to check who the cheque be paid to.
Item 08.11.16 Sunken Manhole – Homesteads. Cllr Russell would contact Wulvern Housing.

03.01.05 Public Participation
Ms Phips had previously written to the Parish Council regarding the extension of the 40 mph zone on B5074. Ms Phips proposed a 600 metre extension of the buffer zone. Motorists had been found to accelerate in and out of the dip in the road and often made entry and exit to properties outside the zone very difficult. An extension of the 40mph zone would alleviate this. Cllr Stockdale explained that Cllrs had pushed for a longer stretch of the zone at a recent meeting with CE. Cllr Smith agreed, the Cllrs had pushed Mr Parry at the meeting but it was explained that CE were compliant with current legislation. Recently, double lines had been added to the bend which had been a help. No police presence in the area would mean the buffer zone would not be monitored. The average speed had been logged during a recent survey at an average 42mp on the road.
Action: the following points were agreed: -
Clarification of where the zone begins was required; it would need to be an extra 200 metres.
We should engage with residents in the area and give feedback to Mrs Phips.
We should ask what practicalities could be employed instead.
The same attention should be given to the other end of the village in Over Road.

Cllr Russell proposed the Parish Council should investigate the costs of extending the zone and offer to pay for the extra buffer zone signs.

Action: Cllr Smith/Cllr Stockdale to invite Highways Agency to the next meeting to discuss the proposal and ascertain the rational justification for the length of the proposed buffer zone.
Action: Clerk to invite the Police Beat Manager or PCSO to the next meeting to discuss the problems raised and review the speed awareness initiative..

03.01.06 Parish Council Standing Orders
Cllr Russell and the Clerk would work on edits to the model standing orders from NALC to formalise the Standing Orders to Church Minshull and bring the policy back to the next meeting of the Parish Council for adoption.

03.01.07 Borough Councillor’s Report
Minutes prepared by: Sandie McBennett (Clerk)
January 2017
Cllr Jones reported the CE Local Plan would likely be passed in March 2017.

03.01.08 Planning Applications

03.01.09 Reports from Meetings

- ChALC (JS, GG & Clerk) – no report to date.
- Police Cluster Meeting (BC, GR) no meeting had been held for the last quarter; a report was expected in March.
- SUMBA (GR) – Cllr Russell reported on research of historical breaches of the canal in Church Minshull. It was suggested the PC could erect a plaque in recognition of the breaches. The research had been published on the Village Arena website. It was further reported 5.5 miles of tow path had been cut back this year.
- Town and Parish Council conference of 28th November (GR) – Cllr Russell gave his apologies; he was unable to attend due to snow in Macclesfield.
- Community Speedwatch – no report to date.

03.01.10 BUDGET

To receive an update on the Budget for 2017/18 from the Clerk and RFO.

Resolved: The date of the increase of the Clerk’s Salary/Expenses was confirmed as from 28th November 2016.

Cllrs discussed the reserves currently held. BDO (the external auditors) had in the past required confirmation of planned spending and the reasons for holding the reserves. Cllrs would in future investigate the provision of a footpath into the village from outlaying properties; it would be a permissive footway initiative led by the Parish Council. There would be a potential cost.

Cllr Russell proposed to keep reserves at the current level to cover any future election; support the NHP and help fund the provision of the footpath. Cllr Smith seconded.

Resolved: that the Parish Council reserves be held at the same level for the year 2017/18.

03.01.11 Authorisation of Payments

Resolved: That the following payments be authorised by the Council: -

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03.01.12 Casual Vacancy

Notice of the vacancy had been posted on all noticeboards in the village.

03.01.13 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The recent Ministerial announcement regarding NHPs required each plan to include allocated land for potential development due to the national shortfall of target. If plans did not consider allocating spaces then it would impact on the NHP.

03.01.14 Correspondence

Cheshire East – Council Approval of Taxbase.
Ms Philips regarding the speed restrictions on the B5074.
Mr Parsons regarding the speed restrictions on the B5074.
North west air ambulance request for donations. The request will be added to the next agenda.

03.01.15 Transparency/Website

The report from the meeting regarding the B5074 had been added to the website.
Mrs Sue Challoner continued to do a great job in promoting news for the village and her use of Twitter has been outstanding. A young person/representative was still required.

03.01.16

Any Other Business
Cllr Smith reported a cumulation of leaves on the path of the bridge.
Action: Clerk to report the dangerous surface to CE.
Cllr Russell reported leaves had not been cleared on the Weaver View side of the village.
Action: Clerk to report and request the area is swept.

03.01.17

Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 7th March 2017 at 7.30pm at Church Minshull Village Hall.

The following dates were agreed for 2017: -

Tuesday 2nd May 2017
Tuesday 4th July 2017
Tuesday 5th September 2017
Tuesday 7th November 2017

Signed…………………………………………… Chairman

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