

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL

**The Next Meeting of Church Minshull Parish Council
will be held in the Church
on Monday 8th August 2011 at 7.30pm**

AGENDA

- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
(Members are required to declare any interests at this point, or whenever it becomes apparent that there is an interest)
- TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO THE REMAINING VACANCY
- MINUTES OF MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS
- MATTERS ARISING
- BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
- TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS
- FUTURE OF BADGER INN
- TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY
- REPORT ON POLICE 'CLUSTER' MEETING
- COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME
- ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & AUDIT TRAIL
- CORRESPONDENCE
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS
(Members are asked to note that whilst this Agenda item may be used to raise issues of concern, substantive decisions can only be taken where business has been specified on the Agenda)
- DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public.
You are warmly invited to attend.**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8th AUGUST 2011

Present:

Cllrs P Harper, K Bannon, L Bannon, C Challoner & D Wallis.
Borough Cllr Jones.
One member of the public.
The Clerk (G Griffiths).

1. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence, but it was reported that Cllr Charlesworth may have been attending another meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

3. **Co-option of additional members**

The Clerk advised members that one vacancy remained which could be filled by co-option. One expression of interest in serving as a member had been received.

RESOLVED

That the co-option of Meikle Carss be agreed in principle, to be determined at the September meeting.

4. **Minutes of preceding meetings**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of 30th May and the Special Meeting of 17th June be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters arising**

Poultry Shed

Members were advised that a site visit was to take place on Friday 19th August, and that the Planning Committee would meet to consider the planning application on Wednesday 24th August.

Website

Cllr L Bannon advised members that he had met with the webmaster to discuss the revisions necessary for the website. The current site was unmanageable for a single person because of its size, and steps were in hand to reduce it from the current 28 pages to around 12 pages. It was intended that different individuals would take responsibility for particular sections of the site, rather than expecting a single webmaster to supervise the whole site, and some volunteers had already come forward.

There were no current liabilities for costs; in due course there would be a domain registration charge of around £15 every three years, and redesign costs.

6. **Planning Matters**

Members considered the following planning application:

11/2418 & 2421 Alterations & extensions to cottage, plus double garage, Bridge House Cottage, Church Minshull

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council has no objection subject to the Planning Authority satisfying itself on the following points:

- a) that the proposed extension is appropriate in scale and form;
- b) that the positioning of the proposed double garage does not impact adversely on the neighbouring property in terms of amenity and outlook;
- c) that any new works should be in materials appropriate to its location and setting, for example by providing wooden cladding to reduce the visual impact of brickwork in the case of the proposed double garage.

The Clerk advised members of further consultations on the Local Development Framework relating to Crewe and Nantwich. Although the consultation did not refer specifically to Church Minshull it was recognised that development in the two towns could impact on the village.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

- a) reaffirms its January response to consultation on the principles of the LDF;
- b) highlights its concerns regarding potential traffic impact on communities such as Church Minshull, where it is already serious;
- c) will consider the issue further, if appropriate, at its September meeting.

7. Future of Badger Inn

Members noted that the Badger had reopened, and welcomed the restoration of the facility to the village. However it was noted that there were still outstanding planning issues relating to ventilation, fenestration and external colour.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk seek clarification from the planning authority of outstanding planning issues, to allow the Parish Council to consider which issues it felt to be of particular significance.

8. Strategic Vision for the Future of the Community

Members reported that the Village Vision Group had met, and that progress was being made. A letter would shortly be going out to all residents outlining the purpose of the group, to be followed by a questionnaire, hopefully by the end of September. A number of 'quick win' initiatives were under consideration, including possible benches and new and improved signage. The Group would benefit from funding from the Parish Council to allow it to progress the scheme.

RESOLVED

That the sum of £250 be allocated, and that the Clerk be authorised to arrange payment within budget on receipt of proof of appropriate expenditure.

9. Police Cluster Meeting

Cllr Harper reported that he had attended the July meeting, and had been asked to chair the meeting. It had been reported that there had been no agricultural thefts in the area in the previous three months, which had addressed the concern raised by a member of the public at a recent meeting of the Parish Council.

He had raised concerns regarding the heavy use of the B5074, and the need to address the condition of the road. He also pointed out that the extension of the 30mph zone had created an unfortunate effect as some westbound drivers tended to assume that the restriction on Cross Lane had been removed rather than extended.

10. Community Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr Challoner reported on a meeting which had been held to discuss the future operation of the scheme. It was hoped that a team of twelve volunteers could be recruited. This would allow for a monthly check to be held, with individuals only having to commit to two sessions each year. It was hoped to recruit some five or six fresh volunteers to bring the team up to the number required.

The Clerk advised that 'Community Speed Check' signs might be available, but only once the scheme was again fully operational. Cllrs Challoner and Wallis indicated that the Speed Indicator Device would hopefully be deployed again in September.

A member asked whether a pedestrian crossing might be considered for the village. Borough Cllr Jones indicated that it might be possible to obtain funding via 'planning gain' from possible development at Reaseheath. The Clerk would seek advice on the practicability of this idea.

10. Accounts for payment & Audit Trail

The Clerk advised that there were two items for payment, but that as he had forgotten to bring the cheque book they could not be completed at the meeting. Neither payment was urgent, and he suggested that they be dealt with at the September meeting.

11. Correspondence

The Clerk presented his report on correspondence received since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED

a) That in respect of the application from the Village Hall Committee the Parish Council agrees to act as third party funder (11%) up to a maximum grant of £7,000 from WREN (i.e. a Parish Council contribution up to a maximum of £770).

b) That the Parish Council seeks to become involved in the work of the Nantwich Local Area Partnership Highways Working Group, and that Cllr Wallis be nominated to ordinarily act as the Council's representative.

12. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Jones presented his report to members which included the following:

* that the Local Development Framework was a dynamic process, and unlikely to impact directly on the parish, though development in the Leighton Hospital area might be of concern;

* the authority was moving forward, with significant employment development to be announced shortly;

* he was now in charge of Resources for the Council.

13. Any Other Business

Members raised a number of issues.

Septic tanks. A member expressed concern that new regulations which required the registration of septic tanks had not been adequately publicised, and that some residents might therefore miss a deadline for free registration, and incur unnecessary costs. The Clerk would seek further information, and arrange a piece for the parish magazine.

A member of the public expressed his appreciation of all the work done by the Council in respect of the poultry house application, and the support given by Borough Cllr Jones.

14. Date of next meeting Monday 19th September 2011.