

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL

**The Next Meeting of Church Minshull Parish Council
will be held in the Village Hall
on Monday 12th March 2012**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
5. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
6. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS:
 - Local Area Partnership meetings
 - Police Cluster Meeting
7. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS
8. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME
9. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY
10. EVENT TO MARK THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE
11. TO CONSIDER A LOGO FOR THE USE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & AUDIT TRAIL
13. CORRESPONDENCE
 - To include consideration of a letter regarding Fire Service Control Arrangements
14. 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)

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th March 2012

Present

Cllrs D Wallis, K Bannon, L Bannon, P Harper, M Carss, C Challinor and B Charlesworth.

Borough Cllr M Jones.

Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of Interests

Members considered the declaration of interests in agenda items. There were no interests declared at this point.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED

That, subject to the two corrections listed below, the minutes of the meeting of 23rd January 2012 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Item 1. That Minute No.12 be corrected to read that the Council's contractor was to be asked to litterpick the canal towpath in addition to the roads in the village.

Item 2. That the following be added to Minute 16:

The Clerk advised members of the procedure necessary to add the Vice-Chairman (Cllr L Bannon) to the list of bank account signatories.

RESOLVED

That the Council's bankers (HSBC, Nantwich) be advised in the following terms:

That a bank account or accounts be continued with HSBC Bank plc (the 'Bank') and the Bank is authorised to:

- a) Pay all cheques and other instructions for payment or accept instructions to stop such payments signed on behalf of the Council by any two of those listed whether any account of the Council is in debit or credit;
- b) Deliver any item held on behalf of the Council by the Bank in safe keeping against the written receipt of the 'Signatory'; and
- c) Accept the 'Signatory' as fully empowered to act on behalf of the Council in any other transaction with the Bank (including closing the accounts); and

That any debt incurred by the Bank under this mandate shall, in the absence of written agreement by the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand.

That the Secretary [Clerk] from time to time is authorised to supply the Bank as and when necessary with lists of persons who are authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Council, and that the Bank may rely on such lists.

That these resolutions remain in force until cancelled by notice in writing to the Bank, signed by the Chair Person or Secretary [Clerk] from time to time acting or claiming to act on behalf of the Council, and the Bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not.

That the Council accepts the accounts and banking relationship with the Bank will be governed by and subject to the Business Banking Terms and Conditions (a copy of which has been provided) as amended from time to time together with any terms and conditions in respect of specific products and services requested by the Council from time to time.

4. Matters arising

Litterpicking.

The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor to establish when the planned litterpicking was likely to take place, and to book a further day for late May to ensure the area was in tidy condition for the Diamond Jubilee events.

Website.

It was reported that the domain name had now been transferred into the name of the Parish Council. Domain fees for the next two years had been paid. All passwords and user names had been transferred, except for e-mail details which were underway.

Changes to the website content would now be uploaded for viewing and would go live when everyone was happy with the content. everything was now in place to allow the take-over of the village website, but difficulty was being experienced in arranging to meet the previous webmaster. A number of dates had been suggested for a meeting to hand over passwords etc.

Public Sector Mapping Agreement.

Cllr L Bannon reported that an application had been made and accepted for the Council to enter into a PSMA agreement, allowing use of Ordnance Survey data.

Badger Inn.

Cllr Jones reported that the Borough Council remained in discussion regarding the issue of emission smells.

5. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Jones apologised for his absence from the January meeting; he had been attending an important budget meeting. He reported on the following issues.

Poultry Shed.

The Planning Inspectorate had allowed the appeal against the Borough Council's refusal of planning permission which meant that the building could now be constructed. Further, the nature of the Inspector's decision would create difficulties in opposing any extension to the business at that location.

The Clerk expressed concern at the implications of the decision for the implementation of existing Local Plan Policies which seemed to have been set aside by the Inspector.

Cllr Jones indicated that Steven O'Brien as the local MP could have a significant role in dealing with any further application on the site, having a power to 'call in' applications to the Secretary of State. He would arrange to supply members with a suitable template for letters to the MP.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to the Borough Council seeking clarification regarding the implications of the Inspector's Decision on existing Local Plan policies.

Gypsies.

A group had recently camped on Minshull Lane, but had been moved on following a Court Order obtained by the Borough Council. The incident underlined the importance of having appropriate site provision in the area.

Parish Grant.

The Parish Council would be receiving a grant from the Borough Council in 2012-13 to recognise the issue of Concurrent Functions (sometimes known as 'double taxation') which affected some parishes.

Leadership of the Borough Council.

Cllr Wesley Fitzgerald had indicated that he would shortly be stepping down as Leader of the Council. Cllr Jones advised that he was one of three candidates contesting the position of Leader of the Conservative Group, which would then lead to the position of Leader of the Council.

A member asked Cllr Jones to update members on the issue of Highway Works previously raised by the Parish Council.

Cllr Jones indicated that funding might be available for a single scheme for the village, and this could be reviewed by Highways officers. An investigation to explore options would cost around £3,000. The key difficulty was that Church Minshull was located on a 'rat run' between Nantwich/ Crewe/ Winsford/ Middlewich, and the key question was what could be done about that position? In the longer term the opening of the Middlewich by-pass could remove traffic.

Members felt strongly that they should be involved in the review of options, and that the best approach would probably be for a group of members to meet with an appropriate officer to discuss the problems faced by the village, and options for addressing them.

RESOLVED

That a meeting along these lines be sought.

6. Reports from meetings

Local Area Partnership.

Cllr Challoner reported that the Transport Group would be meeting at Church Minshull on 19th March to discuss the potential bus service, offering a circular Nantwich – Leighton – Church Minshull – Worleston – Nantwich service. A survey of Home Farm Park had identified 30 potential users, which emphasised the need to include that area in any proposal.

Borough Cllr Jones indicated that he had been given a figure of £12,000 as the likely shortfall for the service proposed, which would need to be funded locally.

Police Cluster Meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had received a reassurance that proactive policing would be continued in the area, despite the impression given at the last Cluster Meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Harper would seek clarification at the next Cluster Meeting.

7. Community Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr Challoner reported that the planned training session for volunteers would be taking place on Saturday, and that around 15-16 people had now signed up for the scheme. Possible use of a 'Clever SID' had been followed up and the parish was now on a list for future allocation of the device.

8. Strategic Vision for the Community

The Constitution for the Group had now been signed, and a bank account should shortly be in place.

The Steering Group had met twice and was close to finalising a questionnaire.

9. Diamond Jubilee

A draft programme of events had now been drawn up:

Saturday evening – a Dance & Supper for 150 at Aqueduct Marina.

Sunday – a Church Service; peal of bells; Lunch at the rear of The Badger.

Monday – at 6pm a youngsters Minshull Olympics, followed by fireworks or a laser display, and beacon.

RESOLVED

That the £386 grant from Cheshire East (under Concurrent Functions) be allocated to the funding of the Diamond Jubilee events.

10. Logo for the Parish Council

The Village Vision Group would now be taking this idea forward in the form of a competition. It had been suggested that a £25 prize should be offered, and the Parish Council was asked if it would be willing to fund that prize.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council would provide the £25 prize as requested.

11. Standing Orders to deal with Delegation & Urgent Business

Members considered a report from the Clerk outlining possible additional Standing Orders to deal with these matters.

RESOLVED

That the Report be received and the Standing Orders be adopted with immediate effect.

12. Accounts for Payment and Audit Trail

RESOLVED

That the following be authorised for payment:

G Griffiths	salary & expenses	£453.33	517
Church Minshull			
Village Hall Cttee	hall hire	£ 28.26	518

Church Minshull

Vision Group	contribution to expenditure	£216.00	519 ##
L Bannon	reimbursement	£ 7.90	520

Although this cheque was authorised for payment it was agreed that the cheque would be held by the Clerk until such time as the Vision Group's bank account was in place.

13. Correspondence

The Clerk tabled correspondence received since the last meeting. There were no matters requiring decision.

14. Any Other Business

Members considered a number of issues raised by members and the Clerk. These included the possible co-option of further members to represent areas currently unrepresented on the Council, and a suggestion made to the Clerk by a member of the public that the arrangements for allowing the public to speak at meetings of the Parish Council should be reviewed.

RESOLVED

a) that the Clerk establish the legal position re co-option of additional members;
b) that a specific agenda item for public participation be included in Agenda from the May meeting, specifying a ten minute time allocation (to be extended where appropriate at the Chairman's discretion).