

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL

The Next Meeting of Church Minshull Parish Council
will be held in the Village Hall
on Monday 16th July 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 ADOPTION OF AN UPDATED CODE OF CONDUCT
8. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS
9. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME
10. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY
11. TO REVIEW EVENT TO MARK THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE
12. TO CONSIDER A LOGO FOR THE USE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & AUDIT TRAIL
14. CORRESPONDENCE
15. 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 16th July 2012

Present

Cllrs D Wallis, K Bannon, L Bannon and B Charlesworth.
Borough Cllr M Jones.
Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carss (work), Challinor (holiday) and Harper (family).

RESOLVED

That the apologies received be accepted as valid reasons for absence under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Charlesworth declared a personal interest in respect of the planning application at Lower Elms as the applicant, which would form a prejudicial interest in the event of any substantive discussion.

3. Public participation

There were no members of the public present to engage in public participation.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 21st May 2012 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising

Weed clearing. The Clerk reported that he had been assured that weedspraying had taken place on 1st July. Members noted that this was a Sunday and it was not obvious that such work had in fact been carried out. The Clerk was asked to check, and to investigate whether Cheshire East would be prepared to transfer the appropriate funding to allow the Parish Council to commission and/or carry out the work in future.

Wulvern. The Clerk advised that he had received no further response regarding Weaver View. It was agreed that the matter should be escalated in order to prompt a response.

Planning issues. A member asked whether the template letter to Stephen O'Brien regarding potential expansion of the poultry business on Minshull Lane promised by Cllr Jones had yet been supplied. Members reported that no letter had yet been received.

Highway issues. Cllr Wallis emphasised the need to develop a clear vision of highway priorities to be presented to Cheshire East. It was suggested that the Village Vision Group should address the subject, drawing on the questionnaire responses received.

[Borough Cllr Jones joined the meeting at this point]

Cllr Jones advised members that he thought the template letter had been sent, but would ensure this was done.

6. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Jones advised members that the Crewe and Nantwich area was currently subject to large scale speculative planning applications for housing, with around 5,000 units applied for in the past week. Though none were in Church Minshull itself, others in Parkers Road, Crewe and at Reaseheath could have an effect on the wider area.

He was preparing a scheme to place a "policeman in every village" by recruiting 400 extra Special Constables who would be provided with local housing. This would achieve financial savings, and also create a broader police presence.

The poultry shed on Minshull Lane was now operational and, to date, the impact was less than expected. The other planning application for a storage building on Minshull Lane was considered to be agricultural and therefore acceptable.

7. Reports from outside bodies

A meeting of the Transport Group had been held on 27th June but there had been no further discussion of the potential Church Minshull bus service as the officer was currently busy on other duties.

8. Code of Conduct

The Clerk had supplied members with a copy of a recommended Model Code of Conduct which reflected the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council adopts the Model Code of Conduct.

9. Planning applications

The Council had been consulted on application 12/1836N (Dairy complex, Lower Elms Farm) and had entered no objection to the application.

10. Community Speed Watch Scheme

The scheme was progressing well and a rota for the next three months was in place. Cheshire East had agreed to provide three advisory signs.

RESOLVED

That the signs be accepted, and that the Clerk be authorised to make necessary arrangements for their installation.

11. Strategic Vision for the Community

Cllr K Bannon advised members that progress had been limited. However raw data from the questionnaire had been passed to Cheshire Community Action.

12. Diamond Jubilee

The programme of events had been very successful, with each event passing off well, despite some inclement weather. There was a slight surplus on the event accounts. All those involved in the event were thanked for their efforts.

13. Logo for the Parish Council

Only one entry had been received through the competition arranged by the Village Vision Group, but this was felt likely to be acceptable to the Steering Group and should be available for use by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

14. Accounts for Payment and Audit Trail

RESOLVED

That the following be authorised for payment:

Church Minshull			
Village Hall Cttee	hall hire	£ 38.30	530
G Griffiths	salary & expenses	£276.63	531
R Aspinall	litterpicking	£ 90.00	532
R Aspinall	litterpicking	£408.00	533
JD Bratherton	internal audit fee	£ 30.00	534

As there were only two signatories present (Cllr D Wallis & the Clerk) and that the Clerk was a beneficiary of Cheque 531, it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the third signatory (Cllr P Harper) to sign that cheque in due course.

The Clerk advised members that an already approved payment of £100 to the costs of the parish magazine had been made on 19th June.

Appropriate bank statements were examined by members and signed by the Chairman.

15. Correspondence

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

16. Any Other Business

Members considered a number of issues raised by members and the Clerk, which included:

Cllr Bannon advised that the website had 'gone live' from 1st June 2012. To 15th July it had received 1599 hits, up from 1021 the previous year. He suggested that the next stage should be to carry out a modernisation of the website.

Members considered issues relating to the Parish Magazine, and the coverage offered to both the Parish Council and the Village Vision Group.