

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL

**The Next Meeting of Church Minshull Parish Council
will be held in the Village Hall
on Monday 4th February 2013 at 7.30pm**

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 A BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2013-2014
8. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS
12/4718N Extension to existing boat storage area including caravan and camper van area, and regularisation of existing car park extension, Aqueduct Marina, The Outlanes, Church Minshull
13/0109N Siting of a mobile home as an agricultural worker's dwelling [3 years] [resubmission of 12/3863] "Wades Green Farm", Minshull Lane, Church Minshull
9. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME
10. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY
11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & AUDIT TRAIL
12. CORRESPONDENCE
13. 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)
14. TO CONSIDER EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC
(Members are invited to consider excluding the public under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 as the business relates to the employment of staff and contractual terms and conditions)
15. TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CLERK

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th February 2013

Present

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

Borough Cllr M Jones.

Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

NOTE: These are the Minutes of the meeting originally scheduled for 21st January 2013 which was postponed by two weeks as a result of adverse weather conditions on that date.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members considered the declaration of interest in agenda items. There were no declarations at this stage.

3. Public participation

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

4. Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

That, subject to the insertion of the amended minute 13 relating to the Council's policy on dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 (appended to these minutes), the minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2012 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising

Highways. It was reported that the planned meeting with a highways officer had had to be deferred and a date was still to be arranged. Cllr Jones undertook to make arrangements for a meeting to involve himself, Cllrs L Bannon and Wallis, and Price Evans.

Members discussed the process needed to consider any proposals. It was agreed that an Open Meeting to allow wide public comment would be appropriate.

Website. Cllr Bannon advised that full approval of the bid to Lottery For All for upgrade and a year's maintenance had been received, and that payment by BACS should be imminent. Cllrs L Bannon and Carss would then review proposals for upgrades to the website.

Church Roof. Fundraising was progressing well, and a potential source of grant funding had been identified. Quotes for necessary work were being obtained. The PCC was aware of the Parish Council's position regarding potential support.

6. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Jones presented his report, which included the following:

Local Plan. The Development Strategy process was under way and Cllr Jones considered the Draft to be brave, aggressive and strong, and enjoyed government support. Work on identifying a 5 year housing supply was progressing and Cheshire East was the only authority in the north west close to identifying such a supply.

Cllr Jones and a relevant planning officer would be meeting parish councillors on 13th February to discuss the Local Plan.

Highways. A 'war' on potholes was to be waged from March and a programme was to be put in place to relay 5% of the road network each year.

General issues. A management restructuring was planned to streamline the structure and effect economy; the HS2 announcement was significant for the Borough; an initiative to provide 500 places for vulnerable children was being progressed to replace residential placements and to cut costs; plans for a new school at Reaseheath would not be proceeding with Worleston, Calveley and Acton being developed instead; work was proceeding on narrowing the educational attainment gap in the Borough.

7. Reports from outside bodies

LAP Rural Transport Group. Cllr Challoner reported. It was now clear that the hoped-for bus service to Nantwich could not be operated commercially. The fact that the 31 service ran to both Winsford and Crewe limited access to community transport support as the area was connected to neighbouring towns (albeit not Nantwich).

However a new initiative offered the prospect of council-owned accessible vehicles (with a seating capacity of up to 16 seats) being made available in a usable and serviced condition without charge. The Parish Council would need to commit to support the cost of excise duty, insurance, fuel etc, and possibly maintenance (though the Borough Council might be in a position to provide this facility). The key issue would be the availability of volunteer drivers.

It was agreed that the Council would seek further information on this option.

Police Cluster Meeting. No one had been available to attend the most recent meeting.

8. Budget & Precept 2013-2014

Members considered a Report prepared by the Clerk setting out budget options for 2013-2014.

RESOLVED

That the budget as set out by the Clerk's Report be approved and that the precept for 2013-2014 be set in the sum of £2,314.

9. Planning applications

Members considered two planning applications:

12/4718N Extension to boat storage area, caravan and camper area, and regularisation of existing car park extension, Aqueduct Marina, The Outlanes, Church Minshull.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council has no objection.
13/0109N Siting of a mobile home as an agricultural worker's dwelling, Minshull Lane, Church Minshull (resubmission of 12/3863).

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council objects to the application on the same grounds as its objection to 12/3863, namely:

1. That the site was inaccurately described (as Wades Green Farm);
2. That the original application for a single poultry shed had specifically stated that there would be no requirement for constant on-site supervision and that a residential property was not therefore necessary;
3. That the claim that on-site residential accommodation was essential on welfare grounds did not stand up to scrutiny as the original application had stressed that the noise of the unit would be contained within the building, and that an on-site residential property would therefore be no more effective than a nearby off-site property.

10. Community Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr Challoner advised that three Community Speed Watch signs had now been delivered and their best siting needed to be established. The Borough Council's highways officer had indicated that there was to be a review of signage in the village which might affect the available options. The volunteer rota for 2013 was now underway.

11. Strategic Vision for the Community

Cllr K Bannon advised members that a very useful meeting with Cheshire Community Action had taken place the previous week. Members wished to place on record the superb help offered by John Hesslewood of CCA in data analysis. Some census information was still awaited. The foreword to the Plan was being put together and there would then be a further community meeting to 'sign off' the completed document.

12. Accounts for Payment and Audit Trail

The Clerk advised members of accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

That the following be authorised for payment:

Cheshire Community Action			
	subscription	£ 20.00	542
Church Minshull VHC	hall hire	£ 24.52	543
G Griffiths	salary & expenses	£277.40	544
G Griffiths	expenses	£ 5.60	545

Bank statements were examined by members and signed by the Chairman.

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.

15. Exclusion of press and public

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following item under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 (Section 100 Schedule 12A I 2, 11 & 13) as the business relates to the employment of staff and contractual terms and conditions.

16. Appointment of Clerk

Members considered applications received and drew up a shortlist for interview.

RESOLVED

a) that the three candidates identified be invited for interview on Monday 18th February;

b) that the interviewing panel be comprised of the Chairman (Cllr Wallis) together with Cllr K Bannon [or Cllrs L Bannon, or C Challoner if required];

c) that the interviewing panel be tasked with recommending a candidate (if appropriate) to the next meeting of the Council;

d) that the Clerk be asked to attend the interviews in an advisory capacity.