



**The Next Meeting of Church Minshull Parish Council
will be held in the Village Hall
on Monday the 15th of July 2013 at 7.30pm**

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(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).

Church Minshull Parish Council:

Cllr. Dave Wallis – Chairman, Cllr. Larry Bannon Vice – Chairman, Cllr. Brian Charlesworth, Cllr. Kerry Bannon, Cllr. Chris Challoner, Cllr. Meikle Carss

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 15th OF JULY
2013.**

Present

Cllrs D Wallis, K Bannon, L Bannon, C Challoner.
Two members of the public (MOTP)- J Stockdale and Kathryn Cronin (Observing meeting as candidates for the councillors vacancy).
Gwyn Griffiths (Retiring Clerk), Lucy Hassall (New Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence.

Welcome to candidates.

Cllr Wallis welcomed to the candidates for the position of parish councillor. Chair explained the purpose of inviting them to the meeting. Chair invited the candidates to get involved by; asking questions; contribute on issues of interested. Chair explained that that the candidates will be asked at the end of meeting if they wish to proceed with their application to join the parish council.

Apologies

Apology for the absence had been received from Cllr Carss (holiday).

RESOLVED.

That the apology received be accepted as a valid reason for absence under s. 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Challoner declared an interest in the item planning applications, due to his position as churchwarden.

No other interests declared by members.

3. Public participation.

J Stockdale and K Cronin recognised as a members of public.

4. Borough Councillors report.

Chair asked members to consider moving agenda items due to the borough councillor having to leave for another meeting at 8.15 p.m.

RESOLVED

That the borough councillor's report be the next item of the agenda

Borough Cllr Jones reported on the following issues:

Traffic calming.

Cllr Jones reported that two workmen have today been in the parish making preparations and marking out for the traffic calming measures. He expects that the new mini roundabout works will start at the end of August.

The full works as agreed will be completed including re-surfacing, with temporary traffic lights on the canal bridge for six months to monitor the traffic and to see if that will improve the current situation.

Cllr Kerry Bannon asked how these traffic lights would monitor the traffic. Cllr Jones explained that the traffic lights have sensor equipment fitted for monitoring.

KC (MOTP) commented on ambulances going over the bridge. This matter was discussed and concluded with the outcome, ambulances would continue to use this route if necessary using their priority at traffic lights whilst observing safety.

Chair asked Cllr Jones if the remaining traffic calming measures would then follow on from the works on the mini roundabout. Cllr Jones replied that this would be dependent on weather conditions; however, they do have a plan to continue completing road repairs including this type, until October this year.

Cllr Jones expects that the mini roundabout and temporary lights will be completed at the same time in August.

Budget cuts.



Cllr Jones stated that following the recent government announcement on council cuts, Cheshire East (CE) is experiencing £35 million of cuts. Cllr Jones stated that the council are looking at doing things differently. He outlined a number of ideas to ease the budget pressure, some of which are already in place and some of which are in the early stages of planning. CE are looking into separating key services and setting up new companies wholly owned by CE (W.O.K.'s ???), at arm's length companies.

For example:

- Refuse collection services- CE is working with unions to improve efficiency by utilising collection schedules more affectively; purchasing vehicles instead of leasing; restructuring management.

Cllr Jones also reported on the following matters:

- Pension arrangements for new starters- the council will be switching to stakeholder pensions with reduced employer contributions, and introduce performance related incentives.
- Care bill- Cllr Jones told members that CE has to assess all care homes and staff, annually within the authority. In the future, the authority will not be able to force someone to sell their home to pay for care costs. Cllr Jones estimates that this will cost the council £14 billion more by 2016. CE will be working with the health department.
- CE is considering options and alternatives for housing, including provision of housing for those with complex and additional needs.
- Cllr Jones told members that CE is being aggressive in bringing in business rates.
- An announcement of large scale investment in Crewe will be made tomorrow.
- Cllr Jones told members of the loss of 400 jobs at CE.
- The N.H.S. is expected change with hospitals becoming more specialised.
- Cllr Jones stated that the council working harder to improve enforcement, such as the collection of fines.
- Cllr Jones discussed other new ways CE is looking at to reduce costs.

Cllr K Bannon asked if anyone had conducted a whole of life review and gave a number of examples that could be included in a review. Cllr Jones stated that the problem within CE is population is expanding; the creation of new jobs; government funding; measuring trends. These make conducting this type of review difficult, CE looks at sections of issues. Cllr K Bannon stated that a joined up thinking would be better for forecast future provisions. Cllrs Wallis and K Bannon discussed this further including political will and terms of office. Cllr Jones and Cllr Wallis briefly discussed local parish councils working more closely together.

Speed restrictions.

Cllr Wallis pressed Cllr Jones for speed reductions in the parish to 40 mph, Cllr Jones said this would be looked at next year. He also advised of new speed reductions on the A49 and A51 to 30 mph. JS (MOTP) and Cllr Wallis stated that the new gateways will not cover the whole parish. Cllr Jones said that CE must look at the costs of speed restrictions. JS asked about the costs. Cllr Jones explained the costs and process. Cllr Wallis told Cllr Jones that John Dwyer had said that the borough council set speed limits. Cllr Jones says that Police may agree to speed limits but won't enforce. JS and Cllr Wallis agreed that the enforcement maybe difficult but the reality is that without the limit there is no argument of enforceability.

Question.

KC (MOTP) asked Cllr Jones what happens next year when the budgets are cut again. Cllr Jones replied that CE will look at staff structures and waste. KC asked. What about when this can't be cut any more, what will happen. Cllr replied that they would ask the government for more money or council tax would have to rise. Cllr Jones stated that where the money will be spent would be clearly publicised to council taxpayers.

Outsourced contracts.

Cllr L Bannon asked about outsourced contracts which are ending, if the CE are considering making them an 'arm's length' company. Cllr Jones said that this would depend on skills available.

Cllr Jones was thanked for his report and left the meeting.



5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th of May 2013 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No other matter arising.

7. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS:

Rural Transport

No meeting until October.

Traffic monitoring.

Cllr L Bannon told members of a meeting where he met Cllr Les Horn from Minshull Vernon. Who told him that they had invested in traffic radar trailer, which they are willing to rent out for £100.00 per week. Cllr Bannon suggested that this could be rented to monitor traffic before the traffic calming works start and after, to monitor; speed; time of day; volume; and to produce reports. Cllr Bannon said this may allow monitoring of the affect of the traffic calming measures. The issue was discussed, including the use of Speed Indication Devices (SID). JS(MOTP) suggested that this would have to be done within the next week due to school term ending .KC (MOTP) stated that this would not make a good controlled experiment due to the change in volumes. Cllr Wallis stated that it would have to be in several places and that he is still awaiting report from Mr Kevin Melling (highways) and will chase this up. Cllr K Bannon stated that the report information and the use of SID would cover all areas. KC asked what if the data shows the opposite of what is expected. JS expressed a concern that the new measures may cause traffic to slow down in the controlled areas and then speed up to make up for the lost ground. Cllr Challoner discussed the speed watch scheme and the possibility of having to monitor different areas to prove speeding awareness in new areas. Cllr Wallis suggested that a compromise would be to use the equipment after the traffic calming measures are in place, this would not give the speed data but, could be useful with the volumes information from K Melling. Cllr Challoner stated that he does keep two weeks of data from the speed watch scheme under 36 mph. Cllr L Bannon suggested using the same dates as the reports from K Melling and arrange hire of equipment for the same dates this year to re-monitor the traffic.

RESOLVED

That traffic monitoring equipment be hired from Minshull Vernon PC for a 1 week periods, 12 months from the dates the traffic was originally monitored by K Melling once the report gained and date is established.

Canal and Rivers Trust.

Cllr Wallis reported that he has asked Paul Corner to gain information on the proposal to replace the steps at bridge 11, and the costs involved. It still looks like the work will still be done with some of the materials they have, which will keep costs down. They will require some labour from the parish on the day of works.

Cllr Challoner asked about the planned adoption progress. Cllr Wallis stated that a meeting was arranged but he was unable to attend. PC are still waiting to hear from the trust to re-arrange.

8. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Planning permission for the replacement of the lead on the church roof was discussed, no objections were raised.

9. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

Cllr Challoner reported that the yellow signs are now in place. Cllr has met with PCSO Sharon Jones, because of the meeting an officer came to the parish with a speed gun to check, but did not catch anyone speeding, despite Cllr Challoner finding motorist speeding at Weaver



View after the meeting with the PCSO. Cllr Challoner will ask again in a few months for the check to be done again. Cllr Challoner reported recent checks into the police including the motorist speeding at 67 mph. JS asked if the police provided feedback on the reports. Cllr Challoner does not receive feedback but he will take this up.

10. PROGRESS ON A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY

Minshull Madness event

Cllr K Bannon reported on the event held recently which went well, with 200 people in attendance. Members of the public asked if this would become an annual event. Cllr Bannon thinks that it probably will. JS noted the number of children at the event. Cllr Bannon stated that some families did bring their extended families to the event due to the success of the Jubilee event last year. Children played at the event. Cllr L Bannon stated that the event was to encourage inclusivity and was disappointed to find that no children from Weaver View attended and will try to encourage them to attend this free event next year. Cllr K Bannon advised that they have been offered a donation from Mr Hughes, £120.15 from in donations at the gate; two grants from CE for £250 and £1,025 from Awards for All (lottery). Cllr K Bannon told members that all the team worked very hard and had set a date for reflection and review of the event. The funding received has meant that a number of reusable equipment has been purchased for next year's event.

Community Plan

Plan group have meet and were joined by John Heslewood. He has started to formulate the plan with the group and had some data which was out of date. Cllr K Bannon asked him for the 2011 census, which has now been found. Cllrs K and L Bannon will put this data into the report. The draft will then be distributed for approval.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT and AUDIT TRAIL

Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer

RESOLVED

That Lucy Hassall be appointed Responsible Financial Officer.

Internal auditor- Update

RESOLVED

That Mrs Bratherton will be the auditor for the next audit year.

Banking arrangements

The Clerk read out the statements in the on the HSBC mandate for changes in signatories to include Cllrs L Bannon, C Challoner, D Wallis and the clerk-Lucy Hassall.

The clerk has wrote a letter stating the change in correspondence address to the new clerk address. Cllrs read the letter, with the chair, vice chair and clerk signing the letter.

RESOLVED

- a) That this Mandate form be completed and sent to the bank by the Clark.
- b) That the signed change of address letter be sent to the bank by the clerk, with a extract of the resolution passed.

Accounts for payment

RESOLVED

That the following accounts be authorised for payment.

<u>To</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheque no.</u>
St. Bartholomew's Church	Grounds up keep	£1000.00	557
G. Griffiths	Clerks salary	£367.76	558
CM Village Hall	Hall Hire	£13.93	559
ChaLC	Induction training	£30.00	560

Cllr L Bannon agreed to send the Clark receipts for cheque no's 550 and 551.

Bank statement for the current account was examined by members and signed by the Chairman.



12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk presented two items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

- i. HSBC - letter advising of changes to terms and conditions.
- ii. Cheshire and rural partnership NHS newsletter.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Wallis took the opportunity to thank Gwyn for all his years' service and commitment to the community and presented Gwyn with a leaving gift. Gwyn thanked the councillor for the gift and wanted to thank the councillors for making his appointment. He particularly wanted to thank the chair, vice chair and their predecessors. Gwyn stated that the experience has been fun. He also reiterated his offer to assistance in future planning application as required.

LAP meeting.

Cllr L Bannon told members of a LAP meeting he recently attended. Of interest was the Connecting Cheshire Broadband. Cllr Bannon has examined recent updates on the issues and investigated the matter further. The outcome is that the parish telephone exchange has ADSL copper wiring up to 8 megabytes, which will enable the installation of fibre optic cabling alongside existing copper, this would mean increased internet speeds. Cllr Bannon has emailed John Heslewood to ask if Julian Cobley (Connecting Cheshire project engineer) to talk to the parish council and CM Vision, formally or informally. Cllr is waiting for a reply. Cllr Challoner advised that Tony Taylor from the CM vision sub group was interested in taking this issue forward.

Footpaths.

Cllr K Bannon told members of nettles, thorns and laurel that encroach over the footpaths at various locations. A personal approach or writing to residents was discussed. It was agreed that the CM vision group would contact all residents offering support to clear the footpaths.

The community plan- Question.

Cllr Challoner asked what was next once the plan was finalised. Cllr K Bannon advised that there would be open night to launch the plan.

The candidature of the council vacancy.

Chair thanked the candidates for attending the meeting and asked them if they are still interested. Both candidates were still interested, and then they left the meeting.

Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED

That the date of the next meeting will be the 30th of September. The Clerk will email those absent to advise of the change of date.

Process for candidates applications.

The matter was discussed on the best method of selection process and application. Gwyn offered advice on this issue.

RESOLVED

- a) That the clerk will contact the candidates to ask them to submit a 200 word personal statement with the title, 'what they feel they would bring to the Parish Council'.
- b) That the statement will be circulated to all councillors to examine.
- c) Ballot to be held at the next meeting on the 30th of September.
- d) That the clerk will advise candidates of the procedure to be followed, and copied in to councillors.

End of meeting.