



The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Church Hall on Monday the 21st of July 2014 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 14.07.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
- 14.07.02 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.
- 14.07.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.
- 14.07.04 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.
- 14.07.05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING- MAY 2014.
- 14.07.06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND ACTION POINTS.
- 14.07.07 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS:
- Police Cluster meeting
 - Canals and Rivers Trust
 - Community Speed Watch Scheme
- 14.07.08 CONSIDERATION OF ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS.
- Report on progress regarding correspondence received May meeting.
 - 14/2554N- Upgrade an 11kv overhead line.
 - 14/1754N- Resubmission: four dwelling reduced to two.
 - 14/2509N- Demolition and replacement of garage.
 - 14/1569N- Listed building consent to removal internal wall
- 14.07.09 PROGRESS ON A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE COMMUNITY:
- Community Plan.
- 14.07.10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.
- 14.07.11 REVIEW OF POLICY STATEMENTS ON PUBLIC SECTOR DUTIES UNDER EQUALITIES LEGISLATION.
- 14.07.12 CORRESPONDENCE
- 14.07.13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
(Note that whilst this Agenda item may be used to raise issues, substantive decisions can only be taken where business has been specified on the Agenda)



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 21st of July 2014.

Present: Cllrs D Wallis, K Bannon, L Bannon, C. Challoner, J Stockdale, B. Charlesworth, Cllr M Jones, and L Hassall - Clerk.
Members of the public - consent expressed to be recorded as Gerry, Linda, Gaynor, Ricky and one other in the minutes.

14.07.01 Apologies for absence –

Apologies received from M Carss.

RESOLVED.

That apologies received are acceptable as a valid reason for absence under s.85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

14.07.02 Declaration of interests in items on the agenda- None.

14.07.03 Public participation.

Gaynor - member of the public, expressed their concern regarding the rumoured planning permission.

DW explained the actions of the council to date and the next steps. Gaynor expressed her position regarding the land. Cllr Jones discussed the issues of boundaries, flooding, traveller sites and their proposal to action removals. CC asked clerk if the council has received a reply to the letter sent. Clerk advised no reply has been received. Clerk gained consent for members of the public to be recorded in the minutes as above.

14.07.04 Borough councillor's report.

Cllr Jones reported on the following issues.

Budget- Cllr Jones advised of £900,000 surplus in the budget which will be used to support voluntary groups; faiths groups; scouts; uniform groups; and elderly luncheon clubs. Cllr Jones advised of £2.5m for community hubs and the CE finances are strong.

Recycling- CE has received an award for recycling and bins collection service.

Canal bridge lights- Ricky-member of the public, stated that the temporary lights initially seemed a good idea, but practically he has concerns, especially for cars turning right it is more dangerous and he has seen near accidents. He stated that what is actually happening is that people are not using caution and speed up over the top to get to the lights before they change which is intimidating, which makes it more dangerous for people turning right. Ricky also stated that he has rung the highways department for feedback on the lights and what the future process is. DW stated that no final decision has been made yet. DW stated that in his opinion if CE agreed to do something with the lights, then the same process as the traffic calming would be used, involving a public meeting to discuss the proposals with those present at the meeting. Ricky asked if the council had any data to show what has been achieved. Cllr Jones stated that there may be some data, but this is subjective. BC echoed Ricky's views. DW expressed his views on the poor behaviour of drivers. Cllr Jones stated that the traffic calming measures have worked, with incidents of vehicles going into gardens has now stopped and people are now able to across the River Weaver bridge now the footpath is wider and these measures were designed with the support of the parish council. Cllr Jones stated that he is concerned that with traffic lights people will still try to speed to get through, but they can see.

Ricky expressed the opinion that it is due to the lights that people are speeding up to catch them before they change, whereas previously people approached the road junction with more caution. BC discussed problems experienced by other farmers in the area, and that the lights are not helping with moving cattle across the road. Cllr Jones stated that he had some communication regarding the matter. DW expressed



that a balance needs to be achieved between the issues. JS suggested that the 30mph limit could be extended. Cllr Jones advised that this would not help. The matter of positioning of the lights was discussed.

DW asked Cllr Jones again for some statics on the traffic volumes as previously requested by LB from Pryce Evans. Cllr Jones advised that CE do not normally do this. DW advised that it was done before and after the traffic calming measures. LB advised that Pryce Evans has advised that they have the information, but the person is out of the office until the 28th of July, and will provide the information on their return.

DW recommended a special public meeting for the public and highways to discuss the issues and the parish council will have to make a decision based on the discussed at the special meeting. DW asked for plans for the meeting. Cllr Jones stated that a risk assessment may mean that where the PC want them to be placed may not be suitable, agreed.

LB thanked Cllr Jones for his help in providing barriers for the Church Minshull Madness event, which helped keep people and children safe.

LB advised that a resident from Homestead had contacted him concerned about a tree which has a broken branch causing problems to their roof, and was concerned that it could get worse. LB contacted Cllr Jones and the problem was removed within a few days. LB thanked Cllr Jones on behalf of the resident and the community affected.

14.07.02 Minutes of the last meeting- May 2014.

CC stated that in other meetings he attends minutes are distributed before the meeting and amendment are made during the next meeting. Clerk advised that this has been the process since appointment. LB explained why this has been done this way. The matter was discussed.

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the meetings held on the 19th of May be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.
- b) That the minutes will continue to be produced in the same way with any minor issues being dealt with before the meeting with the continued opportunity to make significant changes to the minutes at the meeting as previously done.

14.07.03 Matters arising from the minutes and action points.

LB advised the meeting he had received communication regarding the broadband for the parish. He advised that this was due on May the 20th, but has not been done. LB asked Cllr Jones about the issue. Cllr Jones advised that a meeting is due to discuss the matter and that BT had overstretched themselves in providing dates for roll out. Cllr Jones agreed to keep LB informed of the meeting outcome.

LB discussed the work on the Badger Public house and asked Cllr Jones about the issue. Cllr Jones advised that following a meeting with the owners to discuss enforcement of the issue, they agreed to carry out the works.

LB advised that the judges for the 'Best kept' community award and best new initiative last Wednesday that people come to talk to them from different community groups in the village creating a feeling of hope for the competition in October.

14.07.04 Reports from meetings:

Police cluster meeting- No report, BC was unable to attend the last meeting. BC has spoken to another councillor who reported stated nothing to report of significance. Cllr Jones reported on this that, the police are dealing with burglaries, mostly from sheds, speeding has reduced. The police are finding that people are fly tipping and CE are using hidden cameras to deal with the problem and will prosecute. DW asked about the penalty for littering. Cllr Jones advised that charges for fly tipping is maximum penalty of £18k and vehicle seized. DW asked about littering from vehicles- approximately £35 fine or caution from the police.



Canals and rivers trust update- DW reported that after some delay he has received an email from the person who deals with volunteers. DW will reply to this email to arrange a meeting with the interested people who have come forward to support the adoption, and agreed with all parties what needs to be done and the procedures, including formal adoption. Cllr Jones stated that CE could offer some funding towards this scheme, due to the tourism it creates.

DW advised the volunteers who had carried out the improvement works were expected to be nominated for an award, unfortunately they did not make the shortlist Community Speed Watch /scheme- CC stated that reports from the volunteers have highlighted that there is more speeding towards Weaver View from the centre of the village. The scheme is now doing watches in these areas and making use of SID. CC has spoken to the PCSO regarding the heavy vehicles and she has taken note of this issue. CC stated that from the experience of operating the scheme, this appears to have reduced.

Highway LAP- LB reported on behalf of MC. MC attended last meeting, nothing to report. A fuller report will be provided at next meeting in September. Cllr Jones advised that potholes over 2 inches deep will be repaired within a week of being reported.

14.07.07 Consideration of any planning applications.

Report on progress re: correspondence received May meeting- see item 14.07.03. No issues raised regarding applications numbers 14/2554n, 14/1754n, 14/2509n and 14/1569n.

14.07.08 Progress on a strategic vision for the community:

Community plan- KB reported that the plan was launched at the recent Minshull Madness event. It has been sent to Cheshire Community Action who gave the go ahead for launch. Four hard copies have been printed for the community hubs. Cllr Jones asked for a copy, agreed. The document is now on the website and actions which are completed will be updated on the site.

14.07.09 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>
Village Hall committee	Hall hire.	£24.08	577
L. Hassall	Salary and expenses.	£343.00	578

Bank statement for the current account was examined by members and signed by the Chairman. Chairman also checked and signed statements missed last meeting. DW and LB signed cheques for payment.

**14.07.10 Review of policy statements on public sector duties
Under equalities legislation.**

LB suggested a number of amendments to the above policy, and to the policies on Disclosable pecuniary Interests and standing orders.

RESOLVED

That the clerk will type up these policies for signing by the chairman at the next meeting.

14.07.11 Correspondence

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

- i. BDO reminder- No action, as the return has been submitted following the last meeting.
- ii. SLCC membership renewal- Councillors do not want this renewed.
- iii. Letter from local landscape services and maintenance- no action.

LB discussed letter received from Cllr Jones entitled 'Resident first'. Changes to planning and appeals. KB asked for clarification of a term used in the letter.



14.07.12 Any other business

Cllr Jones suggested a by-pass to help traffic building up in Crewe, north of Church Minshull on the A530 to Winterley roundabout.

KB discussed the Minshull Madness event, 194 attended.

KB discussed second arch of bridge is re-silted causing stress on the bridge and bank. KB would like to know if the Environment Agency or CRT could help. Cllr Jones asked KB to email him regarding the matter, agreed.

JS advised of issue at Eel Brook which is not flowing.

DW discussed housing needs analysis, focusing on specific issues. KB agreed to email Cheshire Community Action to invite them to the next meeting. DW would like to suggest that Cheshire Community Action as an external body carry out this needs analysis with a clear purpose of the survey.

Cllr Jones discussed options to do this and affordability exception rules. The matter was discussed further. CC suggested that it should be expressed to resident why is this survey is being done to avoid confusion.

KB presented correspondence from a local resident and KB read out the letter to members. The letter highlighted the poor standards and narrowness of pavements, and overgrown hedges. DW and LB will speak to the residents regarding this matter.

Date of next meeting 22nd of September.

End of meeting.