



**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on  
Monday the 17<sup>TH</sup> of November 2014 at 7.30pm**

**AGENDA**

- 14.11.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
- 14.11.02 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.
- 14.11.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.
- 14.11.04 CONNECTING CHESHIRE BROADBAND – JULIAN COBLEY.
- 14.11.05 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.
- 14.11.06 TO CONSIDER SUPPORT REQUEST FROM CM VHC -UPDATE.
- 14.11.07 STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE COMMUNITY
  - CCA Housing survey.
  - Community Pride Awards and future applications.
- 14.11.08 CONSIDERATION OF ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS.
  - 14/4595N- Micro Hydropower Mill Forge.
- 14.11.09 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS:
  - Police Cluster meeting
  - Canals and Rivers Trust
  - Community Speed Watch Scheme
- 14.11.10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
- 14.11.11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING- September 2014.
- 14.11.12 APPLICATIONS FOR THE CLERK VACANCY.
- 14.11.13 PRECEPT.
- 14.11.14 BDO RETURN REPORT AND REMEDIAL PREPOSALS.
- 14.11.15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.
- 14.11.16 CORRESPONDENCE.
- 14.11.17 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 17th of November 2014.**

**Present:** Cllrs D Wallis, K Bannon, L Bannon, C. Challoner, J Stockdale, M Carss, Cllr M Jones, and L Hassall - Clerk.

Members of the public - consent expressed to be recorded as Graham, Ricky and Richard Ware in the minutes.

Representatives from CE and BT – Mr Arron Brigg (co-ordinator with CE and BT, Julian Cobley, and Andrew.

Please note that some items on the agenda were re-ordered to deal with the availability of attendees.

**14.11.01 Apologies for absence** – None. BC expected to be late.

**14.11.02 Declaration of interests in items on the agenda-** None declared.

**14.11.04 Connecting Cheshire Broadband.**

The representative introduced themselves and LB discussed the issue the parish have experienced regarding this topic. JC explained that works have taken longer than anticipated due to old copper cabling, road closures, and the distances from green cabinets and replacements. He advised that fibre optic will be available, and on broadband the speed will be dependent on the distance from the cabinet. It is expected that the system will be live between January to March 2015, taking into consideration any unknown delays. LB asked what speed can be predicted and how these are measured. AB advised that this is difficult to predict, but should see an improvement. LB asked about advising the public on the roll out. AB advised that people can find further information on FFTP (fibre to the premises) website. LB thanked the CE and BT representatives for their attendance. Representatives left the meeting.

**14.11.03 Public participation.**

Richard asked about extra street lights outside of village farm, currently there is no lighting in this area. Cllr Jones advised there is no plans to do this as it is road lighting not pathway lighting and that this is a rural area.

**14.11.05 Borough Councillor report**

Cllr Jones reported on the following issues.

Local plan - Cllr Jones advised that the local plan has been suspended like many others.

Energy- Cllr Jones advised that an announcement will be made in December for the scheme 'fairer power for all'.

LB and KB asked about cold winter preparations and leaf sweeping. Cllr Jones advised that the authority has enough supplies and resources for the season, and has already completed a gritting. CE are currently cleaning out gullies and roads.

Jobs, HS2 and A530- Cllr Jones advised that an announcement will be made in December regarding these matters. A530 proposal, as previously discussed, will provide improvements to infrastructure required for HS2, which will create new jobs.

KB asked about the GP/hospital non appointment attendance issues. Cllr Jones discussed the issue and related issues.

Car parking charges- Cllr Jones advised that all CE car parks in December will be free on Saturdays.

**14.11.06 To consider request for support from CM VHC- update.**

JS provided the meeting with an update on this matter. VHC have received £10k from 'Awards for all' and are waiting to hear from the 'Foyle foundation' within the next six weeks. The matter was discussed. VHC are waiting to hear from CE, Cllr Jones advised JS to email him for update on the application. VHC attend to apply to WREN for assistance with the fitting out costs and to Garfield Weston for support.



**14.11.07 Progress on a strategic vision for the community:**

CCA housing survey- KB has emailed the quote to members from CCA. KB reported that from this members had question which have been forwarded to Tony Clare. This matter was discussed. Cllr Jones advised caution and recommended a Neighbourhood Plan in dealing with this issue, discussed the difference between a survey and a village plan, and the Local plan. MC highlighted a number of issues regarding the content of the questions,- including desire of existing residents for other types of housing; to what extent do people want in development; and demands for housing. LB advised that CCA replied to these questions, saying that there was no clear answer to these questions. KB will contact Tony or John at CCA regarding these issues.

Community pride awards and future applications- KB reported on the event. KB received a runner up award for community champion, and parish award of Community Spirit Award 2014 with plaque and £100 cheque. LB advised that the event was a great networking opportunity and was attended by members of the public who got involved in the competition. Attendees also were interested in the other competition categories. KB asked members about the best place for the plaque to be placed in the village. The matter was discussed.

CC suggested that it would good to have an image of the plaque on the parish council letterhead.

- a. Clerk will pay the cheque into the bank.
- b. LB will send to members the web link for the competition categories.
- c. CC will ask the Church for permission to place the plaque on the frame of the noticeboard at their next meeting.
- d. LB will create a template of the image of the plaque to go on the letterhead.

**14.11.08 Consideration of planning applications:**

14/4595N- No issues with this application.

**14.11.09 Reports from meetings:**

Police cluster meeting- No report, as BC not present.

Canals and rivers trust update- DW referred to recent emails circulated following a recent meeting with Jeff Harris of SUMBA (Shropshire Union Middlewich Branch Adopters) who extend the adoption to Morris Bridge 15. Graham will be asking for funding in January from the parish council of £400 for improvements such as new benches and could be linked in with the Minch trail. Graham will formally ask for this funding in 2015, and has already applied to CE. The work were discussed, including repairs and litter.

Clerk advised that the council have powers to provide the funds for the open spaces and recreational areas, or under improvements to health.

Community Speed Watch scheme- CC nothing to report.

**14.11.11 Minutes of the last meeting- September.**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

**14.11.10 Matters arising from the minutes and action points- None.**

**14.11.12 Application for the position of clerk vacancy.**

Clerk has circulated the one application received to members. Members agreed that this was not an acceptable application given that it was not in the format or had the required information specified in the vacancy advert. Clerk has already informed members that the applicant has been asked to produce their application in the required format, they have not received this application since the request was made. Clerk advised that the vacancy is advertised on Chalc and tried to post on CE, but the web team have posted this on Cheshire West. The clerk has emailed the team again to ask for this to be posted on CE.



Clerk will re-send vacancy to DW.

DW has arranged for Carol Jones to temporarily attend meeting to take the minutes and agenda only, whilst a new clerk is to be appointed. DW and councillors thanked the clerk for her service.

**14.11.13 Precept**

Cllr Jones advised that the precept should be set at an amount which reflects the parish council's costs plus 10%. He also advised that the parish grant will be reduced to £123.00

The matter of the precept was discussed.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Precept should remain for the same as previous year.
- b) That the clerk will complete and send the precept form.

Cllr Jones left the meeting.

**14.11.15 Accounts for payment.**

RESOLVED

That the following accounts be authorised for payment.

<u>To</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Chq.</u> <u>no.</u>	<u>Power.</u>
CM VH committee	Hall hire.	£25.00	579	To be inserted
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	£22.44	580	Local Gov. Act 1972, s.137
BDO	Audit fee	£36.00	581	To be inserted
L.Hassall	Salary & expenses	£363.07	582	Local Gov. Act 1972, power to employ.
L.Hassall	Holiday pay	£82.05	583	Local Gov. Act 1972, power to employ.
L. Bannon	Mini bus hire refund -com pride awards.	£130.00	584	Local Gov. Act 1972, s.145

DW, CC and LB signed cheques for payment.

JS asked about arrangement for the clerk in the interim. Clerk explained that the council could pass a resolution to allow a councillor to manage the clerk's duties, whilst they should not receive an official payments for this task, because the person can not receive payment for public service, but can receive an honorarium payments only for the task. DW suggested that this will not be needed as the only payment for the next meeting is likely to be for the village hall only.

**14.11.16 Correspondence.**

The Clerk presented the following items of correspondence.

- a) Active Cheshire, email forwarded to council prior to the meeting- no action.
- b) Two letters from concerned residents sent to LB.  
KB has had an informal chat with a person connected to the household, and they have had an issue with a gardener who was meant to cut the hedge, and it will be cut back soon. Agreed that councillors will await the outcome on this issue.
- c) One email forwarded to council prior to the meeting concerning pathways and transport- DW advised that a new bus has just been delivered. CC advised that this is a service that started on approximately the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, and that the details are available on the Cheshire East website. This matter will be discussed again at the next meeting after the route has been research more.

Members of the public left the meeting.



**14.11.14 BDO return report and remedial proposals.**

LB advised the meeting the clerk raised and clerk forwarded as requested the correspondence sent to the BDO to LB. LB has researched the matter further, and found a Governance and accountability document, which lists the powers available. Specifically 'any situation not covered by one of the specific powers below, the parish council may spend money on any purpose which in its opinion is of direct benefit to all or part of its community'. LB would like the council to consider that a long serving councillor and parish clerk who served to benefit the community, and that such a gift was within their powers to agree. LB stated that in the minutes the council agreed to make a payment of £173.00 through the account for payment, and that is where the powers came from. LB will challenge the BDO on this matter. The clerk advised the meeting that the problem they face is that the power was not minuted by the previous clerk and that this is for a concluded audit period. LB explained that the powers were present by the fact that it was agreed through payment of accounts. Clerk advised that the accounts and documents will be passed to DW at the end of the meeting. Electronic records will also be sent to LB for safe keeping.

**14.11.17 Any other business.**

KB advised the meeting that Cheshire Rural arts have a membership fee of £100 which will need to be paid in March 2015. The issue was discussed briefly and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2015.

End of meeting.

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