



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 16th MARCH 2015.**

Present: Cllr D Wallis Chairman
Cllr L Bannon Vice Chairman
Cllr M Bannon
Cllr C Challoner
Cllr J Stockdale
Cllr M Carss

Mrs S McBennett Clerk to Church Minshull Parish Council

Member of the public Graham Russell

16.03.01 Appointment of New Clerk to the Parish Council
Sandie McBennett having been interviewed by DW and KL was in attendance.

Resolved: That Sandie McBennett be appointed Clerk to the Parish Council with effect from 23 February 2015.

16.03.02 Apologies for Absence
Brian Charlesworth was not in attendance and no apologies were received.

16.03.03 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests
No declarations of pecuniary interests were made.

16.03.04 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 02.02.2015

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of 02.02.15 be agreed.

16.03.05 Matters Arising
Housing Survey – KB to make contact with John Heselwood and Tony Claire as agreed.

AOB – LB met with Stephen Jones – Public Rights of Way Unit, on 12.02.15 to discuss the deterioration of the footpaths in Bluebell Wood. Changes were proposed:- topography; handrails to the bridge; drainage to alleviate waterlogged areas and the boardwalk. The area is more accessible from Eardswick Hall, Minshull Vernon. LB to contact Mr and Mrs Ford of Eardswick Hall to request permission for access.



LB reported the budget for works is currently exhausted; however it is annually refreshed on 1st April. The works would commence towards the end of May/beginning of June 2015.

LB reported the registration of Church Minshull in "The Best Kept Village Competition". 5 categories have been entered, including the Cheshire Pride Awards. The entry fee of £28 was paid by LB.

Resolved: That £28.00 be re-imbursed to LB in relation to the entry for Best Kept Village.

16.03.06 Public Participation

Graham Russell of Canal and Rivers Trust reported on works to Nannies Bridge. Phil Grocot advised this was a CRT problem. An email has been sent.

A quote has been received from Rebekah Fuller to supply signage for the Towpath Walk and the Bluebell Walk.

It was reported that stiles are broken and the footpaths require work.

Reaseheath have designed a bench and picnic table. They will be ready in May. A photograph to note the work of the students in the production of the bench and table will be taken in due course.

There were no questions from members of the public.

16.03.07 Borough Councillor's Report

Councillor Michael Jones was detained at another meeting. No reports were received.

16.03.08 Housing Survey

DW attended the recent open day at CE "Meet the Developer" on 11th March 2015. There were approximately 50 attendees. Workshops and seminars were offered covering Neighbourhood Plans and Local Housing Survey. The seminars gave the opportunity to meet developers such as Archway and Taylor Wimpey.

DW reported that the open day was interesting which gave rise to a discussion of the subject of The Neighbourhood Plan. DW defines the remit of a Neighbourhood Plan. DW reported that £8,000 was available as a grant to prepare for the consultative phase and is paid by CE. A further £8,000 was available to take the Neighbourhood Plan process to referendum.

Question: Was the open day more about the Neighbourhood Plan than "Meet the Developer"?

Response: Yes.

Question: Could we collaborate with Worleston?

Response: Yes it could be beneficial and the award could be more if we collaborate.



There are 20 Neighbourhood Plans currently in Cheshire.

16.03.09 Planning Applications

The Parish Council was invited to comment on the following planning application:-

15/1038N – Waters Edge Cottage, 2 West View, Over Road, Church Minshull, CW5 6EA.
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

Resolved: That no objections be raised on planning application no 15/1038N.

16.03.10 Reports from Meetings

Members reported on recent meetings.

CC reported on the Speed Watch Scheme.
A rota is in place up to June 2015, kindly manned by the existing volunteers. A request for more volunteers for the rota has not been successful. An advert will be placed on the Village Arena Website for more volunteers.

16.03.11 Authorisation of Payments

a) The Parish Council authorise the following payments:-

£2000.00	Church Minshull Village Hall – assist in construction work. (see Resolution of 14 September 2014)
£ 400.00	SUMBA – funding application
£ 100.00	CM Vision – contra entry.
£ 33.25	Church Minshull
£ 28.00	LB – Reimbursement for Best Kept Village
£ 00.00	DW – Expenses

Resolved: That the payments detailed above be authorised.

b) HSBC

A Mandate to add Cllr C Challoner and Cllr J Stockdale as signatories for the Church Minshull Parish Council cheque account.

Amend the address for correspondence to be directed to the new clerk; Mrs S McBennett.

Resolved: That the requests to HSBC be agreed.



16.03.12 Correspondence

The Clerk received the following items of correspondence:-

ChALK Newsletter – March 2015 – emailed to members of the Parish Council.

Longespie – a letter requesting information regarding Parish Council dealings with a village land owner; Mr L Sutton.

Resolved: That a letter of confirmation be sent to solicitors Longespie stating that no contact had been made with Mr Sutton.

16.03.13 Any other Business

LB reported that a letter had been sent to local business requesting £12.00 pa in return for a listing on the Church Minshull website Village Arena.

A cheque for £12.00 had been received from Arriba Wellness Ltd.

Resolved: That the cheque for £12.00 from Arriba Wellness be received with thanks and recorded as a donation.

The Councillors discussed training for the new clerk.

Induction Training is available through ChALC at a cost of £30.00. CILCA Accreditation is also available. CILCA is currently £250.00

Resolved: That the clerk should make enquiries regarding the price of both and book onto the next available Induction Training. CILCA should also be booked at the present price due to an imminent price increase.

16.03.14 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Church Minshull Parish Council will be held at The CM Village Hall on **Tuesday 19th May 2015**.

Signed..... Chairman