

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 05 MAY 2020**

PRESENT:

Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Brian Charlesworth, Cllr Nigel Lewis, Cllr Robert Parton, Cllr Bob Schiller and Cllr Mark Smith

20/001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

20/001.1 RESOLVED – that Cllr Schiller be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

20/002 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

20/002.1 RESOLVED – that Cllr Lewis be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

20/003 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

20/003.1 Cllr Groos

20/004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20/004.1 None

20/005 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 03 MARCH 2020

20/005.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

20/006 NOTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS

20/006.1 Councillors noted the notes of the meetings held on 23 and 30 March and 14 April 2020

20/007 COVID-19 ACTIONS

20/007.1 Councillors reviewed the actions taken to support the community during the current pandemic. Food boxes had been provided for residents of Home Farm Park and it was suggested that these be increased. There were a number of suggestions regarding other potential recipients and these would be discussed further in due course.

20/008 FLOODING

20/008.1 The Clerk was asked to seek an update on the unanswered queries regarding flooding from Borough Cllr Pochin.

20/009 PLANNING

20/009.1 Decisions by the Planning Authority

Application	Proposal	
20/0350N	Diversification of existing agricultural unit to allow for use of part of the farm landholding for the relocation of an equestrian business, with demolition of some existing redundant buildings and the erection of a new stable/store/riding arena building and an outdoor ménage at Paradise Green Farm, Paradise Lane, Church Minshull	Withdrawn
19/5387N	Minor amendment to 19/3416N; listed building consent for Alteration to domestic garage/store to provide first floor home office at Old House, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull	Approved with Conditions

20/010 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

20/010.1 The Clerk provided the highways authority’s response regarding the temporary closure of Middlewich Road in the vicinity of Bentley. This would be proceeding on 1 June and the highways authority believed that there would be no increased traffic through Church Minshull as a result of this closure. Discussions were ongoing with Bentley regarding the potential delay of the road closures in the area, whilst these works were ongoing.

20/011 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

20/011.1 Cllr Lewis provided an update regarding the proposed schemes following the receipt of further responses to the preferencing questionnaire. The schemes that could potentially proceed at present and would be actively pursued were the provision of a defibrillator, tree planting, supporting the Village Hall and the website.

20/011.2 With regards to the website, Councillors discussed the future development and maintenance arrangements. Cllr Lewis would investigate this matter further with a view to further discussion at the next meeting.

20/012 FINANCE REPORT

20/012.1 The Council considered the Annual Governance Statement, which outlined the governance requirements for the Council.

RESOLVED – That the Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk accordingly.

20/012.2 The Accounting Statement 2019/20 and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 were received by the Council. These detailed the Council’s income and expenditure during the financial year. The Council’s opening balance at 1 April 2019 was £11,192 and its closing balance on 31 March 2020 was £12,649. The budget was underspent in the sum of £3,764.

RESOLVED – that the accounting statement for 2019/20 be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement accordingly.

20/012.3 As the Council’s income and expenditure were both less than £25,000, the Council could declare itself exempt from a limited assurance review by the external auditor. All of the relevant documentation still required completion and publication on the Council’s website.

RESOLVED – that the Council exempts itself from the requirement for the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review.

20/012.4 Insurance

The Council had received its insurance renewal request for 2020/21. Councillors were reminded that the Council entered into a long-term agreement which expired in 2022. The cost of the renewal was £155.29, an increase of £5.34. which reflected the increase in insured assets.

RESOLVED – that the insurance policy be renewed.

20/012.5 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Cheque	Total	VAT	Net
Pryce Jones	Website	100775	150.00		150.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	100776	155.83		155.83

20/012.6 Online Banking

RESOLVED – that the Parish Council joins Unity Bank at a cost of £6 per month.

20/012.7 Insurance

At its last meeting, the Council had agreed a payment of £500 towards the VE Day 75th commemorations. However, owing to the current pandemic, this event did not proceed.

RESOLVED – that the budget of £500 allocated to VE Day 75th commemorations be vired to Covid-19 support and increased to £1,000.

20/013 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20/013.1 Thursday, 02 July 2020.