

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT:

Cllr Nigel Lewis (Chairman), Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Jacqui Groos, Cllr Robert Parton and Cllr Mark Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Sarah Pochin and one representative from the Village Hall Committee.

20/040 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

20/040.1 Cllrs Charlesworth and Schiller.

20/041 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20/041.1 None

20/042 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2020

20/042.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

20/043 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

20/043.1 Borough Cllr Sarah Pochin provided an update on matters from the Borough Council. This included the commencement of the Crewe town centre redevelopment works which were scheduled for completion in 2023. The Borough Council had also reinstated a number of rural bus services and there were grant monies available to small businesses to support them during these difficult times.

20/044 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT

20/044.1 Councillors discussed the progress made since the last meeting on the redevelopment of the Village Hall. The Steering Committee had met on a number of occasions and questionnaires had been distributed to residents and hall users and available online via Survey Monkey. Cheshire Community Action would be analysing the responses.

20/044.2 The next stage would be the development of the feasibility study. Cheshire Community Action had advised that there may be funding available for this, although Councillors would be agreeing next year's budget at the next meeting, so the Council could support this if necessary.

20/045 COVID-19 ACTIONS

20/045.1 Councillors discussed the resumption of support as a result of the forthcoming increased Covid restrictions. There was a discussion regarding whether there would be the demand and Mark Smith agreed to liaise with residents of Home Farm Park regarding any potential support required.

20/046 FLOODING

20/046.1 Councillors discussed the lack of responsiveness or action from the Borough Council to the concerns regarding flooding. The meeting with the Flood Alleviation team from Cheshire East had occurred almost a year ago and still no actions had been forthcoming. Borough Cllr Pochin agreed to contact the appropriate officers again in an attempt to get some action. It was noted that the gully cleansing would be undertaken in November/December, although there was concern whether this would resolve all of the problems.

20/046.2 There was a suggestion that the landowner from the brook would have a

responsibility to maintain the brook and Cllr Lewis agreed to investigate this.

20/047 HIGHWAYS

20/047.1 This was another issue where there had been a lack of engagement from the Borough Council. There was concern regarding the operations at the Delphic Depot despite the planning enforcement officer being satisfied that there were no breaches on site.

20/048 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

20/048.1 Cllr Lewis provided an update regarding the proposed schemes. Following discussion at the last meeting, the trees had been planted and it was hoped that there would be further plantings around the Parish each year.

20.048.2 Cllr Boote referred to the Nature Neighbourhood Concept which was a new project being introduced by Cheshire Wildlife Trust, which aimed to address three nature-level crises at a local level – nature, climate and nature-connectedness. Councillors supported this concept and Cllr Boote was asked to invite a representative from the Trust to attend the next meeting to discuss the project further.

20/048.3 The positioning of the proposed raised flower beds was discussed with a potential alternative site identified outside the Village Hall.

20/048.4 Cllr Parton referred to the poor condition of a footpath by the Village Hall and a quote would be obtained for its repair.

20/048.5 Councillors discussed the provision of a defibrillator at Home Farm Park, with the defibrillator funded by the Park and the box being purchased by the Council.

RESOLVED – that the Council purchases the defibrillator box for use at Home Farm Park.

20/049 WEBSITE

20/049.1 Cllr Lewis provided an update on the maintenance of the website and progress on the website being compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

20/050 FINANCE REPORT

20/050.1 The Finance Report provided details of a bank reconciliation, end of year projection and budgetary analysis.

20/050.2 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Nigel Lewis*	Trees	£300.00		£300.00
St Bartholomew's PCC	Wreath	£25.00		£25.00
Information Commissioner	Data Protection	£35.00		£35.00
Mark Robinson	Salary and Expenses (Oct)	£236.01	£7.20	£228.81
Mark Robinson	Salary Standing Order (Nov>)	£176.45		£176.45

* retrospective ratification following agreement by Chairman and Vice-Chairman

20/050.3 Budget and Precept 2021/22

Councillors gave initial consideration to the draft budget for 2021/22, which would be agreed at the next meeting.

20/051 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

20/051.1 Village Welcome Letter

Councillors considered a proposal to provide all new residents to the village a welcome letter, which would provide information on groups, services and contacts. Councillors supported this proposal.

20/051.2 Councillors' Responsibilities

Following a review of the Councillors page on the website, it was noted that the current list of roles and responsibilities required updating. Councillors gave consent for their telephone numbers to be displayed on the website.

RESOLVED – that the following responsibilities be agreed –

- Highways/Transport – Cllr Groos
- Village Hall Improvements – Cllrs Boote and Parton
- Home Farm Park Liaison – Cllr Smith
- Village Farm Liaison – Cllr Parton

20/051.3 Sandbags

Councillors were reminded that sandbags had been provided for use by residents and these were stored on the Village Hall Car Park.

20/052 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20/052.1 Tuesday, 05 January 2021.