

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022

PRESENT:

Cllr Brian Charlesworth, Cllr Sarah Garrington, Cllr Jacqui Groos, Cllr Nigel Lewis, Cllr Bob Schiller and Cllr Mark Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:

Seven Members of the Public

22/001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

22/001.1 RESOLVED – that Cllr Schiller be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

22/002 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

22/002.1 RESOLVED – that Cllr Lewis be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

22/003 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/003.1 Cllr Boote.
RESOLVED – that the absence be approved in accordance with S85 of the Local Government Act 1972

22/004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/004.1 Cllr Schiller declared an interest in planning application 22/0149N.

22/005 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 01 MARCH 2022

22/005.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

22/006 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

22/006.1 Members of the public raised concerns regarding the problems associated with the increased traffic through the village caused by the closure of Middlewich Road in Leighton. The road closure was expected to last for 80 weeks and a complaint had been submitted to Cheshire East to express concern at these proposals. Councillors advised that they would contact the Area PCSO as there was concern about the speed of vehicles.

22/006.2 A member of the public referred to progress regarding the B5074 Speed Review which had been undertaken in 2016. It was noted that a Traffic Regulation Order had been proposed by Cheshire East Council to create 40MPH buffer zones but this had been rescinded following objections. The Council agreed to liaise with Cheshire East Council on this matter.

22/006.3 A member of the public expressed concern at the increase in the Council tax precept in 2022/23. Councillors advised that this had been undertaken in order to provide support for the refurbishment of the Village Hall, although no monies had yet been spent.

22/006.4 There was a discussion regarding actions being taken on concerns regarding the number of HGVs operating out of the depot on Minshull Lane. An outcome was expected soon.

22/007 FLOODING/HIGHWAYS

22/007.1 Councillors discussed the outcome of a meeting with the MP's team, although no confirmation was forthcoming that any actions would be taken by authorities regarding flooding in the village.

22/008 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT

21/008.1 There was no further update on this matter.

22/009 PLANNING

22/009.1 Applications for Consideration

Application	Proposal	Decision
22/1471N	Single storey extension to side of dwelling at Carlton House, Eachus Lane, Church Minshull	No comments
22/1229N	Variation of Condition 1 (Commencement) on 19/0275N - Conversion of a Traditional Grade II Listed Farm Building to Wedding and Events venue, alterations to vehicular access and all associated works at	No comments

22/009.2 Decisions pending with the planning authority

Application	Proposal
22/1555N	Erection of a wooden detached double garage 6m x 9m at Highfields House, Highfields Farm, Main Road, Aston Juxta Mondrum <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 22 June</i>
22/1079N	Single storey rear orangery at Swallows Barn, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull, <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 11 May</i>
22/0149N	Prior approval of orangery extending 3750mm beyond the rear wall, maximum height of 3800mm and eaves height of 2250mm at Swallows Barn, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Refused</i>
22/0481N	Two storey side extension at 1 Weaver View, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 27 April</i>
21/6421N	Prior approval of the proposed enlargement of a dwellinghouse by the construction of an additional storey raising the maximum height of the roof by 2.65m at Mile Oak, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Refused – permitted development rights removed previously</i>
21/6162N	Extend and replace existing driveway at Oakhurst, Over Road, Church Minshull <i>Approved</i>
21/6163N	Listed building consent to extend and replace existing driveway at Oakhurst, Over Road, Church Minshull <i>Approved</i>
21/1569N	Various single and two-storey extensions to existing dwelling at Woodfields, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Approved</i>
21/1301C	Garage Outbuilding to house four classic cars at Bridge House Bungalow, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Approved</i>

22/010 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

22/010.1 Cllr Lewis advised that the footbridge in Eardswick Wood had been fixed by Cheshire East Council.

22/011 WEBSITE

21/079.1 Councillors expressed their thanks to Pryce Jones for the updates to the website.

22/012 CLIMATE CHANGE

22/012.1 Cllr Garrington provided feedback from the inaugural meeting of the Village Climate Change Group, held in March. A report was being developed to be published in the Insight Magazine. It was noted that a tree had been donated by Minshull’s Nurseries to commemorate the Jubilee. With regards reports of pollution in the River Weaver, Cllr Groos agreed to contact United Utilities.

22/013 FINANCE REPORT

22/013.1 The Council considered the elements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Statement for the 2021/22 financial year.

22/013.2 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.

22/013.3 The Accounting Statement 2021/22 and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 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 2021 was £10,304 and its closing balance on 31 March 2022 was £8,838.

RESOLVED – that the accounting statement for 2021/22 be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement accordingly.

22/013.4 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.

22/013.5 Insurance

The Clerk advised that the renewal quotation had been received from Zurich Insurance in the sum of £159.71 and all matters were in order.

RESOLVED – that the quotation be accepted.

22/013.6 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Pryce Jones *	Ukraine re-imburements	£42.00		£42.00
Nigel Lewis *	Photo competition	£60.00		£60.00
Village Hall	Meeting 26 March	£12.00		£12.00
Zurich Insurance	Insurance	£159.71		£159.71
Chalc	Affiliation	£134.28		£134.28
Mark Robinson	Salary Apr/May and 21/22 backpay	£294.91		£294.91
Richard Cluley	Ukraine Banner	£79.20		£79.20

* Retrospective approval

Monthly Standing Order

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Mark Robinson	Salary	£134.46		£134.46

22/014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22/014.1 Tuesday, 12 July 2022