



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr D Wallis	Chairman
	Cllr L Bannon	Vice Chairman
	Cllr K Bannon	
	Cllr C Challoner	
	Cllr J Stockdale	
	Cllr B Charlesworth	
	Cllr M Jones	
	Mrs S McBennett	Clerk to Church Minshull Parish Council
	Graham Russell	Member of the Public

**21.07.01 Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved**

That apologies for absence received from Councillor M Carss be accepted.

**21.07.02 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests**

No declarations of pecuniary interests were reported.

**21.07.03 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**21.07.04 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Resolved**

That no matters arising from the previous minutes were recorded.

**21.07.05 Public Participation**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr M Jones on behalf of CMPC and congratulated him on the recent election results. A member of the public commented on the recent advertisement for a Lengthsman enquiring where it had been advertised. The position had been advertised using a local social media website where the vacancy was successfully filled.

A further nine members of the public were present to discuss the following points:-

- The Road Surface
- The speed of traffic entering and leaving the village and the impact on pinch points
- Speed of traffic on the periphery of the village.

Cllr Wallis explained the residents were grateful for the introduction of traffic calming in the village. Speed limits in outlying areas of the village were of great concern to residents; most of whom lived outside the 30mph zone. The CM Cllrs and residents wished to discuss the possibility of speed limits in the extended village areas.

Cllr Jones listened to residents' reports of specific incidents in and around the village. Many residents suggested the speed limits should be staged down on approach to the village.

Cllr Wallis proposed the solution would be 40mph from the edge of the village to Nannies Bridge. When constraints were in place; they could be enforced. Traffic had become worse due to congestion from the Sainsbury's roundabout in Nantwich; causing traffic to divert through the village to avoid the bottleneck.

Cllr Jones suggested the Highways' Representative; Chris Shields should be involved in further discussion.

**Action**

DW would contact Chris Shields and give an outline of the problems in the village and arrange a meeting.

Cllr Stockdale spoke about weight restrictions on bridges and enquired of Cllr Jones if checks were done.

Cllr Jones confirmed that CE Engineers had inspected the bridges and found them fit for purpose.

A resident reported the damaged road surface; it had been patched at times, however, in his learned opinion; the substructure was damaged/ the verge had collapsed and the surface was pulling vehicles into the hedge.

Cllr Jones suggested the resident email him with specific information and he would forward the information so CE Engineers could assess the road.

A letter from Bentley Motor Cars was read to the public in attendance. Bentley wished to assure the residents that all due care and attention would be taken when cars were tested on public roads.



**21.07.06 Borough Councillor's Report**

Cllr Jones reported on the project HS2, 11,000 jobs were to be created at J16 and major jobs were to be created in Alsager. Cllr Jones reported with sadness the recent serious event at Bosley.

**21.07.07 Housing Survey**

John Hesselwood of CCA would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council in September. A presentation would be required to show Church Minshull residents the concept of the Housing Survey; the benefits and disadvantages. An open meeting could then be held to take general opinion from the wider community.

**Action**

DW would make contact with JH.

**21.07.08 Planning Applications**

**Application No: 15/2569N Aqueduct Marina**

**Resolved**

That the Parish Council had no objection to the planning application.

**Application 15/2532T The Glebe**

**Resolved**

That the Parish Council had no objection the planning application as trees to be removed were not part of the Conservation Area.

**Application 15.3157N Paradise Lane**

Cllr Jones reported the application was in open countryside and a brown field site.

The proposal was for 11 houses on an area of 1.7 acres. 1 large detached house, 6 semi-detached houses and 4 affordable houses. Cllr Jones quoted Clause 106 (definition: mitigate impacts of development). He further suggested the development could help with the provision of further traffic calming for the village.

Councillors and the attending public discussed the provision of affordable housing; Cllr Wallis asked as a PC, could the Parish stipulate conditions to the proposed plan? Cllr Jones informed the PC a Survey would be required; whether it would be industrial or residential, clear mitigation would have to be provided to show the impact of vehicle numbers and speed limits. Cllr K Bannon asked if the proposal would mean CM residents would get homes? Cllr Jones reported the proposal could be worked towards intermediate/affordable housing or 50/50 equity.

**Resolved**

That the Parish Council had no immediate objections to the planning application and would welcome the opportunity to hear from the Planning Consultant.

**Action**

The Planning Consultant be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council in September.

**21.07.09 Reports from Meetings**

**(a) Police Cluster Meeting**

Cllr Charlesworth reported on the period April-June 2015 from recent Police Cluster Meetings.

The incidences of crime were reported to be 32 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 27 road traffic collisions and 44 reported incidents of criminal damage.

**(b) Canals and Rivers Trust**

Graham Russell of SUMBA reported.

The work party had completed the installation of the bench. The tow path at Bridge 11 had been gritted. CRT had repaired the wash walls between 11 and 12 in June. The new signage was not yet complete. The gate at bridge 11 must be kept locked until repairs are completed – GR will supervise. Fruit bushes had been planted. Larry would oversee the bench positioning in Bluebell Woods.

**(c) Community Speed Watch Scheme**

Cllr Challoner reported the rota was still in operation and two new recruits had joined the rota. Details had been received from TMW, a company who make traffic calming signs/speed flashes etc. The equipment would have to be purchased by CM not CE. The volunteers would log traffic offenders and forward the report to the Police at Crewe. The Police then have the option to send a letter of warning and for re-offenders; Policy could take them to the Magistrates Court.

**Resolved**

Reports received.

**21.07.10 Authorisation of Payments**

**Resolved**

That the following accounts be authorised for payment:-

£131.37	Peter Wilson – Litter Picker Expenses
£ 32.48	CM Village Hall Hire
£693.60	Clerk Invoice and Expenses



**21.07.11 Review of Policies and Standing Orders**

**Resolved**

That Cllrs would review Policies and Standing Orders at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**21.07.12 Correspondence**

The Clerk outlined correspondence received since the last meeting from ChALK regarding Transparency Fund Information.

**Resolved**

That the Clerk would seek further information and advice and report the findings to the Parish Council in September

**21.07.13 Litter/Village Cleansing**

a) The implementation of the village cleansing contract was reported to Councillors and members of the public. The "Lengthsman" would initially clear litter and spray and remove weeds in the central part of the village.

b) Possible future utilisation of the contract was discussed. Cutting back foliage to ensure signs were visible and cleaning of signs was also noted. Extending the areas to Weaver View was also discussed.

**19.05.18 Any Other Business**

The missing litter bin had been reported to CE and would be replaced soon.

Mark Schofield had contacted the Parish Council to offer a Defibrillator for Church Minshull. The question of where it should be kept was discussed.

**Resolved**

The Parish Council thanked Mr Schofield for the offer and accepted the Defibrillator which would be housed at "The Badger".

Cllr Stockdale reported the works at the Village Hall were progressing well; a snag meeting would be held the following week and queries resolved. She asked Cllr Jones if rebuilding the store at the back of the hall would be feasible. Cllr Jones suggested she email CE directly with the request to transfer ownership of the store to Church Minshull Village Hall. The Village Hall rent the building from CE for £35 per annum; Cllr Stockdale asked if ownership could be transferred to the PC.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

**19.05.19 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Annual Meeting of the Church Minshull Parish Council will be held at The Church Minshull Village Hall on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015**.

Signed..... **Chairman**

