

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL

**The Next Meeting of Church Minshull Parish Council
will be held in the Church
on Monday 19th September 2011 at 7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
(Members are required to declare any interests at this point, or whenever it becomes apparent that there is an interest)
3. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO THE REMAINING VACANCY
4. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 8th AUGUST
5. MATTERS ARISING
6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
7. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS
8. FUTURE OF BADGER INN
9. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY
10. REPORT ON POLICE 'CLUSTER' MEETING
11. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME
12. TO CONSIDER THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012
13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & AUDIT TRAIL
14. CORRESPONDENCE
15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
(Members are asked to note that whilst this Agenda item may be used to raise issues of concern, substantive decisions can only be taken where business has been specified on the Agenda)
16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public.
You are warmly invited to attend.**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2011

Present:

Cllrs D Wallis (Chairman), K Bannon, L Bannon, M Carss (from min.3), C Challoner, B Charlesworth and P Harper.

One member of the public (to min.3).

Borough Cllr Jones (from min.5).

G Griffiths (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

3. Co-option of additional members

RESOLVED

That Meikle Carss of Willow Tree Farmhouse, Minshull Lane, Church Minshull be co-opted to the Parish Council.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 8th August be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising

Local Area Partnership

Cllr Wallis advised that he had yet to receive any information from the Borough Council regarding his nomination to the LAP's Highways Group. The Clerk undertook to investigate.

It was suggested that it might be appropriate for the Parish Council to be represented on the LAP's Rural Transport Group.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Challoner be nominated to represent the Parish Council on the Rural Transport Group.

Audit

The Clerk advised members that the external audit had now been completed and was a 'clean' audit. This completed the audit of the Council's accounts for the financial year 2010-2011. The Clerk was thanked for his efforts.

Septic Tanks

The Clerk advised that as requested at the last meeting he had supplied information on the new legislation relating to the registration of septic tanks for publication in the parish magazine. A member advised that the Environment Agency had now waived the deadline which had previously been advised.

[Borough Cllr Jones joined the meeting at this point]

Website

Cllr L Bannon advised members that he had met again with the webmaster to discuss the future of the website. A copy of the existing website to download had been made available to Cllr Bannon, and he was happy with progress.

Poultry House

The application at Minshull Lane had been refused unanimously at committee. It was unclear at this stage what might happen next. The option of an appeal was open to the applicant, but Borough Cllr Jones felt that the planning authority's reasons for refusal were strong, particularly in relation to issues of location and design. The Clerk sought clarification regarding the Borough Council's attitude to any appeal in view of the decision not being in accordance with officer advice. Cllr Jones indicated that the planning authority would challenge any appeal, but he would be meeting with the Head of Planning to discuss the handling of the appeal.

6. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Jones congratulated members and local residents on their response to the poultry house application, which had succeeded in securing a refusal at committee. In turn Cllr Jones was thanked by members for his efforts.

Cllr Jones advised members that in his role as a cabinet member at Cheshire East he had secured an inward investment creating some 800 jobs in Crewe in the warehousing and distribution of white goods.

7. Future of Badger Inn

Members welcomed the reopening of The Badger, but expressed concern that there remained an outstanding issue regarding the ventilation provided from the kitchen area. The Section 106 Agreement had still not been completed, but ventilation was the only substantial outstanding issue.

Members agreed that while they would welcome a resolution to this remaining issue they did not feel it was of such significance as to justify action which might lead to the closure of the facility. It was understood that Environmental Health were monitoring the impact of the ventilation arrangements.

RESOLVED

That the Badger Inn be removed as a standing agenda item.

8. Strategic Vision for the Future of the Community

Members reported that the Village Vision Group had met again and had received a presentation from two representatives of the Cheshire Community Council on plan preparation. They would continue to meet as a group, and a village meeting to progress the matter would be held on Monday 24th October.

9. Police Cluster Meeting

It was reported that no meeting had been held since the last meeting. However Cllr Harper had been active in raising problems which had arisen in Cross Lane following the extension of the 30mph limit. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether 30mph repeater signs could be provided.

RESOLVED

That local traffic issues be placed as a major agenda item for the next meeting.

10. Community Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr Challoner reported that further expressions of interest had been received, and that the necessary numbers were now in place for the scheme to be relaunched. The key

requirement now was to arrange the necessary police training. It was agreed that Cllrs Challoner and Harper would liaise as necessary to arrange training with the police.

11. Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

Members considered whether a local event could be held to commemorate the Jubilee. The Clerk advised that for legal and procedural reasons it was best for such an event to be arranged by a specially-convened committee rather than directly by the Borough Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should make initial enquiries regarding the possibility of a road closure to facilitate an event.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council formally expresses its support in principle for an event to mark the Queen's Jubilee in 2012.

12. Accounts for payment & Audit Trail

RESOLVED

That the following be authorised for payment:

G Griffiths	salary & expenses	£179.18	509
JD Bratherton	audit fee	£ 30.00	510
Audit Commission	audit fee	£ 60.00	511

Appropriate bank statements were examined by members and signed by the Chairman.

13. Correspondence

The Clerk presented his report on correspondence received since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED

That the Council review its policy on charitable donations at the next meeting.

14. Any Other Business

Members raised a number of issues.

Local Development Framework. Members gave further consideration to their response to the LDF consultation.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk respond to the consultation in the terms agreed at the last meeting, and additionally highlighting the potential adverse impact on Church Minshull of specific developments in the Leighton and Reaseheath areas.

River bridge. Members expressed concern regarding silting and blockages at the river bridge which resulted in scouring and eroding of banks in adjoining properties.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write formally to the Environment Agency asking them to address the problem.

15. Date of next meeting Monday 21st November 2011.