

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL

**The Next Meeting of Church Minshull Parish Council will be held
in the Village Hall on Monday 18th March 2013 at 7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
3. OPEN MEETING TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL HIGHWAY / TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN CHURCH MINSHULL
4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK
MEMBERS TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION OF INTERVIEW PANEL

[Note. It may be necessary to exclude press and public during part of the above item]
5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
8. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS:
Local Area Partnership meetings - Police Cluster Meeting
9. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS
10. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME
11. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY
12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & AUDIT TRAIL
13. CORRESPONDENCE
14. 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)

**Meetings of the Parish Council are open to members of the
public and you are warmly invited to attend**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th March 2013

Present

Cllrs D Wallis, K Bannon, L Bannon, M Carss, C Challoner, B Charlesworth and P Harper.

13 members of the public.

Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

Lucy Hassall (candidate for position of Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members considered the declaration of interest in agenda items. There were no declarations at this stage.

3. Public participation

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to allow open discussion on the range of proposals for highways improvement and traffic calming measures in the village. The following proposals had been agreed between representatives of the Parish Council and Cheshire East Highways but were subject to further consideration in the light of resident feedback:

- Two gateway installations at Eel Brook and Village Farm giving priority to outbound traffic; a third would be formed by widening the pavement on the river bridge.
- Removal of the central road markings between The Smithy and Eel Brook with white lining being provided instead on either side to create the impression of road narrowing.
- A mini-roundabout in the centre of the village at the Cross Lane/ Over Road junction.
- Making good of the road surface including renewal of kerbs etc throughout the village.

Residents were invited to comment on the scheme as outlined. There was a general welcome, and the Council was thanked for its efforts, but the following points were raised for further consideration:

- The precise location of the Village Farm Gateway needed detailed consideration to prevent a noise nuisance to nearby properties.
- The area to feature white lining should be extended.

- More detailed consideration of the impact of the mini-roundabout on adjacent private access.
- Possible outward move of the Winsford Gateway.
- Possible further measures in the Lea Green (Home Farm Park) area e.g. by the introduction of a 40mph limit on Over Road.

The meeting resumed and it was agreed that the Chairman would e-mail Cheshire East with details of the discussions which had taken place and the public response. Members expressed their appreciation of the thanks of residents for their efforts.

4. Appointment of Clerk

The Chairman introduced members to Mrs Lucy Hassall who, following interview by himself and Cllr K Bannon, was being recommended as the new Clerk to be appointed to replace the current Clerk following his resignation. Mrs Hassall was invited to outline her background and experience relevant to the position.

Mrs Hassall then withdrew from the meeting to allow members to consider the appointment.

RESOLVED

a) That Mrs Lucy Hassall be offered the position of Clerk to the Parish Council on terms based on the NALC Model Contract (details to be determined by agreement);

b) that the appointment commence on 1st May 2013;

c) that the resignation of the current Clerk be accepted with effect from 31st July 2013.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 4th February 2013 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising

Website. Cllrs Bannon and Carss advised members of discussions which had taken place with a potential provider of website upgrade. They were impressed by the support offered, and that the package offered meant that optimisation of the website would be an administrative, rather than technical, matter. The cost would be £1,000 (+ VAT) to buy the system, including graphic identity. Two maintenance options were available at £20pm for the basic service, or £30pm for an enhanced service which would allow publication to social media. The bulk of the cost could be met by grant funding, which was already banked.

RESOLVED

That the Council enters into a contract on the terms outlined for the enhanced maintenance option, with any cost not met by grant funding to be funded by the general resources of the Parish Council.

7. Borough Councillor's Report

There was no Borough Councillor's Report.

8. Reports from outside bodies

LAP Rural Transport Group. Cllr Challoner reported. There had been no meeting since February however it had become clear that the idea of direct bus ownership, which had been raised at the February meeting of the Council, was not practicable as Church Minshull did not have the population base to support such a proposal.

Police Cluster Meeting. The arrangements for the Nantwich Policing Unit were under review; Cllr Harper would pass details to Cllr Wallis.

Highways. Cllr Carss reported that potholes had, unsurprisingly, been the major concern of the highways group! However he had also learnt that an assessment of the A530 was underway with a view to surfacing and other improvements, which might have an effect on the B5074 if the former was to become more attractive to users. He had been available to attend the most recent meeting.

9. Community Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr Challoner advised that there had been no response to the appeal for volunteers in the Insight magazine. Nonetheless, a rota to May was now in place. The signs advising motorists of the scheme were in hand and it was agreed that these should be installed close to the flashing speed indicators.

RESOLVED

That Cllrs Challoner and Wallis meet on site to fix the most appropriate locations for the signs.

10. Strategic Vision for the Community

Cllr K. Bannon advised members that there was nothing to report.

11. Accounts for Payment and Audit Trail

The Clerk advised members that there were no accounts for payment.

Bank statements were examined by members and signed by the Chairman.

12. Correspondence

The Clerk tabled correspondence received since the last meeting. There were no matters requiring decision.

13. Any Other Business

Members considered a number of issues raised by members.

Cllr Harper advised members of his intention to resign his membership of the Council in view of his planning to leave the village. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked Cllr Harper for all his service to the community over many years.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th May 2013.