

# **CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Next Meeting of Church Minshull Parish Council  
will be held in the Village Hall  
on Monday 19th November 2012 at 7.30pm**

## **AGENDA**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES  
To include a Report on meeting with highways officers
5. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
6. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS:  
Local Area Partnership meetings  
Police Cluster Meeting
7. TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO ROOF REPAIR COSTS AT  
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
8. TO CONSIDER A BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2013-2014
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  
To include considering any requirement for dispensation under the Code of Conduct
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)

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th November 2012

Present

Cllrs D Wallis, K Bannon, L Bannon, M Carss, C Challoner, B Charlesworth and P Harper.  
Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

### 1. Apologies for absence

An apology for late arrival had been received from Cllr Carss.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Challoner declared a personal interest in the matter relating to the Church Roof as he was a Churchwarden, and indicated that he would take no part in any decision on the matter.

### 3. Public participation

There were no members of the public present to engage in public participation.

### 4. Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

That, subject to the correction of the spelling of Cllr Challoner's name in the attendance list, the minutes of the meeting of 17th September 2012 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

### 5. Matters arising

Gardening help. Cllr Challoner advised that he had investigated the matter at the CAB but that there was no generally recommended source of such assistance.

[Cllr Carss joined the meeting at this point]

Resignation of Clerk. The Clerk provided members with a draft advertisement for the post and invited comment.

RESOLVED

That the draft advertisement, as amended, be approved and that applications be sought with a closing date to allow consideration at the January meeting.

[Cllr Charlesworth joined the meeting at this point]

Highways. Cllrs Bannon and Wallis advised members that they had met on 8th November with Cllr Michael Jones and Price Evans of Ringway Jacobs.

They had discussed a list of items and had considered what works might be achievable. Cllr Jones had indicated that a scheme up to a value of £50,000 might be considered. The following were identified as subjects to be assessed:

- Widening of the pavement on the river bridge and creation of a prioritisation for one-way traffic
- Signage at the canal bridge to indicate the need for care
- Creation of a roundabout outside The Glebe and building out of pavements
- Review of general signage and gateways at the entrances to the village
- Removal of centre lining

The suggestion of raised strips within the centre of the village had been conceded as it was felt that other steps might achieve a similar effect.

There would be difficulties in introducing a 40mph zone on the outskirts of the village because of the police attitude. An advisory (but non-enforceable) speed limit could be considered.

A 7.5 tonne weight limit for the area was still under consideration.

Website. Cllr Bannon advised that conditional approval of the bid to Lottery For All for upgrade and a year's maintenance had been received.

## **5. Borough Councillor's Report**

In the absence of Cllr Jones there was no report.

## **6. Reports from outside bodies**

LAP Highways Group. Cllr Carss reported on his attendance. There had been extensive discussion over the allocation of a total budget of c.£70,000 across the area. He felt that continued participation was worthwhile, but an alternative route to secure work might be more appropriate for Church Minshull at present.

LAP Rural Transport Group. Cllr Challoner advised members that the Thursday Dial-a-Ride Plus facility was available, but was restricted to registered users who were unable to use/access conventional public transport. He would make contact to establish the precise conditions, the process for registration, flexibility of timings and would also contact Home Farm Park re possible registration. Having optimised what service was available the Council would then seek to publicise the facility.

Police Cluster Meeting. Cllr Harper advised that he had been unable to attend the most recent meeting. It was agreed that in the event of a member being unable to attend a meeting of an outside body efforts should be made to arrange a substitute member to attend.

## **7. St Bartholomew's Church Roof Damage**

[Cllr Challoner declared a personal interest in this matter as a Church Warden, spoke to advise members of the current situation, but did not vote on the resolution]

Cllr Challoner updated members regarding the situation following theft of materials from the church roof. Insurance cover would secure temporary repairs which were expected to be completed shortly. The Church authorities would then be considering a phased programme of works to cover both the part of the roof subject to the theft followed by the other section of the roof. There was therefore no immediate call for funding, but such support might well be needed in the future.

**RESOLVED**

That the Parish Council would – in principle – be willing to provide a financial contribution.

## **8. Budget & Precept 2013-2014**

The Clerk outlined to members the difficulties in setting a Budget and Precept for 2013-2014 at this stage because of uncertainty over the Tax Base to be set by Cheshire East Council and possible Government controls over precept levels.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the Budget & Precept be deferred to the January meeting.

## **9. Planning applications**

The Clerk reported on two further applications which had been considered by members since the last meeting, both relating to the poultry business on Minshull Lane. The first (12/3458) was for a second poultry shed; it had been concluded that an objection would be futile as the principle that it was a permissible agricultural operation had been established by the Planning Inspectorate on appeal. The second (12/3863) was for a temporary residential unit on the site. Following consultation with members the Clerk had submitted an objection to this application on the following grounds:

1. That the site was inaccurately described (as Wades Green Farm);
2. That the original application for a single poultry shed had specifically stated that there would be no requirement for constant on-site supervision and that a residential property was not therefore necessary;
3. That the claim that on-site residential accommodation was essential on welfare grounds did not stand up to scrutiny as the original application had stressed that the noise of the unit would be contained within the building, and that an on-site residential property would therefore be no more effective than a nearby off-site property.

RESOLVED

That the actions in respect of 12/3458 & 3863 be endorsed.

Members then gave consideration to planning application 12/3911 Agricultural building, Lee Green Hall Farm.

RESOLVED

That the Council has no objection to the application.

## **10. Community Speed Watch Scheme**

Cllr Challoner advised that three Community Speed Watch signs had been ordered for which payment was now due.

## **11. Strategic Vision for the Community**

Cllr K Bannon advised members that preparation of the Foreword for the Strategic Plan was under way and that Cheshire Community Action were analysing survey data and would be providing relevant census data.

## **12. Accounts for Payment and Audit Trail**

The Clerk advised members that since the last meeting he had arranged payment for work on the website (Cheque 537 £90) and presented further accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Clerk's actions be endorsed;
- b) that the following be authorised for payment:

Church Minshull VHC hall hire	£ 46.58	538
Audit Commission external audit fee	£ 90.00	539
G Griffiths salary & expenses	£282.12	540
Start Traffic Management signage	£112.04	541

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

**13. Correspondence**

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

**14. Any Other Business**

Members considered a number of issues raised by members.

**15. Future meetings**

RESOLVED

That future meetings be held on Mondays 21st January, 18th March, 20th May.