



**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 07 JANUARY 2020**

PRESENT:

Cllr Brian Charlesworth (Chairman) Cllr Jacqui Groos, Cllr Nigel Lewis and Cllr Bob Schiller

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Sarah Pochin and five members of the public

19/96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

19/96.1 Cllrs Boote, Parton and Smith

19/97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

19/97.1 None.

19/98 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

19/98.1 Flooding

Members of the public attended the meeting and provided updates on the recent flooding events in the village. Councillors also provided details from the recent site meeting with the Borough Council's Flood Risk Manager. The meeting discussed suggestions for different crops in the field behind Weaver View. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with Cllr Parton.

19/98.2 Borough Cllr Pochin advised that she was still awaiting an update from the Flood Risk Manager regarding the issues raised at the meeting and would seek an urgent response. The issues included the effect of the 'Church Minshull Community Hydro', clearing the Eel Brook, Nantwich floodgates and de-silting the second arch.

19/98.3 A member of the public provided an update on the lack of response from the Borough Council regarding clearing the grids on Over Road. Although this had now been cleared, there were still problems and further works were required.

19/98.4 The Council had purchased a number of sandbags for use by residents and these were stored on the Village Hall Car Park.

19/98.5 Concerns were expressed regarding the condition of the bridge over the River Weaver, which had been reported a number of meetings ago. Borough Cllr Pochin would raise this again with the highways authority.

19/99 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2019

19/99.1 With regards to Minute 19/88.1, an amendment was necessary to the second sentence which should have read, 'Cllr Groos offered to take this matter forward.'

RESOLVED – that, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

19/100 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

19/100.1 Borough Cllr Pochin provided an update on matters from the Borough Council. The food waste scheme had commenced whereby food waste could be placed in the garden waste bin. Caddies would be delivered to all houses across the Borough in the near future.

19/101 PLANNING

19/101.1 To note the following update from the Planning Authority

Application	Proposal	
19/5367N	Develop and landscape the rear garden within the curtilage of the listed building (Old House) at Old House, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull	Target Decision Date – 15 Jan (delegated)

19/102 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

19/102.1 Councillors discussed the concerns regarding the HGVs on Minshull Lane and throughout the village. Borough Cllr Pochin agreed to liaise with the highways authority on how these issues could be alleviated. Councillors were asked to provide a list of highways issues to Borough Cllr Pochin. The reconsideration of the 40mph Buffer Zones was regarded as a key priority.

19/102.2 In response to a query regarding whether the Parish Council had access to any speed guns, Cllr Lewis agreed to liaise with the Speedwatch Lead. It was suggested that an HGV survey should be undertaken to provide information on the frequency and extent of the problem.

19/103 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

19/103.1 Cllr Lewis provided feedback on the six consultation schemes. There had been eleven responses with the favourite three being tree planting, pathways into the village and village signs. Councillors discussed the opportunities and limitations of each scheme and Cllr Lewis would give further consideration to each scheme with a view to submitting an update to the next meeting.

19/104 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

19/104.1 The Referendum to consider the formal adoption of the Plan would be held shortly.

19/105 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

19/105.1 The Borough Council had commenced a Community Governance Review which would review the Town and Parish Council arrangements across Cheshire East, which included town and parish boundaries, number of parish councillors and warding arrangements. The initial consultation period would finish on 31 January 2020. The Borough Council would then prepare its proposals for formal consultation.

RESOLVED – that no submission be made at this stage.

19/106 FINANCE REPORT

19/106.1 The Council considered the finance report which provided a bank reconciliation, budgetary analysis and an end of year projection.

19/106.2 Payment

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Cheque	Total	VAT	Net
Pryce Jones	Website	100763	200.00		200.00
Mark Robinson	Salary & Expenses	100764	380.52		382.50
HMRC	PAYE Q3	100765	247.20		247.20

Brian Charlesworth	Sandbags	100766	79.14		79.14
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19/106.3 Clerk's Salary

RESOLVED – that the Clerk's Salary be moved to SCP17 effective from 01 January 2020.

19/106.4 Budget 2020/21

Councillors reviewed the draft budget for 2020/21.

RESOLVED – that the budget be agreed in the sum of £9,018 as set out in the Annexe to these minutes.

19/106.5 Precept 2020/21

Councillors noted that the current year's precept was in the sum of £4,644.

RESOLVED – that the precept 2020/21 remain unchanged from the current year at £4,644. This would equate to £21.73 per Band D property.

19/107 DATES OF MEETINGS 2020

19/107.1 Following the agreement of the dates of meetings for 2020 at the previous meeting, it had not been possible to book the Village Hall for these dates. It was agreed to alternate the meetings between the Village Hall and Aqueduct Marina. The Clerk would liaise with the Bookings Clerks and update Councillors regarding the meeting dates.

Annexe

Budget 2020/21	
Clerk's Salary	2,628.00
Expenses	200.00
Lengthsman	1,000.00
Insurance	160.00
Subscriptions	160.00
Training	150.00
Hall	200.00
Audit	140.00
Insight	110.00
Donations	750.00
Village improvements	2,000.00
ICO	40.00
Neighbourhood Plan	200.00
Website and Emails	1,250.00
Wreath	30.00
Total	9,018.00