

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 05 JANUARY 2021

PRESENT:

Cllr Bob Schiller (Chairman), Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Jacqui Groos, Cllr Nigel Lewis, Cllr Robert Parton and Cllr Mark Smith

20/053 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

20/053.1 None.

20/054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20/054.1 None

20/055 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 03 NOVEMBER 2020

20/055.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

20/056 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT

20/056.1 Councillors discussed the progress made since the last meeting on the redevelopment of the Village Hall. Cheshire Community Action were currently analysing the survey responses, with a view to providing feedback on how to take forward the project. There would be a Project Group meeting in the next few weeks to agree a course of action and this would be submitted to the Parish Council in due course.

20/057 WILDLIFE AREA

20/057.1 Cllr Boote provided feedback from the meeting with Cheshire Wildlife Trust, whereby a tour of the Parish was undertaken to review the suitability for Wildlife Areas. Although further information had not yet been received from the Trust, Councillors discussed the potential actions that would be required to support the Government's commitment of the identification of 30% of land for nature by 2030. It was agreed that the Chairman would seek to obtain a response from the Trust on this matter.

20/058 FLOODING

20/058.1 Councillors discussed a number of sites and complaints regarding flooding in the village. It was clear that the works undertaken by the Borough Council had not solved these issues. The Clerk referred to a recent response from the Portfolio Holder for Highways and this would be placed on the website. Councillors expressed frustration and disappointment at the apparent lack of responsibility from the Borough Council and Environment Agency on such an important issue.

20/058.2 The Chairman advised that he would contact the other Councils on the River Weaver catchment area to understand any actions they were undertaking and see how the Councils could work together.

20/059 HIGHWAYS

20/059.1 This was another issue where there had been a lack of support from the Borough Council. There was concern regarding the state of the roads throughout the Parish and the Council would continue to seek improvements from the Borough Council

20/060 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

20/060.1 Cllr Lewis provided an update regarding the proposed schemes. The Accessible Footpath Gates had been placed on the footpath along Eachus Lane. However, there was a problem with erosion in this area and Cllr Lewis agreed to undertake surface improvements in this area.

RESOLVED – that remedial works be authorised to improve the footpath surface in the vicinity of the newly installed Gates.

20/060.2 The state of the footpath along the canal towpath would be considered at the next meeting.

20/060.3 The positioning of the proposed raised flower beds was discussed with a potential alternative site identified outside the Village Hall.

20/060.4 With regards to the defibrillator, as this would be kept indoors there was uncertainty regarding whether a storage box would be required. Cllrs Lewis and Smith would review this.

20/061 WEBSITE

20/061.1 Cllr Lewis advised that ThenMedia would shortly be migrating the website to the new platform.

20/062 FINANCE REPORT

20/062.1 The Finance Report provided details of a bank reconciliation, end of year projection and budgetary analysis.

20/062.2 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Ackerley Plant Hire & Fencing	Mobility Gates	£1,158.00	£193.00	£965.00
HMRC	PAYE Q3	£139.40		£139.40
Peter Wilson	Lengthsman	£500.00		££500.00

20/062.3 Budget 2021/22

Councillors reviewed the draft budget for 2021/22.

RESOLVED – that the budget be agreed in the sum of £10,742.84.

20/062.4 Precept 2021/22

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

RESOLVED – that the precept 2021/22 remain unchanged from the current year at £4,644. This would equate to £21.15 per Band D property, which was a slight reduction on the current year.

20/063 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

20/063.1 Litter

Councillors discussed the amount of litter being dumped along Minshull Lane and other areas and it was agreed that a Community Litter-Pick should be undertaken in the Spring.

20/063.2 Covid-19

It was agreed that a 'watching brief' be maintained on the impact of the latest lockdown.

20/064 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20/064.1 Tuesday, 02 March 2021.