

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2021**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Two representatives regarding the Cheshire Resilience Plan and four members of the public

**21/041 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

21/041.1 Borough Cllr Pochin

**21/042 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

21/042.1 None

**21/043 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 05 OCTOBER 2021**

21/043.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

**21/044 CHESHIRE RESILIENCE PLAN**

21/044.1 Two representatives from the Cheshire Unitary authorities attended the meeting to discuss the development of Resilience Plans. Councillors expressed concern that they have produced reports relating to problems in the village caused by flooding and highways issues but these had achieved nothing owing to the lack of engagement from the responsible authorities. The representatives agreed to discuss these issues with the appropriate Council officers and feedback.

**21/045 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

21/045.1 A member of the public referred to problems with the increase in traffic on the bridge over the River Weaver on Cross Lane. There had been increased incidences of road rage and road safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists. A number of options to improve the situation were proposed such as traffic lights on the bridge, a weight limit and replacing the roundabout with a T-junction.

**21/046 CO-OPTION**

21/046.1 The Clerk advised that there had been no requests for co-option onto the Council to fill the existing vacancy. It was noted that there was no time limit on filling the vacancy therefore this would remain open.

**21/047 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

21/047.1 Borough Cllr Pochin submitted a written report which outlined actions relating to a damaged manhole cover, clearance of Eel brook and Delphic depot.

**21/048 FLOODING/HIGHWAYS**

21/048.1 Councillors once again expressed frustration at the lack of progress despite all of the efforts made to date. The Chairman advised that he would contact the journalist that undertook the recent article to try and publicise the issues and lack of progress from Cheshire East and other authorities. It was suggested that all Parish Councils along the River Weaver should be contacted to discuss the issues further.

21/048.2 It was suggested that an FoI request be submitted to Cheshire East Council to ascertain the outcome of any bridge surveys undertaken in the area.

With regards Delphic Transport, contact with the North West Traffic Office was suggested to ascertain whether they were operating within their licence conditions.

**21/049 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT**

21/049.1 Cllr Boote advised that Cheshire East Council were not currently undertaking pre-application discussions therefore this would require the planning application to be designed and submitted before any feedback would be received from the planning authority.

**21/050 WILDLIFE AREA**

21/050.1 Councillors discussed the offer of trees from e-forest.co.uk. It was noted that the minimum order was 150 trees and they had to be placed on land accessible to the public. It was agreed that these conditions would make this unsuitable for local needs.

**21/051 PLANNING**

21/051.1 Application for Consideration

Application	Proposal	Decision
21/1934N	Proposed Replacement Dwelling at Sunnyside, Over Road, Church Minshull (Revised Plans)	No comments

21/051.2 Decisions pending with the planning authority

Application	Proposal
21/2956N	Certificate of lawful proposed development to demolish double garage and rebuild single garage at 1, Wades Green Cottage, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 04 November</i>
21/4667N	New single storey rear extension to replace demolished outshot extension, replacement of windows, minor internal alterations and garage conversion and extension at Beech House, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 29 October</i>
21/4668N	Listed building consent for a new single storey rear extension to replace demolished outshot extension, replacement of windows, minor internal alterations and garage conversion and extension at Beech House, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 29 October</i>
21/1934N	Proposed Replacement Dwelling at Sunnyside, Over Road, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 29 October</i>
21/1569N	Various single and two-storey extensions to existing dwelling at Woodfields, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 31 August</i>
21/1301C	Garage Outbuilding to house four classic cars at Bridge House Bungalow, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 11 June</i>

**21/052 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

21/052.1 Cllr Lewis advised that he had obtained a quote for the improvement works on the land to the front of the Village Hall but this had been much more expensive than expected.

**21/053 WEBSITE**

21/053.1 Cllr Lewis advised had circulated the guide for configuring the Council email accounts.

**21/054 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

21/054.1 As part of the consultation for the Cheshire East Community Governance Review, it was proposed that Church Minshull Parish should merge with Minshull Vernon Parish and a name was sought for the new Parish Council. RESOLVED – that the name ‘Minshull Parish Council’ be proposed.

**21/055 FINANCE REPORT**

21/055.1 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
St Barts PCC	Room Hire	35.00		35.00
St Barts PCC	Wreath	25.00		25.00
Mark Robinson	Zoom	28.78	4.80	23.98
Unity Bank	Fees	18.00		18.00
St Barts PCC	Welcome Day	250.00		250.00

21/055.2 Zoom

It was agreed that the subscription be ceased for the time-being.

21/055.3 Precept and Budget 2022/23

The Clerk circulated the draft budget and precept analysis for 2022/23, which would be considered fully and agreed at the January meeting. It was anticipated that costs associated with the Village Hall redevelopment project would be incurred in the next financial year, therefore, it was expected that the precept payment may have to increase to accommodate this.

**21/056 COUNCILLORS’ ITEMS**

21/056.1 Climate Change

Councillors discussed whether the Parish Council could do anything to support the work on reducing climate change. It was suggested that a Parish meeting be held and the views of residents be sought. This would be considered further at the next meeting.

21/056.2 Bluebell Wood

It was noted that some of the woodland bridges were in a state of disrepair. It was agreed that quotes be sought for their repair.

21/056.3 Queen’s Jubilee Beacons

It was agreed that this would be deferred until closer to the event in June 2022.

**21/057 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

21/057.1 Tuesday, 04 January 2022.