

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Nigel Lewis (in the Chair), Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Brian Charlesworth, Cllr Sarah Garrington, and Cllr Jacqui Groos

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Four Members of the Public

**22/015 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

22/015.1 Cllrs Schiller and Smith.

**22/016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

22/016.1 Cllr Groos declared an interest in planning application 22/1464N.

**22/017 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2022**

22/017.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

**22/018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

22/018.1 A Member of the public raised concerns regarding the problems caused by the volume of traffic through the village which had been exacerbated by the closure of Middlewich Road in Leighton and sought information on the Council's strategy to attempt to improve the situation.

22/018.2 Cllr Lewis advised that the Parish Council had tried many times to engage with Cheshire East highways, local MPs and Government ministers on this topic but mostly to no avail. In a further attempt to progress the situation, Cllr Lewis had written to the Chair of the Cheshire East Council Highways and Transportation Committee to urge an urgent review of the highway issues in the Parish. The Parish Council was also developing an addendum to the Neighbourhood Development Plan which would identify a longer-term solution.

22/018.3 The Chair of Cholmondeston and Wettenhall Parish Council referred to a forthcoming meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss speeding, HGVs and rural crime/flytipping. This would be held on 29 September, at St David's Church, Wettenhall, commencing at 7.00pm, to which there was an open invitation.

**22/019 FLOODING/HIGHWAYS**

22/019.1 Councillors expressed concern at the lack of hedge/foliage trimming across the village as many of the road signs were now obscured. It was recommended that any instances be logged on the Cheshire East Council highways portal and the Clerk was asked to write to three landowners where this was of particular concern.

**22/020 HS2**

22/020.1 Following the recent meeting with HS2 representatives, Councillors discussed the commitment that HS2 vehicles would not travel through the village. Further clarity would be sought on how this would be enforced.

22/020.2 The Clerk referred to an invitation to the Cheshire East Council HS2 Local Liaison Meeting which would be Tuesday 19 July at 5pm. It was agreed that an article be placed on the website inviting residents to submit any questions they have on HS2.

**22/021 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT**

22/021.1 Cllr Boote provided an update on progress regarding the redevelopment of the Village Hall. The initial ecology report had identified the need for two further reports, which were being progressed.

22/021.2 It had been confirmed that the land was owned by the Village Hall Trustees, with the exception of a small area which was owned by Cheshire East Council.

**22/022 PLANNING**

22/022.1 Applications for Consideration

Application	Proposal	Decision
22/2267N	Replacement Dwelling at Mile Oak, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull	No comments
22/1464N	Outline application to convert and extend existing brick stable block into a residential dwelling, ancillary to the main property known as Wades Green Farm at Land adj Wades Green Farm, Minshull Lane, Church Minshull	No comments

22/022.2 Decisions pending with the planning authority

Application	Proposal
22/1471N	Single storey extension to side of dwelling at Carlton House, Eachus Lane, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 21 June</i>
22/1229N	Variation of Condition 1 (Commencement) on 19/0275N - Conversion of a Traditional Grade II Listed Farm Building to Wedding and Events venue, alterations to vehicular access and all associated works at Minshull Hall Farm, Over Road, Church Minshull, CW5 6EA <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 20 May</i>
22/1555N	Erection of a wooden detached double garage 6m x 9m at Highfields House, Highfields Farm, Main Road, Aston Juxta Mondrum <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 22 June</i>
22/1079N	Single storey rear orangery at Swallows Barn, Nantwich Road, Church Minshull, <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 11 May</i>
22/0481N	Two storey side extension at 1 Weaver View, Church Minshull <i>Awaiting Decision – Target Decision date 27 April</i>

**22/023 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

22/023.1 Cllr Lewis updated Councillors on the repairs to the sign at the junction of Minshull Lane and B5074 as it was necessary to involve Cheshire East Council.

22/023.2 As the dog waste bin on Eachus Lane was in disrepair, the provision of a replacement bin was considered.

RESOLVED – that the Council purchases a replacement dog waste bin.

**22/024 CLIMATE CHANGE**

22/024.1 Cllr Garrington advised that a Quiz had been held as part of the Jubilee celebrations with a voucher for a tree provided by Minshull's Nursery for the winner. An information article would be included in the next Insight magazine and a meeting with the Cheshire East Council Net Zero representative would be held in early September.

22/024.2 Councillors expressed concern at the reduction in the local bus service as this would be counterproductive to reducing people’s carbon footprints.

**22/025 FINANCE REPORT**

22/025.1 Councillors received the Finance report which contained a bank reconciliation statement, projected end of year position and budgetary analysis.

22/025.2 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net</b>
JDH Business Services	Internal Audit	231.00	38.50	192.50
ThenMedia	Website and Emails	698.64	116.44	582.20
Mark Robinson	Re-imburements	20.35		20.35
HMRC	PAYE Q1	286.00		286.00
Beverley Bell Consulting	Highways Advice	385.00	64.17	320.83

22/025.3 Internal Audit

The Council’s financial processes had been audited and the auditor had concluded that “on the basis of the internal audit work carried out, which was limited to the tests indicated above, in our view the council’s system of internal controls is in place, adequate for the purpose intended and effective, subject to the recommendation reported in the action plan.” The action plan identified an error in the bank reconciliation statement, which had subsequently been rectified.

**22/026 COUNCILLORS’ ITEMS**

22/026.1 Public Participation Policy

Councillors reviewed the draft Participation Policy. Cllr Lewis agreed to revise this based on the comments at the meeting and circulate for approval. This would then be published on the website and agendas.

22/026.2 Repairs to the Church Clock

This matter would be considered at the next meeting.

**22/027 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

22/027.1 Tuesday, 20 September 2022