

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Bob Schiller (Chair), Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Brian Charlesworth, Cllr Jacqui Groos, Cllr Nigel Lewis and Mark Smith

**22/066 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

22/066.1 None.

**22/067 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

22/067.1 Cllrs Groos made the following declaration – “I would like to declare an interest for my well-being, contentedness and happiness because I live on a road where heavy goods vehicles go past.”

**22/068 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2023**

22/068.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

**22/069 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

22/069.1 Not present.

**22/070 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

22/070.1 None present.

**22/071 FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION**

22/071.1 Councillors discussed the lack of influence that Parish Councillors had in relation to these and other matters where authority was vested in outside agencies, such as the Environment Agency and Cheshire East Council. It was considered that more could be achieved by supporting organisations such as the Wildlife Trust. Whilst the Parish Council could lobby and attempt to hold agencies to account, there had been limited success.

22/071.2 It was noted that the river level was high with further rain forecast. Sand was available for sandbags in the village hall car park.

**22/072 ROAD ISSUES**

22/072.1 Following the recent public meeting, Borough Cllr Pochin and Cllr Schiller had met with a highways representative to discuss issues in the village. It was noted that there was a severe budget shortfall for highways maintenance across Cheshire East and there were many other priority areas for these resources. Although a number of potholes had recently been filled, there were still many defects. Discussions had included the feasibility of weight restrictions and speed buffers. An update was expected for any works commencing in the next financial year.

22/072.2 With regards to the cleaning of road signs, Cllr Schiller agreed to action this.

**22/073 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT**

22/073.1 Councillors noted that the planning application for the redevelopment had been approved. The Village Hall Committee would be meeting shortly to discuss the next steps, which would include the grant application.

**22/074 PLANNING**

22/074.1 No applications for consideration.

## 22/075 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

- 22/075.1 Cllr Lewis referred to the recent training session for using the defibrillator, which had been well attended. It had been suggested that the Parish Council arranges a further first aid training course for residents to attend.  
RESOLVED – that the First Aid Course be approved at a cost of £275.

## 22/076 FINANCE REPORT

- 22/076.1 Councillors received the Finance report which contained a bank reconciliation statement, projected end of year position and budgetary analysis. There was currently £5,321 in the bank account and the end of year projection was a balance of £5,252.

### 22/076.2 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
HMRC*	PAYE Q4	332.00		332.00
Peter Wilson	Lengthsman	520.00		520.00
St Bartholomew's Church	Room Hire	35.00		35.00
Mark Robinson	SLCC	28.00		28.00

\* Ratification

### 22/076.3 Lengthsman

Councillors reviewed the Lengthsman's contract. The Parish Council received £1,150 per annum to undertake bin-emptying and litter picking duties.

RESOLVED – that the Lengthsman's contract be increased to £11 per hour from 01 April 2023, which would total £1,144 per annum.

### 22/076.4 Risk Register

The Clerk circulated the risk register which was unchanged from the previous year.

RESOLVED – that the Risk Register be approved.

### 22/076.5 Fixed Asset Register

The Clerk circulated the fixed asset register.

RESOLVED – that the Fixed Asset Register be approved.

## 22/077 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

### 22/077.1 Coronation

A request had been received to support a 'Coronation Lunch' on Sunday 07 May, in the sum of £100.

RESOLVED – that the request be approved.

### 22/077.2 Tree Felling

Councillors expressed concern at the felling of trees on land off Eachus Lane. This had been reported for investigation to the Forestry Commission.

## 22/078 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 22/078.1 Tuesday, 16 May 2023