

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2023

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Two members of the public

22/053 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/053.1 Cllr Smith.

22/054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/054.1 None.

22/055 VACANCY

22/055.1 The Clerk advised that there had been no expressions of interest in joining the Parish Council.

22/056 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER AND 29 NOVEMBER

22/056.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meetings be approved as true and correct records.

22/057 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

22/057.1 Not present.

22/058 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

22/058.1 A member of the public expressed concern at the condition of the roads in the village and the significant number of potholes. Councillors advised of the importance of reporting all road issues on the Cheshire East Council website.

22/059 FLOODING/HIGHWAYS

22/059.1 Cllr Schiller advised that he hoped that the meeting with Borough Cllr Pochin and the local highways officer would be held soon. Cllr Groos agreed to take forward dealing with flooding issues. Cllr Charlesworth agreed to arrange for additional sand and bags to be made available for use by residents and these would be stored in the Village Hall car park.

22/060 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT

22/060.1 The consultation period for the planning application had ended, therefore, it was for Cheshire East Council to proceed to consider the application.

22/061 PLANNING

22/061.1 No applications for consideration.

22/062 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

22/062.1 Cllr Lewis advised that the defibrillator had been erected outside the Village Hall and was available for use. A training session was scheduled to be held on 25 January.

22/063 FINANCE REPORT

22/063.1 Councillors received the Finance report which contained a bank reconciliation statement, projected end of year position and budgetary analysis. There was currently £9,034 in the bank account and the end of year projection was a balance of £4,838.

22/063.2 Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

| Payee | Reason | Total | VAT | Net |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| AM Maintenance* | Defibrillator Installation | 280.00 | | 280.00 |
| St Bartholomew's Church | Room Hire | 35.00 | | 35.00 |
| Defib Machines | Defibrillator Hire | 588.00 | 73.00 | 515.00 |
| Defib Machines | Defibrillator Box Hire | 438.00 | 73.00 | 365.00 |

* Ratification

22/063.3 Budget 2023/24

Following discussion at the previous meeting, Councillors reviewed the draft budget 2023/24, which was in the sum of £10,857. This included a budget contingency of £3,000 to support the village hall development, although there was uncertainty whether this would be required. It was noted that £4,988 had been provided for the redevelopment in the current financial year. It was agreed to reduce this contingency to £2,500.

RESOLVED – that the budget be approved in the sum of £10,357.

22/063.4 Precept 2023/24

The taxbase for the Parish Council area was 220.82 compared to a current base of 220.03. Councillors were reminded that the precept was raised from £4,644 to £7,000 in 2022/23 to support the Village Hall redevelopment. It was suggested that the precept should be reduced to £6,000 (a reduction of 14%) as the Council's spending would be lower in 2023/24. For a Band D property, a precept of £6,000 equated to £27.17 per year / 52p per week.

RESOLVED – that the Council's precept 2023/24 be in the sum of £6,000.

22/064 ELECTION 2023

22/064.1 The Clerk advised that Parish Council elections would be held on Thursday 04 May 2023. Nomination papers would be brought to the next meeting to enable interested parties to complete and return to Cheshire East Council by the deadline of 04 April 2023. The Council had seven seats and the receipt of seven or fewer nominations would result in no election being held and Councillors being elected unopposed. However, the receipt of eight or more nominations would result in an election.

22/065 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22/065.1 Tuesday, 14 March 2023