

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Becky Posnett.

23/049 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

23/050 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

23/051 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

23/052 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Becky Posnett provided an update on matters at Cheshire East Council. A number of consultations were ongoing or had just finished including car parking, strategic leisure and green spaces.

Flooding had once again occurred to a property on Over Road. It was noted that the drains on the lower part of Over Road had been jetted prior to the incident, therefore, the flooding had been caused by the waterway breaches. Following a review with the flood alleviation team, an outflow pipe would be raised which would improve the water flow. Councillors noted the problems were exacerbated by the increased rainfall amount and housing developments.

The improvement works on Cross Lane had been completed and had received positive feedback. It was suggested that improvements could be made to the canal bridge on Cross Lane to make it safer. This would be a matter for both Cheshire East Council and the Canal and River Trust. Cllr Schiller would share photographs of the issues with Borough Cllr Posnett. It was suggested that details of bridge inspections could be sought to provide assurance regarding safety.

With regards the speed monitoring cables, the Parish Council would request that the Police and Crime Commissioner proceeds with this proposal. It was suggested that the Parish Council could provide a Speed Indicator Device for use in the village and this would be considered as part of the budget discussions for 2024/25. It was noted that Bunbury Parish Council was undertaking a village consultation on the implementation of a 20mph speed limit in Bunbury.

23/053 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

23/054 FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION

This had been discussed during Minute 23/052 above.

23/055 ROAD ISSUES

This had been discussed during Minute 23/052 above.

23/056 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT

Cllr Boote advised that the project was currently at the fundraising stage. However, it was important that further volunteers came forward to support the project, otherwise, it might not progress and the Village Hall could end up in a state of disrepair.

23/057 PLANNING

Application	Proposal	Decision
23/4043N	Single storey extension to side of dwelling, re-submission of application no 22/1471N at Carlton House, Eachus Lane, Church Minshull	No comments

23/058 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr Lewis referred to recent improvements made to the website and sought suggestions for any changes that would further improve the interest and functionality.

23/059 CLIMATE CHANGE/BIODIVERSITY

Councillors noted that under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. A model diversity policy had been provided and this would be reviewed by Cllrs Dobson, Groos and Schiller prior to the next meeting.

23/060 FINANCE REPORT

1) Report

Councillors reviewed the Finance report which identified that there was currently £7,868 in the Council's bank accounts and the forecast outturn was £4,541.

2) Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
ICO *	Data Protection Fee	35.00		35.00
St Bart's PCC	Room Hire	35.00		35.00
Defib Machines	Defib and Box Hire	876.00	146.00	730.00
Mark Robinson	Backpay	82.86		82.86
Mark Robinson	Revised Salary	155.53		155.53

* ratification

23/061 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

1) Tree Felling

Cllr Smith advised that there had been no further update from the Forestry Commission regarding the felling of trees on land off Eachus Lane.

23/062 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 09 January 2024