

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 05 MARCH 2024**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Cllr Becky Posnett and one member of the public.

**23/076 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**23/077 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Boote declared an interest in the consideration of a donation to the St Barts PCC for the publication of the Insight magazine and took no part in the voting thereon.

**23/078 CO-OPTION**

Following the resignation of Cllr Groos, the vacancy had been published in accordance with the legislation and the Council could now proceed to Co-option. One member of the public attended the meeting with a view to considering whether to request co-option at the next meeting.

**23/079 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09 JANUARY 2024**

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

**23/080 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Posnett provided advised that Cheshire East Council had agreed its budget for 2024/25. This had included a number of cost saving proposals, such as an increase in the green bin charge to £59 per year and the closure and potential sale of the Westfields offices in Sandbach.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the poor state of the highways in the village. Resurfacing of Over Road was a priority in 24/25 and there would be a request to review the speed limit at the same time. With regards the streetlight opposite Lea Green Lane, there were insufficient highways funds available to undertake the repair works therefore Cllr Posnett had request a quote to consider an alternative funding source.

Councillors thanked Borough Cllr Posnett for the continued support on behalf of the Parish.

**23/081 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No questions.

**23/082 FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION**

It was noted that the proposal to re-stock the River Weaver with fish had been put on hold. There had been a serious incident upstream with a leak from a slurry tanker polluting the river.

**23/083 ROAD ISSUES**

The Police and Crime Commissioner would be reminded about the potential provision of speed cameras for the village.

**23/084 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT**

Cllr Boote confirmed that the Funding Committee had agreed to proceed with the project and was seeking additional volunteers to get involved.

**23/085 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Cllr Lewis advised that improvements continued to be made to the website and the Parish Council pages were in the process of being updated.

It was confirmed that the defibrillator was checked on a monthly basis.

The Clerk has received a quote in the sum of £370 for a metal dog waste bin. The Council accepted the quote although Borough Cllr Posnett agreed to liaise with ANSA to ascertain whether a bin could be provided.

**23/086 CLIMATE CHANGE/BIODIVERSITY**

Cllr Dobson had drafted a leaflet on biodiversity which would be circulated to Councillors for consideration and would attend the forthcoming Plant Sale to promote the scheme.

**23/087 FINANCE REPORT**

1) Report

Councillors reviewed the Finance report which identified that there was currently £5,668 in the Council's bank accounts and the forecast outturn was £4,877.

2) Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payment be approved:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Peter Wilson	Lengthsman	594.00		594.00
HMRC	PAYE Q4	310.80		310.80
Mark Robinson	Expenses	29.00		29.00
St Bart's PCC	Room Hire	35.00		35.00
St Bart's PCC	Insight Magazine	150.00		150.00

3) Risk Register

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

RESOLVED – that the Risk Register be approved.

4) Fixed Asset Register

The Clerk circulated the fixed asset register.

RESOLVED – that the Fixed Asset Register be approved.

**23/088 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS**

1) Tree Felling

Cllr Smith had finally received a response from the Forestry Commission who had advised that the matter was still under review and no enforcement action had been taken.

2) Road Safety

With regards the request for information from the Road Safety Office regarding road safety issues on Over Road, a response would be provided together with a copy of the B5074 speed survey.

**23/089 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 07 May 2024, at the Village Hall.