

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Becky Posnett and five members of the public.

24/046 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

24/047 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

24/048 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 03 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

24/049 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public outlined the challenges experienced as residents at Home Farm Park over the last two years. Concerns were expressed at the apparent lack of support from Cheshire East Council and Borough Cllr Posnett was asked to support the residents on this issue. The residents were asked to email Cllr Posnett with further details and any contacts they have been dealing with. The Parish Council would also contact Cheshire East Council to express its concerns.

Thanks were conveyed to Borough Cllr Posnett for her support on the resurfacing of Over Road. With regards the white-lining, this would be discussed further with highways officers.

24/050 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Posnett agreed to liaise with the Housing Association regarding a complaint of Antisocial behaviour at a property on Weaver View.

24/051 FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION

It was noted that during the resurfacing works on Over Road, two additional gullies were located and opened up, which would hopefully improve the drainage in the vicinity.

24/052 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

With regards the query from Cheshire East Council regarding Church Minshull Public Footpath No. 4, Cllr Smith agreed to liaise with the Public Rights of Way Officer. It was noted that the reflector had still not been replaced in the chicane sign at the southern end of the village. Cheshire East Road Safety were currently undertaking a review of the B5071 through the village.

24/053 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT

Cllr Boote advised that the redevelopment was unlikely to proceed as the major funding source had realigned its priorities away from this type of project.

24/054 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Councillors reviewed the quotes for the provision of a Speed Indicator Device. It was agreed that the quote from Elan City be approved and the Clerk was asked to proceed with its provision. This would require liaison with Cheshire East Road Safety regarding location of the SID.

RESOLVED – that the Council purchases a Speed Indicator Device from Elan City.

24/055 BIODIVERSITY

Cllr Dobson advised that the road signs had been cleaned whilst Over Road had been closed for the resurfacing works.

24/056 FINANCE REPORT

RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
HMRC	PAYE (Q3)	350.40		350.40
Mark Robinson	Backpay	52.20		52.20
Mark Robinson	Salary (monthly)	162.05		162.05
Defib Machines	Defib Hire	455.52	75.92	379.60
Defib Machines	Box Hire	438.00	73.00	365.00

Budget and Precept 2025/26

Councillors reviewed the draft budget and precept options for the next financial year, noting that the final decision would be made at the next meeting. It was noted that Cheshire East Council would be recharging Parish Councils for all Parish elections costs during Combined elections. It would be important, therefore, to establish a reserve to cover these costs, as current reserves may not cover these costs. It was hoped that an estimation of the costs would be provided before the next meeting.

With regards the budget, it was agreed to include for the provision of another Speed Indicator Device and the revised draft budget would be submitted to the next meeting for further consideration and agreement.

24/057 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

- Driveway – Lea Green Lane -_Borough Cllr Posnett reported that planning enforcement had indicated that the driveway was not permitted and action would be taken.
- Mirror on Road sign pole – this would need to be reported to planning enforcement;
- Bus Stop Lighting – although ANSA suggested that solar lighting was available at the bus stop, a site visit would be undertaken. Councillors agreed that there was no such lighting.
- Bin Collections – concern was expressed that when the recycling bin collection was missed, the contents were emptied into the general waste lorry at the next collection.

24/058 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 07 January 2025 at St Bart's Church