

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 02 JULY 2024**

PRESENT:

Cllr Bob Schiller (Chair), Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Jill Dobson, Cllr Sharon Kynaston, Cllr Nigel Lewis and Cllr Mark Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Becky Posnett.

24/018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Charlesworth.

24/019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

24/020 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 07 MAY 2024

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

24/021 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Posnett referred to discussions with the representatives of Home Farm Park regarding the provision of lighting to cover the area close to the former street light, which the Borough Council would not be replacing. It was confirmed that the bus shelter did not have any solar panels. The Borough Council was currently in 'purdah' prior to the General Election therefore a number of meetings had been cancelled and the publication of reports delayed.

The repairs to the chicane reflective lighting would be undertaken soon and it was confirmed that works to Over Road would be undertaken between July and September. Councillors expressed concern at the increase in traffic through the village as a result of the roadworks associated with the North West Crewe Package. The effect caused by delays at the junction of Middlewich Road and Eardswick Lane were a particular concern.

24/022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

24/023 FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION

Cllr Boote had circulated a link to a website which provided details of the water quality of the River Weaver. This was reported as 'poor' with evidence of the presence of 'forever chemicals'. These results were extremely disappointing and the lack of accountability of United Utilities and Environment Agency was a serious concern. Borough Cllr Posnett agreed to provide details of the contact for the 'Save The Weaver' Action Group.

24/024 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Clerk confirmed that the PCCO had been unable to attend the meeting but would try to be available for a future meeting.

The Cheshire East Council Road Safety team would be conducting a speed survey in the village and the outcome would be provided to the Parish Council.

It was reported that a driveway had been created along Lee Green Lane and Borough Cllr Posnett agreed to refer this to Cheshire East.

24/025 VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT

Cllr Boote provided feedback from a meeting with a Professional Fundraiser. It was suggested that the National Lottery Fund would be the main source of funding, although noting that its focus was now on disadvantaged communities. There were also a number of other funds which could provide parts of the monies, including Cheshire East Council. It would also be necessary to demonstrate the need for the refurbishment, with a more detailed survey than the previous one undertaken with the support of Cheshire Community Action. The costs of employing the Fundraiser were awaited.

24/026 PLANNING

Application	Proposal
24/2175N	Certificate of lawful existing development for the material start of the erection of a 2 storey rear extension to existing dwelling at Manor Farm, Paradise Lane, Church Minshull Decision: No comments

24/027 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr Lewis advised that revisions had been made to the Parish Council pages on the website.

An article would be published on the website asking for suggestions for any small Village Improvements.

It was agreed that a litter pick be undertaken and ANSA would be contacted to request some equipment.

24/028 CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr Dobson referred to the distribution of wildflower seeds for gardens and clearing weeds from areas. There was also concern regarding the proliferation of Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed in certain areas.

24/029 POLICE CLUSTER MEETING

Borough Cllr Posnett attended the Police Cluster meeting held on 05 June. Councillors discussed the use of 30mph stickers on wheelie bins.

24/030 FINANCE REPORT

Councillors reviewed the Finance report which identified that the Council bank balance was currently £6,535, which would reduce to £1,870 by the end of the financial year should spending be as per the budget.

RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Then Media	Website and Emails	856.80	142.80	714.00
Church Minshull Village Hall	Hall Hire (May)	15.00		15.00
Church Minshull Village Hall	Hall Hire (July)	15.00		15.00
HMRC	PAYE (Q1)	310.80		310.80
Glasdon	Metal Dog waste bin	367.97	61.33	306.64

24/031 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Cllr Smith referred to issues with damaged highways signs and For Sale boards.

24/032 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 03 September 2024 at St Bart's Church