

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 09th May 2022.**

Councillors in attendance: Jo Butler (JB), Ian Pulley (IP), Victoria Coward (VC), Derek Heiron (DH), Rachel Blood (RB), Charlie Blood (CB), Jos Saunders (CE)

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1.	Election of Chairman
Resolved	Jo Butler was elected chairman – nominated by RB and VC. 5 FOR
2	Election of Vice-Chairman
Resolved	Ian Pulley was elected vice chairman – nominated by JB and RB. 5 FOR
3	Declaration of acceptance for Chairman and Vice – Chairman.
Noted	Both posts were accepted.
4.	Apologies for Absence
Noted	Alex Baker (AB)
5.	Declarations of Interest
	None
6.	To confirm Chairman’s allowance for 2022/23
Approved	Allowance confirmed at £250 for the 22-23 period. 5 FOR
7.	Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessments
Noted	<u>Financial Risk Assessment</u> - will be amended to include continuity plan for the loss of clerk to involve a council member stepping in voluntarily until a replacement clerk can be appointed and VAT claim will be made quarterly (subject to claim being over £100). To be amended and approved at next meeting.
Approved	<u>Standing Orders</u> – Approved 6 FOR
Noted	<u>Financial Regulations</u> – Discussions to increase the lower threshold for requiring 3 quotes for carrying out work due to increasing cost of materials. Discussions will continue at the next meeting.
8.	Review of existing Committee, Sub-Committees and Working Parties including terms of reference and any delegated authority
Approved	The Community Events Working Party will remain with council members JB, RB and VC having delegated authority. 5 FOR

9.	<p>Consideration of any new Committee, Sub-Committees and Working Parties including terms of reference and any delegated authority</p> <p>No new committees, sub-committees or working parties required.</p>										
10.	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>No members of the public attended.</p>										
<p>11.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors</p> <p>JS reported that their monthly meeting was yet to take place therefore no updates to report.</p> <p>Suggested to contact either ANSA or Cheshire East Highways regarding securing replacement grit bins for the village. There used to be 4 grit bins in the village however these were removed with no reason as to why.</p> <p>Kids playground in the village is beginning to pose a health and safety issue with an annual inspection overdue. Cheshire East will be chased about this.</p>										
<p>12.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>PCSO comments</p> <p>No residents attended the April PSCO Surgery. The next surgery will be held Thursday 12th May 6-7pm.</p> <p>The PSCO will be provided with a key to the hall. The key log will be updated.</p> <p>6 FOR.</p>										
<p>13.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th April 2022.</p> <p>Approved 6 FOR.</p>										
<p>14.</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Payments to be authorised by the council</p> <p>BACS</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1541 1378 1731"> <tr> <td>JDH Business Services Ltd</td> <td>£363.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Butler - Expenses</td> <td>£ 96.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Andrew - Expenses</td> <td>£ 18.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Blood - Expenses</td> <td>£ 69.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£547.98</td> </tr> </table> <p>6 FOR</p> <p>Cheques</p> <p>None issued or waiting to be cashed</p>	JDH Business Services Ltd	£363.60	J Butler - Expenses	£ 96.44	M Andrew - Expenses	£ 18.94	R Blood - Expenses	£ 69.00	TOTAL	£547.98
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17.	To consider planning applications received.
Noted	No new applications have been received.
18.	Reports from Community Events Working Party.
Noted	A donation received by Kettlethulme Entertainments Trust has been received for the Jubilee Field Event on June 4 th . Pin badges and mini chocolates have been purchased for residents as well as Jubilee decorations for the day. Leaflets have been distributed and picnic food is also available for pre-order.
Noted	A NALC legal update email from April 2022 has also been received stating s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 would be available to councils without the general power of competence to gift small items to residents in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee provided the scheme was available to the community at large and the council concluded the expenditure would be appropriate. As expenditure is from donation further discussion is not required.
19.	To discuss maintenance of the village hall and garden.
Noted	Whaley Bridge Band have reported issues with closing the front door. Quotes are still being sought for a replacement door. A gardener is being looked into to keep up with garden maintenance.
20.	To discuss hall lettings
All Noted	Whaley Bridge Band, WI and Yoga continue to use the hall. There are some parties and a wedding booked for the coming month.
21.	Update on Flooding Issues in the village
	No Update
22.	Items for future meetings
	None
23.	Items for information
	None
24.	Date & Time of Next Meeting
	Monday 20 th June 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting concluded at 8:41 pm.