**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm**

**Monday 16th August 2021.**

**Councillors in attendance:** Jo Butler (JB**),** Ian Pulley (IP), Rachel Blood (RB)

**Parish Clerk:** Janet Gamage (JG)

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| **1.** | **Apologies for Absence**  Derek Heiron**,** Alex Baker, Victoria Coward, Jos Saunders (CE) |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of interest.**  None |  |
| **3** | **Public Forum**  No members of the public present. |  |
| **4** | **Feedback and information sharing with Cheshire East Councillors**  No councillors present due to illness. |  |
| **5.**  **Noted** | **PCSO comments**  There has been an increase in thefts of vans and thefts of tools from vans and cars. The public are asked to remove tools from vehicles overnight.  The last surgery with the current PCSO is Thursday 19th August. The speed gun for the village has been ordered and the PCSO will demonstrate how to use it. |  |
| **6.**  **Approved** | **To agree as a true record, the minutes of The ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28th June, and the minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th June.**  **3 FOR** |  |
| **7**  **Approved**  **Noted** | **Finance**  **a Payments to be authorised by the council**  **BACS**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | J Gamage salary May (paid) | £176.68 | | J Gamage salary July (paid) | £176.68 | | J Gamage salary August for 25/8/21 | £176.68 | | J Gamage expenses – ink and paper | £20.83 | | Autela payroll services | £50.40 | | L. Baxter Smallwood – cleaning and materials | £178.15 | | Jo Butler – afternoon tea expenses | £45.98 | | Rachel Blood – afternoon tea expenses | £32.53 | | St James C of E School – disco lights | £125 |   **Cheques**  None issued or waiting to be cashed **3 FOR**  **b** **Bank Statement Reconciliation**  Bank accounts at the end of July **2021**  Current Acc : £24,784.47  Renovation Acc £ 37.24  **TOTAL = £24,821.71**  **Direct debits paid**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **BT** | £38.66 | | **Yu Energy Gas** | £50.81 | | **Yu Energy Electricity** | £38.87 | | **Waterplus** | £118.91 | |  |
| **8.**  **Noted** | **To inform the council on audit issues.**  Pkf Littlejohn external auditors were phoned to check they had received audit documents as acknowledgement had not been received. Receipt of documents was acknowledged. A later email has asked for clarification on 3 issues. These will be sent through by Friday 20th August. |  |
| **9.**  **All Noted** | **To note any correspondence received**  A summary of gully emptying in the area has been received. We are on route 23 along with Rainow and Lyme Handley. The report states that 791 gullies have been emptied and 44 require further investigation.  An offer from a jazz group to perform in the village was received. Bookings will be considered for next year.  Cheshire East Council have asked for suggestions to improve the bus services in the county. A reply will be sent to urge the council to maintain the service without any cuts. The service is important to residents of Kettleshulme and the surrounding area, especially to the elderly with no other means of transport. The service may have a larger uptake if it was timetabled to provide a way for people to get to work. The service could also link better to other services. There may be a case for a sign on the side of the road opposite the phone box. |  |
| **10.** | **To consider Planning Applications received.**  No applications. |  |
| **11.**  **Noted** | **To discuss strategies needed to provide a dementia friendly village.**  The Parish Council is keen to plan for a dementia friendly village, and to engage the local businesses. The hope continues to be to develop a group to facilitate this aim. |  |
| **12.**  **Resolved** | **To decide on plans for Remembrance Day Services**  The police will no longer provide help in closing the road while a memorial event takes place. It has been decided to hold the event inside the village hall, as safety of members of the public cannot be guaranteed for an outside meeting**.** Wreaths will be ordered from a Cheshire organisation of Royal British legion**. 3 FOR** |  |
| **13.**    **Noted** | **To decide on strategies to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets.**  Signs have been ordered to encourage this. 6 weeks on they still have not been received despite 2 phone calls. Further plans will be discussed at the next meeting. |  |
| **14.**    **Noted** | **Reports from Working parties**  Afternoon teas delivered to residents have been well received, and several thank you messages have been sent to the council.  It is hoped that future events can take place in the hall. There are plans to have another pop-up café, and a Christmas party for older residents similar to past years. The number of invites may have to be limited to ensure that consideration is given to Covid restrictions. |  |
| **15.**  **All Noted** | **To discuss maintenance of the hall.**  The new bench on the patio needs some repairs.  The patio is to be jet washed.  Plans are still in place to price up a new front door; wood is preferable as it fits the age and style of the hall.  The barge boards also need replacing. Plastic will hopefully be used.  The hall floor still needs some repairs. Quotes will be sought.  The cellar is to be cleared to provide storage. |  |
| **16.**  **Noted** | **To discuss hall lettings**  High Peak Pilates will no longer be using the hall after September. The community will be asked to forward ideas on future classes in the hall.  Whaley Bridge Band hope to resume bookings in September.  Classes or groups using the hall need to follow their own risk assessments. |  |
| **17.** Noted | **To inform the council on changes made to the Financial Regulations**.  The proposed changes from the June meeting have been made to the Financial Regulations. |  |
| **18.** | **Items for future meetings** |  |
| **19.**  **Noted** | **Items for information**  The water meter for the village hall has been located in the ground outside the side door. |  |
| **20.** | **Date & Time of Next Meeting**  Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.30pm |  |

The meeting concluded at 9:25 pm.