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

**Monday 20th September 2021.**

**Councillors in attendance:** Ian Pulley (IP), Victoria Coward (VC), Derek Heiron (DH), Alex Baker (AB)

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

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| **1.** | **Apologies for Absence**  Jo Butler, Rachel Blood, Jos Saunders (CE) |  |
| **2** | **Declarations of interest.**  None |  |
| **3** | **Public Forum**  One member of the public attended to observe the meeting. |  |
| **4** | **Feedback and information sharing with Cheshire East Councillors**  No councillors present. |  |
| **5.**  **Noted** | **PCSO comments**  None received. |  |
| **6.**  **Noted** | **To agree as a true record, the minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th August.**  Not enough councillors present from this meeting to approve the minutes**.** |  |
| **7**  **Approved**  **Noted**  **Noted** | **Finance**  **a Payments to be authorised by the council**  **BACS**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Clerk salary September | £176.68 | | Whaley Bridge PC magazine | £70 | | J Gamage – Printer ink | £35.98 | | HMRC clerk paye | £132.60 |   **Cheques**  None issued or waiting to be cashed  4 **FOR**  **b** **Bank Statement Reconciliation**  Bank accounts at the end of August **2021**  Current Acc : £24,175.31  Renovation Acc £ 37.24  **TOTAL = £24,212.55**  **Direct debits paid**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **BT** | £40.56 | | **Yu Energy Gas** | 0 | | **Yu Energy Electricity** | £69.03 | |  |
| **8.**  **Noted** | **To inform the council on audit issues.**  PKF Littlejohn – external auditor- emailed to raise 2 issues. Timing of publication on the internet of last year’s audit, and stating that the Parish Council have no assets.  The report should be ready to publish soon. |  |
| **9.**  **All Noted**  **All Noted** | **To note any correspondence received**  A 12-week public consultation is taking place on proposals for the governance arrangements for town and parish councils in Cheshire. The consultation ends on 28th November. The issue will be discussed at the October meeting.  Audit issues as discussed in agenda point 8.  A resident informed a councillor that a lorry was stuck on Kishfield Lane. He raised the possibility of asking for weight restriction signs. IP informed the meeting that based on past experience of working on the Highways group this was very unlikely to happen. Several incidents of stuck vehicles would need to be reported to Cheshire East to raise the issue.  Cheshire East are launching an ‘on demand’ rural bus service to remote areas where there is no bus service.  Blythe House Hospice have asked for volunteers to help in certain areas and for any events. A poster has been asked for to publicise this.  Zurich, the hall’s insurers, have sent guidelines on planning events over the winter period. |  |
| **10.**  **Approved** | **To consider Planning Applications received.**  The planning application for the conversion of the Chapel on Paddock Lane was received. The proposal is to convert the chapel into 2 flats and one 3-bedroom house. The flats will be accessed from the front door, but access to the house will be via the side path and a door at the rear. Demolition of the existing kitchen is planned to give a garden space for the house.  The council will object to plans based on lack of parking, worries about increased traffic on the lane and loss of privacy for residents of Brookbottom Cottages. **4 FOR** |  |
| **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.**  **Noted** | **To decide on strategies to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets.**  Signs from Cheshire East have now been received and will be displayed around the village.  The container for disposal bags will be repositioned on the park. |  |
| **13.**    **Noted** | **Reports from Working parties**  The Christmas party was discussed. It is hoped that the party will go ahead this year, but may have to do so with restricted numbers. |  |
| **14.**  **Approved** | **To discuss maintenance of the hall.**  Plastic fascia boards have been priced up. AB to measure up. The cost for a 5m length is roughly £70.  The front door replacement is still planned. (Estimate of cost £3,000)  Repairs to the hall floor are also planned. (Estimate of cost £10,000) |  |
| **15.**  **Noted** | **To discuss hall lettings**  High Peak Pilates has continued to use the hall as the new studio is not yet available.  Yoga classes have started on Friday mornings.  An Art class will go ahead for 6 weeks on Sundays –  10th October – 14th November.  An enquiry for a wedding next year has been received.  W Bridge guides group are not, as yet, able to book the hall. |  |
| **16.** | **Items for future meetings**  Christmas party plans |  |
| **17.**  **Noted** | **Items for information**  The red phone box is being refurbished. |  |
| **20.** | **Date & Time of Next Meeting**  Monday 19th October 2021 at 7.30pm |  |

The meeting concluded at 8:27 pm.