**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held remotely at 7:30pm**

**Monday 16th November.**

**Councillors in attendance:** Jo Butler (JB**),** Ian Pulley (IP), Alex Baker (AB), Rachel Blood (RB), Victoria Coward (VC), Ros Siddall (RS)

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

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| **1.** | **Apologies for Absence**  Nicky Wylie (Cheshire East), Scott Burdock (PCSO) |  |
| **2.** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3.** | **Public Forum**  Attended by P Good, the current owner of the Chapel on Paddock Lane. Mr Good has discussed plans for the development of the chapel with PDNP, local estate agents, his architect and a local planner.  The chapel is thought too large for a single dwelling. Economic development and community use are being supported by PDNP. Neighbours at either side of the chapel have been spoken to about plans.  Parking difficulties were raised if the chapel should have a commercial use.  Stained glass windows may be re-sited.  Plans will be submitted either just before or just after Christmas. |  |
| **4.**  **Noted**  **Noted**  **Noted** | **Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors (Including flood updates, New Homes Bonus and Highways updates).**  A flood working party has been set up by Cheshire East. JS has asked the representative for our area to contact the council. A list of damaged properties during the 2019 flood will be compiled, to inform the working party.  The recent wall collapse on Flatts Lane was reported to JS. Ownership of the road is not clear. JS will contact Ian McLellen from Highways to discuss the damage. Access for emergency vehicles etc was expressed as a worry for residents on the lane.  Repairs to the park equipment were discussed. The repair to the bench is a temporary measure. No further repairs have been done at the time of the meeting. JS to raise again the issue of updating the current equipment and installing some equipment appropriate to the teenagers in the village. |  |
| **5.**  **Noted** | **PCSO Comments**  The PCSO was not present in the online meeting. By email, he informed the Council that he had checked on the parking of the cars near cottages on Macclesfield Road. He was happy to see that the cars were now parking further up the kerb and that the cars are facing the right way. |  |
| **6**.  **Noted**  **Resolved**  **Noted** | **To note any correspondence received**  The Kett Entertainments group have asked the Parish Council to take back responsibility for the organisation of the Christmas party. There will be no party this year due to Covid restrictions. Next year’s event will be organised by the council; volunteers will be gratefully welcomed.  Contact information of past party invites has been passed to the P Council, and permission will be sought to keep residents’ information.  Utility Energy Brokers have asked to look for low cost energy deals for the village hall. The offer will not be taken up at present. **7 FOR**  An insurance company (BHIB) have asked to give a quote for the village hall. This will be asked for when the renewal is due. |  |
| **7.**  **Resolved** | **To agree as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th October 2020.**  **7 FOR** |  |
| **8.**    **Resolved** | **To Consider Planning Applications Received**  Plans for Sponds View were discussed. No objections were raised.  **7 FOR** |  |
| **9.**  **Resolved** | **To discuss progress with The Neighbourhood Planning/ Emergency Planning / Community Response**  The draft document has been circulated to councillors**.** Agreement wasmade to include all councillors names and contact details in the document.  Emergency coordinators were decided. Residents of the village are asked to volunteer to be coordinators, or holders of the Emergency Plan.  A draft copy will be put on the PC website, and comments will be invited from the public**. 7 FOR** |  |
| **10.** | **Reports from working parties**  No new details were reported. |  |
| 11. Noted | **To discuss correspondence received from Kettleshulme Entertainments Group, and any arrangements for present and future Christmas celebrations.**  This was discussed in agenda item 6. Additionally, plans for this year were discussed. Residents who would usually attend the Christmas party will be treated to Turkey sandwiches and mince pies.  A light festival is also planned, and residents will be invited to decorate their homes accordingly. |  |
| **12.**  **Noted** | **To discuss maintenance of the village hall.**  IP will contact Bywaters Gas to service the gas boiler. |  |
| **13.**  **Noted** | **To discuss hall lettings and to discuss research made on future payment arrangements**  No new lettings, and classes etc are suspended due to Covid lockdown.  Payment methods have not yet been researched. |  |
| **14.**  **Noted** | **To discuss any updates on the repairs to the Play Area, following the Safety Inspection Report from C East.**  This was discussed with JS Cheshire East Councillor in agenda item **4.**  . |  |
| **15.**  **Noted**  **Noted** | **To inform the council on progress with the audit**.  External Auditors have asked if councillors are trustees of the village hall. It was confirmed that they are. Access to the deeds for the hall is being sought. Land Registry do not appear to have a copy.  The auditor also asked if the PC had received a grant in 2018/19, and were informed that no grant was received. |  |
| **16.**  **Resolved** | **To decide the precept request for 2020/21**  The request must be sent to C East by 15th January 2021.  A budget document was discussed.  **Precept for 2020/21 was £10,918**  **Precept request for 2021/22**  A 3% rise was agreed**.** This will make a precept request of £11,256.  **7 FOR** |  |
| **17.** | **Finance**  **Payments authorised by the council**  **BACS**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | J Gamage salary (November and back pay to April) | £209.86 | | L Smallwood – cleaning | £100 | | Community Heartbeat trust – Defibrillator battery and pads | £375.60 | | Autela Payroll Services | £64.32 | | **Total** | **£ 749.78** |   **Cheques**  No cheques  **Cheques not yet cashed**  None    **Bank Statement Reconciliation**  Bank Accounts at the end of October 2020  Current acc £ 12,977.01  Renovation acc £ 37.24  **Total**  **£ 13,014.25** |  |
| **18.**  **Noted** | **Items for future meetings**  Deeds for the village hall.  Planting of flower pots around the village. |  |
| **19.**  **Noted**  **Noted**  **Noted** | **Items for information**  A copy of the electoral register has been requested.  The new headteacher for St James’ C of E starts in January.  Waterplus have been contacted by the PC and by P Good (owner of the chapel) to rectify mistakes made with bills.    Thank you to Jeff Wild for his hard work on the gardens around the hall in the past years. |  |
| **19** | **Date & Time of Next Meeting**  Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm via the Zoom platform. |  |

The meeting concluded at 9:40 pm.