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

**Monday 15th February 2021.**

**Councillors in attendance:** Jo Butler (JB**),** Ian Pulley (IP), Alex Baker (AB), Rachel Blood (RB), Victoria Coward (VC), Ros Siddall (RS), Derek Heiron (DH), Jos Saunders CE.

**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.**  **Noted** | **Public Forum**  No members of the public were present. |  |
| **4.**    **Noted** | **Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors (Including flood updates, New Homes Bonus and Highways updates).**  JS reported that there is a full meeting of CE Council this week. There will be a raise in council tax of 4.99%. No consultation has been taken on this rise. Some children’s services are to be cut, but 2.1 million is to be spent on a planned youth facility in Crewe.  Gritting services will be discussed. Concern from a council member was raised about the fact that CE closed the B5470 during the bad weather, but the road was actually passable with ease. At a later day the road was left open, despite being in a much worse condition than during the previous closure. The village school was not informed. Derbyshire CC rerouted traffic from The Cat and Fiddle Road to the B5470, when it was closed. Concern about the lack of planning between CE and Derbyshire CC was expressed.  JS expressed concern at the behaviour of some attenders during the Handforth Council meeting. |  |
| **5.**  **Noted** | **PCSO Comments**  The PCSO was not present in the online meeting. No information has been received from him for this meeting. |  |
| **6**.  **Noted**  **Noted**  **Noted**  **Noted** | **To note any correspondence received**  CE have notified the council that The New Homes Bonus scheme will no longer be available.  Confirmation of the latest grants given by CE have been received.  The WI have made and displayed some green hearts in the village hall in support of the environmental scheme which has been started by the WI in Britain.  The Police Commissioner election will take place in the village hall on 6th May 2021.  A letter from Lottie Blood has been received, and will be sent to CE, expressing concern about the facilities on the park. Skateboard facilities have been suggested by Lottie, as facilities for the older children are sadly lacking. The letter will be sent to M Smith at CE. |  |
| **7.**  **Resolved** | **To agree as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th January 2021.**  **7 FOR** |  |
| **8.** | **To Consider Planning Applications Received**  No applications received. |  |
| **9.**  **Noted** | **To discuss progress with The Community Resilience Plan.**  All councillors have now received a hard copy of the plan, and a second copy has been emailed to them. Two residents who agreed to be holders of the plan have also received their copies. Two errors were spotted by one of the residents, and have been altered on the plan.  A copy will be put on the parish council website. Residents are welcome to offer suggestions for additions or changes to the plan. |  |
| **10.**  **Noted** | **Reports from working parties**  JB attended a PACP meeting. Other local councils have reported that few events have been taking place. Kettleshulme PC reported that they organised a soup run and Christmas turkey sandwiches to the older residents.  Concern about speed limits outside schools, and air pollution were also discussed at the meeting. |  |
| 11. Noted | **To discuss maintenance of the village hall.**  Automatic lights in the porch of the village hall are on at unusual times, and for lengthy periods. Sensors may need to be changed. |  |
| **12.**  **Noted** | **To discuss hall lettings and to discuss research made on future payment arrangements**  One new bookting has been made for a wedding in 2022.  Two weddings have previously been booked for this June. |  |
| **13.**  **Noted**  **Noted** | **To discuss renewal of Namesco webmail provision**.  Renewal of the webmail was agreed.  **7 FOR** |  |
| **14**  **Noted** | **To discuss progress with forming a community for broadband provision.**  A resident has been in contact with BT on several occasions, and has been informed that the area of the village currently not connected to superfast broadband will be connected in July. The idea of forming a community may not be needed. |  |
| **15.**  **Resolved** | **To decide on insurance renewal for the village hall.**  Zurich have sent a renewal quote of £1,119.31. Another firm has been asked for a quote, but have not yet replied. They will be contacted again, if they do not reply the policy will be renewed with Zurich.  **7 FOR** |  |
| **16.**  **Resolved** | **To approve dates for meetings from April 2021.**  The following proposed dates were approved:  April 19th 2021  May17th 2021  June 21st 2021  July 19th 2021    September 20th 2021  October 18th 2021  November 15th 2021  January17th 2022  February 21st 2022  March 21st 2022  **7 FOR** |  |
| **17.** | **To discuss the suggestion that Paddock Lane should be made into a one-way road.**  Residents have approached a councillor to query the possibility. Consideration would have to be given to ease of access for large vehicles.  Highways Department will be contacted. |  |
| **18.**  **Resolved** | **To decide on payment to Whaley Bridge Parish Magazine for adverts placed.**  It was decided to offer a donation of £50.  It was also decided to accept the offer of free advertising of future village events in the High Peak Magazine.  **7 FOR** |  |
| **19.**  **Resolved** | **Finance**  **Payments authorised by the council**  **BACS 7 FOR**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | J Gamage salary (February) | £176.88 | | Autella Payroll Services | £48.24 | | ASP Window cleaning | £17.50 | | Expenses Jo Butler | £29.30 | | Waterplus | £92.15 | | Names Co Renewal | £128.99 | | Whaley Bridge Parish magazine | £50 | | **Total** | **£543.06** |   **Cheques**  No cheques  **Cheques not yet cashed**  None    **Bank Statement Reconciliation**  Bank Accounts at the end of January 2020  Current acc £ 20,541.76  Renovation acc £ 37.24  **Total**  **£ 20,579** |  |
| **20.** | **Items for future meetings** |  |
| **21.**  **Noted** | **Items for information**  The Parish Council would like to express their deepest sympathy for the family of Keith Wild, who passed away this month.    Keith had lived in the village for most of his life. He was well known and well respected throughout the area. Keith served on the Parish Council for many years since 1996, and was chairman for some of this time.  Thanks are given to the hard work and service that Keith made to the Parish Council and to the village. |  |
| **19** | **Date & Time of Next Meeting**  Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.30pm via the Zoom platform. |  |

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.