**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, at the Memorial Hall, Kettleshulme**

**Monday 16th March.**

**Councillors in attendance:** Jo Butler (JB),Rachel Blood (RB), Derek Heiron (DH),

 Ros Siddall (RS), Victoria Coward (VC) and Jos Saunders (JS) (Cheshire East).

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

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| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**Ian Pulley, Nicky Wylie (CE)  |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Interest**R Blood has been asked to assist at a wedding reception in the village hall this year. |  |
| 3. | **Public Forum**One member of the public was present to observe. |  |
| 4. | **Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors (Including flood updates, New Homes Bonus update and Highways update).**A flood update meeting is planned for 17-3-20 with members of the Parish Council and representatives of related agencies to find out details of updates on preventative measures to be put in place.The New Homes Bonus is still under review, and JS reported that no information is currently available.Work on Mudhurst Lane started on 16-3-20 to repair flood damage.JS informed the council that work on Moggy Lane in Poynton will be starting soon. |  |
| 5. | **PCSO Comments** PCSO Hickman attended for part of the meeting with PC Barron.A theft has occurred lately on Paddock lane.The speed check gun has been returned to the police and will be used at some time in the future in the village, close to the school. While road works have been carried out on Macclesfield road, drivers have been driving within the speed limit. The school wall has, however, been hit by a vehicle.Some Cannabis waste has been dumped in a few places locally. PC Barron enquired if there had been any in or near the village. Some has been found near Cornfield Road.PCSO Hickman warned of a current phone scam. Calls asking for money donations to the police are **FAKE**. The police will **NOT** ring and ask for money. Warning posters will be forwarded to display in the village. |  |
| 6.**Noted****Noted****Noted****Noted****Noted****Noted** | **To note any correspondence received**Concern from a resident about the rise in Precept asked for the next year (2%) was discussed. JS informed the meeting that most councils have raised their precept higher than ours. Typically a 3% increase, but JS quoted one council who requested, and were given a 25% rise.Road works are due to start on the B5470 in June near Bolshaws. The road will be closed while the works are carried out.A resident forwarded a report on the proposed improvements to mobile phone and broadband connections.Yu energy have offered a cheaper renewal rate. JG to investigate.Coronavirus warnings have been sent from various organisations.The council tax statement for the village hall has been received.The guarantee for the new boiler has been received together with the Gas Safe certificate. |  |
| 7.**Resolved** | **To agree as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th February 2019.** **4 FOR** |  |
| **8.** | **To Consider Planning Applications Received**None received. |  |
| 9.**Noted** | **Neighbourhood Planning /Emergency Planning /Community Response**This will be discussed after the Flood review meeting on 17-3-20.It has been decided to offer support to vulnerable people in the village throughout the Coronavirus Crisis. Leaflets will be produced and volunteers recruited. Volunteers to be sought via social media. Anyone seeking help, or offering help will phone the clerk. Events planned by the Parish Council before May will be cancelled or postponed. CRTA may cancel the touring companies. Message expected soon.Members of the public who have booked weddings and parties will currently be allowed to use their own discretion to decide whether to hold the event. There will be no charge for cancellations. |  |
| 10.**Noted** | **Reports from working parties**Garden WPWork on the rear garden is almost complete. The project has proved much more challenging than expected. Drainage has been installed to help with issues from surrounding gardens. A culvert is damaged, pipes were broken. Thanks to D Ross for his assistance in locating the damaged culvert.Original costing was £15000, but has risen due to the damage uncovered once the work started. The patio has been demolished and rebuilt due to health and safety issues. There are still bills to come into the council. It is hoped that the project will be completed in the next 4 weeks. |  |
| 11.Noted | **To discuss maintenance of the Hall and gardens**The garden may be fenced off until the garden part is completed. It will possibly be turfed for now. |  |
| 12**Noted** | **Update on PACP grant**A £1000 grant was awarded to help improve access in the rear garden, and encourage use of the garden by all residents and visitors.A further grant can be applied for from April. |  |
| 13.**Noted** | **Hall Lettings and promotion of the village hall.** Some events have been cancelled. Regular users of the hall may cancel lessons for now.A wedding is currently still planned for the summer. |  |
| 14.**Resolved** | **To confirm renewal of insurance for the village hall.**It was agreed to renew insurance with Zurich, and cheque was approved**.****Cost - £1095.38 5 FOR** |  |
| **15.****Resolved** | **To discuss dates of meetings from April 2020** **Planned dates of every 3rd Monday of the month except August and December. 5 FOR**April 20th May 18th June 15th July 20thSeptember 21st October 19th November 16th January 18th February 15th March 15th  |  |
| **16.****Noted** | **Finance****Cheques authorised by the council**

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| 2304 | MEGA contractors | £9402 |
| 2305 | Greta Stafford refund | £50 |
| 2306 | J Gamage Expenses | £25.32 |
| 2307 | ASP Window Cleaning | £87.50 |
| 2308 | Autela Payroll Services | £48.24 |
| 2309 | J Gamage Salary | £171.94 |
| 2310 | HMRC Paye | £129 |
| 2311 | Lois Smallwood cleaning | £100 |
| 2312 | Zurich Municipal Insurance | £1095.38 |

**Bank Reconciliation**Balance of accounts at the end of February 2020Current acc: £13,419.02Renovation acc: £1037.24Total : £14,456.26**Update on bank accounts**Still awaiting verification from Nat West for online banking. |  |
| **17.** | **Items for future meetings**Coronavirus issues.Friends of Kettleshulme – proposed group to look at grants for improvements on playing field. |  |
| **18.** | **Items for information****None**. |  |
| **19** | **Date and time of next meeting** **Monday 20th April 2020** |  |

The meeting concluded at 9 pm.

**Please note that this meeting took place prior to the advice from the government to stay at home.**