

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 17th April 2023.**

Councillors in attendance: Derek Heiron (DH), Ian Pulley (IP), Charlie Blood (CB), Jo Butler (JB), Rachel Blood (RB), Victoria Coward (VC), Jos Saunders (CE-JS)

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1.	Apologies for Absence	
Noted	Alex Baker (AB)	
2	Declarations of interest.	
	None	
3	Public Forum	
	No members of the public present	
4	Feedback and information sharing with Cheshire East Councillors	
All Noted	<p>Cheshire East Councillor was present at the meeting.</p> <p>CE-JS informed council that she has contacted Highways regarding the grit bins in the village and the response was that there was not a need for them because a local farmer takes care of the roads when they get snow or ice covered. Councillors informed CE-JS that the farmer does take good care of the side roads around the village however is under instruction from Cheshire East and does not go out until contacted by them. On occasion this notice from Cheshire East comes too late and it is for this reason that the grit bins are still necessary. Councillor CE-JS will go back to Highways after the May elections for further clarification.</p> <p>Parish Councillors informed CE-JS that some further pot holes along Paddock Lane have been marked for repair.</p> <p>CE-JS has been in touch with ANSA about the funding application for playground improvements who have informed her that the paperwork has been submitted but policy changes may require it to be resubmitted. ANSA would also like to meet Parish Councillors again to discuss other funding options. Councillor RB will follow-up on this.</p> <p>Councillor IP asked Councillor CE-JS if there was something that Cheshire East could do to inform residents of Lyme Handley that they are now part of the amalgamated Kettleshulme & Lyme Handley Parish Council. CE-JS will look into this.</p>	
Action Noted		
5.	PCSO comments	
Noted	Next PCSO meeting is Monday April 24 th 6-7pm.	

6. Approved	<p>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th March 2023.</p> <p>Approved 6 FOR</p>																													
7. Approved	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Payments to be authorised by the council.</p> <p>BACS</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 577 1265 846"> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary April</td> <td>£ 197.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses – Printer Ink & File Dividers</td> <td>£ 28.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ChALC Subscription Fee</td> <td>£ 104.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Smallwood - Cleaning</td> <td>£ 60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Butler – Expenses - Coronation</td> <td>£ 277.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mottram Gardens - Gardener</td> <td>£ 40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£ 708.62</td> </tr> </table> <p>6 FOR</p> <p>Cheques None issued or waiting to be cashed.</p> <p>b. Bank Statement Reconciliation</p> <p>Noted Bank accounts at the end of March 2023</p> <table data-bbox="336 1216 743 1323"> <tr> <td>Current Acc</td> <td>£29,508.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Renovation Acc</td> <td>£37.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL =</td> <td>£29,545.27</td> </tr> </table> <p>Direct debits paid in March 2023</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1469 1131 1630"> <tr> <td>Opus Electricity</td> <td>£ 65.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opus Gas</td> <td>£556.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT Broadband</td> <td>£ 45.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£ 24.62</td> </tr> </table> <p>Noted Councillor IP raised the point that the expenses for the year need to be very closely assessed because of the precept being set by Cheshire East and the expected shortfall. This will be covered by the extra reserve set aside by the Council in the new Reserve Bank Account.</p>		Clerk Salary April	£ 197.42	Clerk Expenses – Printer Ink & File Dividers	£ 28.51	ChALC Subscription Fee	£ 104.71	L Smallwood - Cleaning	£ 60.00	J Butler – Expenses - Coronation	£ 277.98	Mottram Gardens - Gardener	£ 40.00	Total	£ 708.62	Current Acc	£29,508.03	Renovation Acc	£37.24	TOTAL =	£29,545.27	Opus Electricity	£ 65.38	Opus Gas	£556.96	BT Broadband	£ 45.12	Water Plus	£ 24.62
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<p>Noted Approved</p>	<p>c. Update on the opening of a new Reserve Bank Account.</p> <p>The account is now open and the Clerk suggested to close the secondary current account. This will be closed and the balance moved to the primary current account. Approved 6 FOR.</p>	
<p>8. Noted</p>	<p>To update Council on preparations for the Internal Audit.</p> <p>Clerk has now submitted the documents requested for the Internal Audit electronically.</p>	
<p>9. Noted Action Action</p>	<p>Updates on the upcoming changes to the Council regarding the amalgamation with Lyme Handley ...</p> <p>a. Bank Accounts.</p> <p>The name on the Bank Accounts has yet to be changed. Clerk will chase this with Customer Services.</p> <p>b. Clerk's Position.</p> <p>Clerk will contact Autela Payroll now Year End has been completed about changing the PAYE name with HMRC to include Lyme Handley.</p>	
<p>10. All Noted Approved All Noted</p>	<p>To continue discussions on plans for the King's Coronation in May.</p> <p>The event will begin at 4pm on Saturday 6th May. Flyers have been delivered inviting residents to the event and a flag has been purchased for the Village Hall – approved at March meeting. There will also be bunting, cupcakes and a welcome drink – Approved 6 FOR</p> <p>A time capsule will be prepared and local groups have been asked for ideas on what to include. Whaley Bridge Band will play, as well as there being a quiz and residents are invited to BYO picnic. There will be a litter pick event on Saturday 29th April beginning at 10am to prepare the hall and field for the event. Helpers will be invited for tea and coffee at the hall afterwards.</p>	
<p>11. Noted</p>	<p>To discuss options for milk deliveries in the village.</p> <p>Due to driver shortages the company who were initially interested in delivering milk to the village are no longer able to commit. Councillors felt that all options have now been exhausted.</p>	

<p>12.</p> <p>All Noted</p>	<p>To note any correspondence received.</p> <p>A rehab recovery company have requested to have their website listed on the website under 'useful links'. Councillors decided that this section should be for more general links that residents may find useful.</p> <p>An email was received asking for nominations for Parish member appointments to the Peak District National Park Authority. No councillors wished to be nominated.</p> <p>Clerk was copied into email from local resident to Peak District National Park Authority requesting posters be displayed to deter trespassers going onto private land in the area.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>To consider Planning applications received.</p> <p>No planning applications received.</p>	
<p>14.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Reports from Community Events working party.</p> <p>See Item 10.</p>	
<p>15.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Update on SUMUP verification for taking payments.</p> <p>Clerk is hoping to upload the required documents onto the SUMUP account in the next few weeks with the help of Councillor VC.</p>	
<p>16.</p> <p>All Noted</p>	<p>To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.</p> <p>The gardener has been for the first time. They will be asked to jetwash the stones on the field side of the garden fence on their next visit as this is currently slippy.</p> <p>Projects have now been put on hold until after the May elections.</p>	
<p>17.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To further discuss options for making improvements to the playground on the village field.</p> <p>See Item 4.</p>	
<p>18.</p> <p>All Noted</p>	<p>To discuss hall lettings.</p> <p>A wedding enquiry has been received.</p> <p>A couple of bookings have been made for meetings over the next few months.</p>	
<p>19.</p>	<p>Update on ownership paperwork for the village hall.</p> <p>No updates.</p>	

20.	Update on progress in trying to acquire grit bins for the village.	
Noted	See Item 4.	
21.	Update on Drainage Issues in the village.	
All Noted	<p>Drains were due for inspection at the end of March. They have not been inspected / cleared and Clerk has checked Cheshire East website which now lists the inspection as being due triennially. Clerk has asked CE-JS if she can look into this further as this has been deemed unacceptable by Parish Councillors given the state that some of the grids are currently in.</p> <p>An idea from Councillors in the meantime is to 'adopt a grid' where residents clear leaves from the top of the grids outside their own houses as well as reporting problems to Cheshire East.</p> <p>A village meeting will be set up. This will serve to welcome residents of Lyme Handley as well as to discuss any issues residents may have. A letter will be posted to Lyme Handley residents inviting them to the Coronation event and also include information on how they can stay up to date with parish matters.</p>	
22.	Items for future meetings	
	None	
23.	Items for information	
Noted Noted Action	<p>Clerk has submitted a VAT return for the period January – March.</p> <p>BT broadband contract is coming to the end of its minimum term. Clerk and Councillor VC will get together some prices for a new contract.</p>	
25.	Date and time of the next meeting	
Noted	<p>Annual Parish Meeting - Monday May 29th 2023 @ 7.00pm.</p> <p>Annual General Meeting – Monday May 29th 2023 @ 7.30pm.</p>	

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.