

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 15th July 2024.**

Councillors in attendance: Derek Heiron (DH), Charlie Blood (CB), Victoria Coward (VC), Alex Baker (AB), Jo Butler (JB), Hayley Whitaker (HW-CE).

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA).

1.	Apologies for Absence.	
Noted	Rachel Blood (RB), Ian Pulley (IP).	
2.	Declarations of interest.	
	None.	
3.	Public Forum.	
	No members of the public present.	
4.	Additional feedback and information sharing with Cheshire East Councillors.	
All Noted	<p>HW-CE informed Council that an introductions meeting will soon be planned between Cheshire East Councillors and the new MP for Macclesfield, Tim Roca.</p> <p>Both Bollington and Poynton tips will close on August 4th and Macclesfield tip is to introduce a system whereby an appointment must be booked to use the facility. A possible 'pop-up' tip will begin to serve Bollington and Poynton occasionally, but this will also be by appointment only.</p> <p>A proposal has been put forward to change black bin collections to a triweekly service so to make available the time and money for a weekly food waste collection (due to Government legislation that Council must adopt before April 2026).</p> <p>Poynton library will become a tier 2 library under new proposals, meaning reduced hours or threat of closure.</p> <p>Cheshire East Councils family services has been rated inadequate by Ofsted.</p> <p>The Local Government Association has published its Corporate Peer Challenge Report containing 18 recommendations primarily relating to scrutiny and transparency. This is available to view on the CE website.</p> <p>Councillor RB emailed Cheshire East Highways to ask for an update about the speed mitigation measures outside the school as this appeared to have stalled. No response received by the time of the meeting.</p>	

<p>5. Noted</p>	<p>PCSO comments. PCSO was not in attendance at the meeting. The next surgery is scheduled for July 18th 5.30pm – 6.30pm.</p>																									
<p>6. Approved</p>	<p>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th June 2024. Approved 5 FOR.</p>																									
<p>7. Noted Approved Action Noted Approved</p>	<p>Review of Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment. Clerk has adapted the new NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 where necessary, and these were approved 5 FOR. These will now be published on the website. Financial Risk Assessment was also discussed, and no changes were necessary. Approved 5 FOR.</p>																									
<p>8. Approved Approved Noted</p>	<p>Finance.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Payments to be authorised by the council.</p> <p>BACS</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1099 1262 1478" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary July</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 214.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Smallwood – Cleaning</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses – Royal British Legion Donation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses – Microsoft 365 Renewal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 59.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses – Weebly Website Renewal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 193.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE – Month 4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 53.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I Pulley Expenses – Defib Cabinet</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 520.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Butler Expenses – D Day Wreath</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 27.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Autela Payroll Services – April - July</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 75.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 1,315.07</td> </tr> </table> <p>Approved 5 FOR</p> <p>*£450 will be added to the hall maintenance budget for the year from that assigned for the main hall repairs reserve to cover the cost of the additional defib cabinet purchased by the Council as this was not planned in the original budget. Approved 5 FOR.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Bank Statement Reconciliation.</p> <p>Bank accounts at the end of June 2024</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Current Acc</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 7,587.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Acc</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 21,155.52</td> </tr> </table>		Clerk Salary July	£ 214.82	L Smallwood – Cleaning	£ 70.00	Clerk Expenses – Royal British Legion Donation	£ 100.00	Clerk Expenses – Microsoft 365 Renewal	£ 59.99	Clerk Expenses – Weebly Website Renewal	£ 193.03	HMRC PAYE – Month 4	£ 53.80	I Pulley Expenses – Defib Cabinet	£ 520.99	J Butler Expenses – D Day Wreath	£ 27.49	Autela Payroll Services – April - July	£ 75.05	Total	£ 1,315.07	Current Acc	£ 7,587.16	Reserve Acc	£ 21,155.52
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<p>Noted</p>	<p>TOTAL = £ 28,742.68</p> <p>Direct debits paid in June 2024</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 360 1131 528"> <tr> <td>BT Broadband</td> <td>£ 40.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opus Electricity</td> <td>£ 119.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opus Gas</td> <td>£ 51.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£ 29.75</td> </tr> </table> <p>c. Q1 Budget Assessment</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk provided Councillors with a Budget Assessment for Quarter 1 (April-June) based on actual expenditure against that budgeted. Most lines were within that expected for the current time of year however clerk will keep a close check on line 1 (Gas) over the next few months as this was approaching the expected budgeted total sooner than expected. Receipts for Q1 were noted as £7,874.62 from precept, hall hire, vat return and bank account interest.</p> <p>Action</p>	BT Broadband	£ 40.88	Opus Electricity	£ 119.45	Opus Gas	£ 51.87	Water Plus	£ 29.75	
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<p>9.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To update Council on progress with the External Audit.</p> <p>Clerk received an email from the auditors that the documents provided for audit had now been logged onto their system.</p>									
<p>10.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>To discuss updates on improvements to the playground on the village field including results from the public consultation.</p> <p>Clerk emailed the report to JS-CE and ANSA but has yet to receive a response. Clerk will chase with ANSA that the report was received.</p>									
<p>11.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>To discuss producing a residents survey about which local services they use.</p> <p>Clerk and VC attended a meeting at Poynton Town council, along with other town and parish councils from the immediate area, to discuss the issues that these councils are facing regarding cuts to services. Councillors decided that it may be useful to produce a survey for residents to complete about which services in the local area they use. This would be helpful to Council to share with Cheshire East should any of these services be threatened with cuts or closures.</p> <p>VC will produce a short survey and distribute to residents.</p>									
<p>12.</p> <p>All Noted</p>	<p>To note any correspondence received.</p> <p>Clerk received an email from Opus Energy that the energy contract would be taken over by EDF and the takeover was expected from Q3 2024. Contract prices would remain the same for the duration of the existing contract and no action was required from Council currently.</p>									

Action	ChALC emailed information about the Greener Community Facilities Fund, funded by the UK Rural England Prosperity Fund. VC will look into the Digital Connectivity Project side further to see if Council are eligible to make an application.	
13. Noted	To consider Planning applications / decisions received. Application number NP/CEC/0624/0668. Councillors had no objections to the application.	
14. All Noted	Reports from Community Events working party. a. Hungrytown Folk Band (28th September) Tickets are now available to purchase on the website at £12. Tickets will also be available on the door for £15. b. The Plot Thickens Comedy Show (2nd November) Tickers will be available nearer the time of the event. c. Remembrance Day 2024 (10th November) Clerk emailed ChALC about whether any other small Parish Councils had made a road closure application via another method however was informed that all closures, regardless of size and length of time, had to register via the same way. Councillors concluded that the time and cost would be too high for this to be worthwhile so the road will remain open during the service. d. To discuss a Village Calendar for the remainder of 2024 The community events working party will meet to discuss producing a calendar of events for 2025.	
15.	To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden. a. – e. No Update.	
16. All Noted Approved	To discuss applying for the Rural England Prosperity Fund. This is a grant available for improving and modernising community venues. A working party will be created to further discuss submitting an application. Councillors AB, DH and CB agreed to form this party and will also invite IP to attend. Approved 5 FOR.	
17. Noted	To discuss hall lettings. An enquiry has been received from a dance practise group.	
18. Noted	Update on ownership paperwork for the village hall. Defer to next meeting as IP was not present.	

19. Noted	Updates on Road Maintenance & Drainage in the village. The drain that has begun to collapse on Macclesfield Road close to Paddock Lane has gotten worse however no assessment from Cheshire East has yet been made.	
20.	Items for future meetings. None.	
21. Noted	Items for information. Clerk has submitted a Q1 VAT return.	
22. Noted	Date and time of the next meeting. Monday 16 th September 2024 – 7.30pm.	

The meeting concluded at 8.43 pm.