

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 14th October 2024.**

Councillors in attendance: Jo Butler (JB), Derek Heiron (DH), Charlie Blood (CB), Alex Baker (AB), Rachel Blood (RB), Ian Pulley (IP).

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA).

1.	Apologies for Absence.	
Noted	Victoria Coward (VC).	
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	No Cheshire East Councillors were present at the meeting. Clerk attended a network meeting on Teams where CE shared their Transformation plan for the coming years. They spoke about the need to deal with the issues raised in the Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Challenge Review rapidly and their plans for the devolution of assets including libraries, waste management and car parks. Councillors discussed that it may be worth a conversation with CE again about the Parish Council taking over control of the playground and village field.	
Action Noted	Clerk will research this further and produce a costings pros v cons list. RB shared with Council that the plans for the inaudible strips outside the school had met a setback as CE were claiming a consultation would be needed due to the noise they would create. They are now suggesting bricks are laid along the edge of the road as a speeding mitigation, similar to those through the centre of Poynton.	
5.	PCSO comments.	
All Noted	PCSO was not in attendance at the meeting. JB has spoken to PCSO regarding the white van that has been parking up in the layby. The van is taxed and insured so no action can be taken. The police and homeless outreach team came to the village to speak with a man who had been sleeping in the village. He turned down receiving further help and has now been moved on from the village.	

6. Approved	<p>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th September 2024.</p> <p>Approved 4 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="336 618 1265 963"> <tr> <td>D Heiron Expenses – Speaker Repair</td> <td>£</td> <td>43.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Smallwood – Cleaning</td> <td>£</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morgan Fire Protection Ltd – Fire Extinguisher</td> <td>£</td> <td>184.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE – Month 7</td> <td>£</td> <td>53.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary October</td> <td>£</td> <td>214.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hungrytown Band</td> <td>£</td> <td>400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit</td> <td>£</td> <td>252.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gareth Preston Gardener (2 Invoices)</td> <td>£</td> <td>400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£</td> <td>1,608.88</td> </tr> </table> <p>Approved 6 FOR</p> <p>b. Bank Statement Reconciliation.</p> <p>Bank accounts at the end of September 2024</p> <table data-bbox="336 1256 756 1368"> <tr> <td>Current Acc</td> <td>£</td> <td>12,481.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Acc</td> <td>£</td> <td>21,234.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL =</td> <td>£</td> <td>33,715.97</td> </tr> </table> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Direct debits paid in September 2024</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1473 1131 1644"> <tr> <td>BT Broadband</td> <td>£</td> <td>40.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opus Electricity</td> <td>£</td> <td>155.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opus Gas</td> <td>£</td> <td>541.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£</td> <td>29.75</td> </tr> </table> <p>c. Q2 Budget Assessment</p> <p>Clerk presented a budget assessment to Council from Q2 (July – September) drawing their attention to the Gas in which spending is now close to that budgeted for the 24/25 year. This is possibly due to issues with the radiators earlier in the year which have now been fixed. Clerk suggested that the remaining funds assigned to the expected cost of the replacement fascia boards (£1,750) could be added to the gas budget.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>APPROVED 6 FOR.</p>	D Heiron Expenses – Speaker Repair	£	43.85	L Smallwood – Cleaning	£	60.00	Morgan Fire Protection Ltd – Fire Extinguisher	£	184.41	HMRC PAYE – Month 7	£	53.80	Clerk Salary October	£	214.82	Hungrytown Band	£	400.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit	£	252.00	Gareth Preston Gardener (2 Invoices)	£	400.00	Total	£	1,608.88	Current Acc	£	12,481.35	Reserve Acc	£	21,234.62	TOTAL =	£	33,715.97	BT Broadband	£	40.88	Opus Electricity	£	155.23	Opus Gas	£	541.13	Water Plus	£	29.75
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Noted	Clerk also informed Council that total income for Q1&2 excluding precept was £2,408.	
8. All Noted	To update Council on progress with the External Audit. Certified report was received by the external auditors late on 28/09/24. Due to the late receipt, the Certified AGAR 23/24 was published online on 30/09/24 and on the village noticeboard on 01/10/24. In addition to their opinion about Section 1, Assertion 2 discussed at the last meeting, their only other point they wished to draw attention to was that ' <i>The smaller authority was newly formed in 2023/24, thus we have not reviewed any evidence to support the prior year comparatives on the AGAR</i> '. 	
9. Action	To discuss updates on improvements to the playground on the village field including results from the public consultation. No updates. Clerk will email ANSA to ask if anything further is required from the parish council prior to the application they mentioned submitting at the end of this year.	
10. All Noted Action	To note any correspondence received. Morgan Fire Protection emailed a quote of items that council may be interested in adding to the hall. IP informed council that one fire extinguisher had been replaced during the recent inspection and a different one is due for replacement next year, so the items are not currently required. Cheshire East emailed templates to create a new Community Resilience Plan and offering help to create one. This is not required as the Plan was only updated at the start of this year. Peak District National Park have asked for Parish Statements to be checked and for amendments to be emailed so theses can be updated on their website. Clerk has checked over the document and made a couple of amendments and VC has written a list of community aspirations to add to the document. Clerk will email the amendments back.	
11.	To consider Planning applications / decisions received. None.	
12. Noted	Reports from Community Events working party. a. Feedback on Hungrytown Folk Band (28th September) The event was well received. b. The Plot Thickens Comedy Show (2nd November)	

<p>Noted Action</p> <p>All Noted</p>	<p>Tickets are now available to purchase on the website at £12. Tickets will also be available on the door for £15. TENS license will be obtained.</p> <p>c. Remembrance Day 2024 (10th November)</p> <p>Gardener will be asked to jet wash the area surrounding the hall in time for the service.</p> <p>d. To discuss a Village Calendar for the remainder of 2024</p> <p>The community events working party will meet to discuss producing a calendar of events for 2025.</p> <p>There will be a Christmas coffee morning on November 30th. RB will ask if Whaley Bridge Band are available to perform on the day.</p> <p>The seniors Christmas party will be on December 7th.</p>	
<p>13.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved Action</p>	<p>Reports from Grants Applications working party.</p> <p>a. Rural England Prosperity Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital Connectivity Projects. VC has submitted an application for a projector, computer and printer set up for the hall. Awaiting response. - Energy Efficiency Projects. JB suggested that an application could be made under this grant for a replacement door for the hall. The grant requires an EPC for applications and Councillors agreed that one should be obtained for the hall to aid with this and future grant applications. <p>APPROVED 6 FOR.</p> <p>Peak District National Park Foundation has recently launched a new funding pot 'The Community Nature Fund' for landscaping features and fencing. As the outside area at the hall is very small, it was decided that an application would not be made.</p>	
<p>14.</p> <p>All Noted</p>	<p>To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.</p> <p>a. Battery in Fibre Broadband box. Defer to next meeting as VC not present.</p> <p>b. Fascia boards. Work continues.</p> <p>c. – f. No update.</p>	
<p>15.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Update from Local Area Partnership (LAP).</p> <p>A 'Community Right to Challenge' the closure of Poynton and Bollington tips was discussed.</p>	
<p>16.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss hall lettings.</p> <p>The village school hosted a Harvest Festival Event. As this was a Community Event open to all, there was no charge to the school.</p>	

17.	Update on ownership paperwork for the village hall. No updates.	
18. All Noted	Updates on Road Maintenance & Drainage in the village. AB will chase up drainage issues with Highways as some drains in the village are blocked. The collapsed grid on Macclesfield Road by Paddock Lane is still yet to be inspected by CE.	
19.	Items for future meetings. None.	
20.	Items for information. None.	
21. Noted	Date and time of the next meeting. Monday 11 th November 2024 – 7.30pm.	

The meeting concluded at 8.32 pm.