

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

**Councillors in attendance:** Jo Butler (JB), Derek Heiron (DH), Charlie Blood (CB), Rachel Blood (RB), Victoria Coward (VC).

**Parish Clerk:** Michelle Andrew (MA).

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	Ian Pulley (IP), Alex Baker (AB), Jos Saunders (CE-JS), Hayley Whitaker (CE-HW)	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of interest.</b>	
	None.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Public Forum.</b>	
	No members of the public present.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Additional feedback and information sharing with Cheshire East Councillors.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	No Cheshire East Councillors were present at the meeting. RB has been in contact with CE about the speeding measures outside the school and would like to know if any other options are available as it is unlikely that simple road markings will make any difference.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>PCSO comments.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	PCSO was not in attendance at the meeting.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024.</b>	
<b>Approved</b>	Approved <b>4 FOR.</b>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance.</b>	
	<b>a. Payments to be authorised by the council.</b>	
	<b>BACS</b>	
<b>Approved</b>	L Smallwood – Cleaning	£ 70.00
	Autela Payroll Services	£ 75.05
	HMRC PAYE – Month 8	£ 53.60
	Clerk Salary November	£ 215.02

	R Blood Expenses – Remembrance Wreath	£	25.00	
	J Butler Expenses – CRTA Event & Remembrance	£	154.54	
	Gareth Preston Gardener	£	225.00	
	Clerk Expenses – TENS License for CRTA Event	£	21.00	
	CRTA Nov 2024 Event – Just Some Theatre	£	487.00	
	J Butler Expenses – Ket 100 Senior's Party	£	413.41	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,739.62</b>	
	<b>Approved 5 FOR</b>			
	<b>b. Bank Statement Reconciliation.</b>			
	Bank accounts at the end of <b>October 2024</b>			
<b>Noted</b>	Current Acc	£	10,917.49	
	Reserve Acc	£	21,259.90	
	<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>32,177.39</b>	
	<b>Direct debits paid in October 2024</b>			
<b>Noted</b>	<b>BT Broadband</b>	£	40.88	
	<b>Water Plus</b>	£	32.86	
	<b>ICO Subscription Renewal</b>	£	35.00	
	<b>c. Budget 2025/26 &amp; Precept Request</b>			
<b>Noted</b>	Clerk presented a budget for 2025/26 to Council based on end of year forecasts for 2024/25 and estimated inflation increases that may face the Council in the 25/26 financial year. This projected the Precept at £12,700 which was a 4% increase from 24/25. This would lead to a Band D parish precept increase of around £1.39. <b>APPROVED 5 FOR.</b>			
<b>Approved</b>	Clerk will now complete the Precept Request Form and email this to Cheshire East Council prior to the January deadline. A copy of the Budget 25/26 will also be published on the website.			
<b>Action</b>				
<b>8.</b>	<b>To discuss updates on improvements to the playground on the village field including results from the public consultation.</b>			
<b>Noted</b>	ANSA have not yet had a follow up with the National Lottery about this. They will chase.			
<b>9.</b>	<b>To note any correspondence received.</b>			
<b>All Noted</b>	IP emailed Clerk that the second village defibrillator has now been fitted to the wall outside the school and is ready to use. He is currently unable to register it with circuit however. RB will contact circuit to sort this as it is registered with the school.			

<p><b>Approved Action</b> <b>Noted</b></p>	<p>Clerk received the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25 which lists Clerks pay at £12.85 p/h. <b>APPROVED 5 FOR.</b> Clerk will now email Autela with the changes to salary information. Freedom of Information request received from Screaming Frog asking about Christmas lighting and decoration budgets. Council confirmed that the Christmas tree is donated each year and the same lighting is used each year.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider Planning applications / decisions received.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	<p><b>Reports from Community Events working party.</b></p> <p><b>a. Feedback on The Plot Thickens Comedy Show (2<sup>nd</sup> November).</b> This was a very popular event with 46 tickets being sold. Many attendees commented how much they enjoyed the show and Council will be looking out for future shows by the same company.</p> <p><b>b. Feedback on Remembrance Day 2024 (10<sup>th</sup> November).</b> Over 20 people attended the Service.</p> <p><b>c. Christmas Coffee Morning (30<sup>th</sup> November).</b> Coffee morning will take place from 11am – 1pm and Council are asking for cake donations. Entry will be £5 per adult and £3 per child which will include a drink and a cake. RB is going to put together a hamper to the value of £30 for a raffle on the day. <b>APPROVED 4 FOR.</b></p> <p><b>d. Senior’s Christmas Party (7<sup>th</sup> December).</b> Invites will be going out soon. There will be a complimentary welcome drink for guests and further drinks will be available to purchase on the day.</p> <p><b>e. To discuss a Village Calendar for 2025.</b> This is in progress with a couple of dates waiting to be finalised.</p> <p>Clerk received an email regarding VE Day 80 Celebrations that will be taking place on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Working party will discuss options.</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	<p><b>Reports from Grants Applications working party.</b></p> <p><b>a. Rural England Prosperity Fund.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Digital Connectivity Projects.</b> Clerk has received a couple of emailed from CE commissioning and grants Officer asking for clarification for a couple of points made on the grant application. Clerk responded each time and is waiting to hear further.</li> <li>- <b>Energy Efficiency Projects.</b> As the application deadline is December 2024, it is unlikely that there will be time to apply. However, an EPC Certificate will still be obtained so the council is better placed to submit applications for future similar grants.</li> </ul>	

<b>13.</b>	<b>To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.</b>	
<b>All Noted</b>	<p><b>a. Battery in Fibre Broadband box.</b> VC informed Council that the battery in the broadband box is flat. This isn't an issue for everyday use, however would be needed for the WIFI to remain working in the event of a power cut. Councillors decided that as the village hall is named as an incident room in the Community Resilience Plan, constant WIFI would be required. VC will look into this further.</p> <p><b>b. – f.</b> Defer to next meeting.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Update from Local Area Partnership (LAP).</b>	
	No updates.	
<b>15.</b>	<b>To discuss hall lettings.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	A Christening party has booked the hall in January 2025.	
<b>16.</b>	<b>Update on ownership paperwork for the village hall.</b>	
	No updates.	
<b>17.</b>	<b>Updates on Road Maintenance &amp; Drainage in the village.</b>	
	No updates.	
<b>18.</b>	<b>Items for future meetings.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	Fitting a WIFI extender in the hall.	
<b>19.</b>	<b>Items for information.</b>	
	None.	
<b>20.</b>	<b>Date and time of the next meeting.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 7.30pm.	

The meeting concluded at 8.41 pm.