

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held remotely at 7:30pm
Monday 18th January 2021.**

Councillors in attendance: Jo Butler (JB), Ian Pulley (IP), Alex Baker (AB), Rachel Blood (RB), Victoria Coward (VC), Ros Siddall (RS), Derek Heiron (DH), Jos Saunders CE.

Parish Clerk: Janet Gamage (JG)

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Nicky Wylie (Cheshire East), Scott Burdock (PCSO)</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest None</p>	
3.	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Mrs. Alicia Bellshaw, the new Headteacher of St. James's Primary school Kettleshulme, attended the public forum. She introduced herself and gave information on how the school is still working during the lockdown. Some children with parents who are key workers are attending school currently. Some Lime trees in the school carpark are in need of severe pruning or removing. Mrs Bellshaw is interested to hear the views of residents on this. She has ordered several saplings from Wildlife Trust, and these will be planted. The school has also been accepted to join The Cheshire Planting Scheme. It was suggested that Peak National Park may also have similar schemes in place. Mrs Bellshaw agreed to keep St James School on the Community Emergency Plan, as a potential meeting point should an emergency occur. She is also keen to promote links between the school and the community.</p> <p>Mr. P Good, the current owner of the Chapel on Paddock Lane, also attended the public forum. Planning permission has not yet been applied for. Mr. Good's proposed plans are to convert the chapel into 3 dwellings. One 3 bedroomed house accessible from the rear of the chapel, and 2 flats accessible from the front door. One flat is proposed to have 1 bedroom, the second may have 1 or 2 bedrooms. He also proposed demolishing the kitchen at the rear of the chapel to provide an outside area for the rear dwelling. Difficulties in parking provision were raised by councillors. Mr. Good will investigate the planning requirements with PDNP and CE. He was given suggested contacts with CE. An ecological survey has shown that bat access will need to be maintained.</p>	

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<p>4.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors (Including flood updates, New Homes Bonus and Highways updates).</p> <p>JS informed the council that children with only 1 parent as a key worker, are eligible to attend school; a change from the previous rule that both parents had to be keyworkers for the children to be able to attend school. Consequently, some schools in the area have a high percentage of attendance. The definition of a 'key worker' has also been extended to include workers who were not previously.</p> <p>JS also reported that the vaccine programme in the area is progressing well. Concern was raised that teachers should be part of an early vaccination programme.</p> <p>RB reported that staff will be tested regularly at St James's School.</p> <p>JS has enquired about Flatts Lane, following the collapse of the road behind The Swan. She has been informed that the road is unadopted. CE will not, therefore, take responsibility for repairs.</p> <p>Flood warnings have been given for the area on the weather forecast. Drains are still blocked on Side End. Rain pouring down there last week froze on the B5470, causing a hazard for motorists. JS will contact Ian McClellan to express concern that rural areas are suffering due to lack of intervention to alleviate the existing problems.</p>	
<p>5.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>PCSO Comments</p> <p>The PCSO was not present in the online meeting. By email, he informed the Council that there have been thefts of Land Rover Defenders locally. Anyone with one of these vehicles can contact Cheshire Police to ask for a sticker to put in the vehicle, to alert police to pull the vehicle over if it is out during late hours.</p> <p>He also reported several bike thefts from garages and sheds.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To note any correspondence received</p> <p>An enquiry about how busy the B5470 is by a possible future resident. A general response will be sent. (VC)</p> <p>A link to a website showing walks around Cheshire was offered, but will not be attached to the PC website.</p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>Resolved</p>	<p>To agree as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th November 2020.</p> <p>7 FOR</p>	

8.	<p>To Consider Planning Applications Received</p> <p>No applications received.</p>	
9.	<p>To discuss progress with The Neighbourhood Planning/ Emergency Planning / Community Response</p> <p>Noted The draft document has been circulated to councillors. Changes agreed at the last meeting have been put into place. Two villagers who live on the outer edges of the village are to be asked to be holders of the Community Emergency Plan.</p>	
10.	<p>Reports from working parties</p> <p>Noted Christmas deliveries of Turkey sandwiches and mince pies to villagers who were eligible to attend the usual Christmas festivities, were made in December. Many letters of thanks have been received. A lights festival was well supported throughout the village.</p>	
11.	<p>To discuss maintenance of the village hall.</p> <p>Noted The gas boiler has been serviced.</p> <p>Noted A stone mason has been consulted re: the names on the village memorial. The names are becoming harder to read. Quotes to improve this will be given.</p> <p>Noted Planters near the village notice boards will require some attention. Villagers will be gratefully welcomed to tend or plant these.</p>	
12.	<p>To discuss hall lettings and to discuss research made on future payment arrangements</p> <p>Noted No new lettings, and classes etc are suspended due to Covid lockdown. Payment methods have not yet been researched.</p>	
13.	<p>To discuss any updates on the repairs to the Play Area, following the Safety Inspection Report from C East.</p> <p>Noted New rings have been put on the swing chains. The bench in the playground has been returned.</p> <p>Noted Ansa have not replied to a request for information on grants to improve playgrounds. They will be contacted again.</p>	
14.	<p>To discuss renewal of broadband provision.</p> <p>Resolved It was decided to continue with the current BT contract. 7 FOR</p>	

<p>15.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss information on grants offered for broadband provision.</p> <p>JB is investigating the formation of a village community needing superfast broadband. Grants are available, but the community must include several households. The information will be put on the village Facebook page. Names, addresses and phone numbers of interested households need to be forwarded to the PC.</p>																		
<p>16.</p> <p>Resolved</p>	<p>To discuss the Acre suggestion to offer Covid vaccination facilities in the village hall.</p> <p>The hall will be offered if it is requested, provided that it complies with Covid regulations. 7FOR</p>																		
<p>17.</p> <p>Resolved</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Payments authorised by the council</p> <p>BACS 7 FOR</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 864 1378 1240"> <tr> <td>J Gamage salary (December)</td> <td>£176.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Gamage salary (January)</td> <td>£176.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Gamage expenses</td> <td>£ 25.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Smallwood – cleaning</td> <td>£ 50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PKF Littlejohn External audit</td> <td>£240</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC Paye</td> <td>£139.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chalc – Clerk Training</td> <td>£ 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gas Point Services</td> <td>£124</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£963.15</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cheques</p> <p>No cheques</p> <p>Cheques not yet cashed</p> <p>None</p> <p>Bank Statement Reconciliation</p> <p>Bank Accounts at the end of November 2020</p> <p>Current acc £ 12,741.63 Renovation acc £ 37.24</p> <p>Total £ 12,778.87</p> <p>Bank Accounts at the end of December 2020</p> <p>Current acc £13,404.67 Renovation acc £37.24</p> <p>Total £13,404.67</p>	J Gamage salary (December)	£176.88	J Gamage salary (January)	£176.68	J Gamage expenses	£ 25.99	L Smallwood – cleaning	£ 50	PKF Littlejohn External audit	£240	HMRC Paye	£139.60	Chalc – Clerk Training	£ 30	Gas Point Services	£124	Total	£963.15
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18. Noted	Items for future meetings Deeds for the village hall are still being sought. Time limits to speakers in the public forum.	
19. Noted	Items for information Waterplus have now set up a new account for the Memorial Hall, following a mistake made by them. The last account was in credit by £79.98. This has been transferred to the new account, leaving an outstanding bill of £92.15 to pay. Additional grant payments have been received from CE.	
19	Date & Time of Next Meeting Monday 15 th February 2021 at 7.30pm via the Zoom platform.	

The meeting concluded at 9:10 pm.