

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

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

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	Ian Pulley (IP), Rachel Blood (RB) 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. CE-HW informed clerk that she had contacted Highways about the B5470 road collapse / closure and highlighted the need to maintain buses and waste collections. Clerk also received a reply to an email sent to CE Structures that a webpage would shortly be set up on the Cheshire East website detailing updates on the closure. RB was unable to attend the meeting but informed Clerk beforehand that the village primary school have had to cancel swimming lessons for the term because the bus diversion was taking an hour each way.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>PCSO comments.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	PCSO was not in attendance at the meeting. Next surgery date scheduled for January 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	
<b>6.</b>	<b>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.</b>	
<b>Approved</b>	Approved 4 FOR.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> December 2024.</b>	
<b>Approved</b>	Approved 3 FOR.	

<b>8.</b>	<b>Finance.</b>	
	<b>a. Payments to be authorised by the council.</b>	
	<b>BACS</b>	
<b>Approved</b>	L Smallwood – Cleaning	£ 138.00
	HMRC PAYE – Month 9	£ 79.20
	HMRC PAYE – Month 10	£ 56.60
	Clerk Salary December (inc. uplift)	£ 316.14
	Clerk Salary January	£ 226.10
	Clerk Expenses – Printer Ink	£ 57.90
	Gareth Preston Gardener	£ 50.00
	Gas Point Services – Boiler Inspection	£ 135.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,058.94</b>
	<b>Approved 5 FOR</b>	
	<b>b. Bank Statement Reconciliation.</b>	
<b>Noted</b>	Bank accounts at the end of <b>November 2024</b>	
	Current Acc	£ 10,355.23
	Reserve Acc	£ 21,282.70
	<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>£ 31,637.93</b>
<b>Noted</b>	Bank accounts at the end of <b>December 2024</b>	
	Current Acc	£ 12,204.77
	Reserve Acc	£ 21,307.89
	<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>£ 33,512.66</b>
<b>Noted</b>	<b>Direct debits paid in November 2024</b>	
	<b>BT Broadband</b>	£ 40.88
	<b>EDF Energy - Gas</b>	£ 42.14
	<b>Water Plus</b>	£ 41.54
<b>Noted</b>	<b>Direct debits paid in December 2024</b>	
	<b>EDF Energy - Electricity</b>	£ 198.69
	<b>BT Broadband</b>	£ 40.88
	<b>EDF Energy - Electricity</b>	£ 100.89
	<b>EDF Energy - Gas</b>	£ 594.33
	<b>Water Plus</b>	£ 36.78

<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	<p><b>c. Update Council on Precept request.</b></p> <p>Clerk submitted a Precept request form to Cheshire East for the agreed amount of £12,700 for 2024/25. A copy of the Budget 25/26 will also be published on the website. <b>5 FOR.</b></p> <p><b>d. Q3 Budget Update.</b></p> <p>Clerk made Council aware that the utilities were approaching the budgeted total for the year with a couple of months remaining still. However, the forecast spend for the year across the entire budget was as per the budget. This will be assessed again next month.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>To discuss updates on improvements to the playground on the village field.</b></p> <p>No update.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p> <p><b>All Noted</b></p>	<p><b>To note any correspondence received.</b></p> <p>Clerk received an email from Tim Roca MP in response to a letter sent to him regarding the increase in fly-tipping in the area and the residents and Parish Councils concerns over the closure of the local waste disposal centres in Poynton and Bollington. He stated how he has previously emphasised, with Cheshire East Council, the need to review the decision on the closure of the tips and an increased enforcement / surveillance to deter fly-tipping.</p> <p>Clerk received an email from Cheshire East Council detailing the recharge that will be due to the Parish Council for the Parish Elections in May 2027 should the election be contested. The charges for Kettleshulme &amp; Lyme Handley Parish Council would be £271.60 and CE have suggested making accrued financial provisions for this charge across the next 3 financial years. Clerk suggested to Council that due to the relatively low recharge to the Parish Council, instead of amending the Precept for 2025/26, this could be accrued within 2026/27 and 2027/28 at £135.80 per year instead.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider Planning applications / decisions received.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p><b>12.</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 Remembrance Day 2024 (10<sup>th</sup> November).</b> Event praised and tea party afterwards was enjoyed.</p> <p><b>b. Feedback on Christmas Coffee Morning (30<sup>th</sup> November).</b> Event was well attended.</p> <p><b>c. Feedback on Senior's Christmas Party (7<sup>th</sup> December).</b> Feedback about the event has been positive.</p>	

<b>All Noted</b>	<p><b>d. To discuss upcoming events and the Village Calendar for 2025.</b></p> <p>Due to a few events not having dates confirmed, a calendar has been difficult to build. Instead, Council decided that more advance notice would be given to residents prior to an event to ensure maximum attendance was possible.</p> <p>Upcoming events currently being planned include...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CRTA Event on April 5<sup>th</sup> 'Gus Glyn Routes to Classics'.</li> <li>- Kett-together around the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration in May.</li> <li>- Band event in October.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>13.</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved Action</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>Reports from Grants Applications working party.</b></p> <p><b>a. Rural England Prosperity Fund.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>- Digital Connectivity Projects Update.</b></p> <p>The grant application was successful and £2,000 has been received to go towards a laptop, printer and projector for the village hall.</p> <p>Clerk brought some laptop and printer options to the meeting and Councillors agreed to the purchase of a laptop around the £170-180 price range and a toner wireless printer at £85. <b>5 FOR.</b></p> <p>DH also found a motorised projector screen for £150 which Councillors also agreed to purchase. <b>5 FOR.</b></p> <p>DH will look at options for the projector to bring to the next meeting.</p> <p>Clerk will seek some quotes for an EPC Certificate for the village hall to bring to the next meeting as Councillors believe that this will aid future grant applications for the hall.</p>	
<p><b>14.</b></p> <p><b>Noted Action</b></p> <p><b>Noted Action</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	<p><b>To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.</b></p> <p><b>a. Battery in Fibre Broadband box.</b></p> <p>VC brought 2 options for an external battery supply of different powers. VC will investigate these further to find out how long the battery life is in the case of a power cut.</p> <p><b>b. WIFI extender.</b></p> <p>Councillors discussed adding a WIFI extender either outside or in the kitchen to enable to WIFI to reach out into the garden. VC will first try her extender in the kitchen to see if it will reach through the walls of the kitchen and into the garden as they are very thick. Discussions to continue at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>c. Fascia Boards.</b></p> <p>Work ongoing.</p> <p><b>d. – g.</b></p> <p>Defer to next meeting.</p>	
<b>All Noted</b>	<p><b>15. Update from Local Area Partnership (LAP).</b></p> <p>Clerk and VC attended an LAP meeting on January 16th. Poynton &amp; Bollington Town Councils shared that their attempts to take on the responsibility of running the recently closed waste recycling centres had been rejected by CE.</p> <p>Clerk took from the meeting that it may be possible for the Parish Council to provide grit bins around the village provided the Council themselves did not</p>	

<b>Action</b>	distribute the grit onto the roads and footpaths themselves. Clerk will email the insurance company to check liability for this.	
<b>16.</b>	<b>To discuss hall lettings.</b>  Defer to next meeting as RB not present.	
<b>17.</b>  <b>Action</b>  <b>Approved Action</b>	<b>Update on ownership paperwork for the village hall.</b>  IP was not present at the meeting for an update. Councillors agreed that whilst this is ongoing, a new Trust should be formed as any previous trust will be very outdated. <b>5 FOR.</b> Solicitor quotes will be sought.	
<b>18.</b>  <b>Noted Action</b>	<b>Updates on Road Maintenance &amp; Drainage in the village.</b>  See point 4 regarding the collapse of the B5470 between Kettleshulme & Rainow. Clerk will keep chasing for updates on the closure. A few potholes around the village have been reported but not yet assessed by CE.	
<b>19.</b>  <b>Noted</b>	<b>Items for future meetings.</b>  Add B5470 closure as an Agenda item.	
<b>20.</b>  <b>Noted</b>	<b>Items for information.</b>  Clerk submitted a VAT return covering Q2 & Q3 and the return has been received into the bank.	
<b>21.</b>  <b>Noted</b>	<b>Date and time of the next meeting.</b>  Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 7.30pm.	

The meeting concluded at 8.51 pm.