

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 18th March 2024.**

Councillors in attendance: Derek Heiron (DH), Charlie Blood (CB), Victoria Coward (VC), Rachel Blood (RB), Alex Baker (AB), Ian Pulley (IP), Jo Butler (JB), Jos Saunders (CE-JS)

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1.	Apologies for Absence.	
Noted	All Parish Councillors present.	
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	A meeting was held on the closure of the Household Waste & Recycling Centre in Bollington with many concerns raised about the distance some residents will have to travel to the next closest centre, as well as a possible increase in fly-tipping in the area. RB and CE-JS have been in contact with ANSA about the playground improvements and an initial application is now being worked on by them after some changes to National Lottery Funding. Councillors emphasised how the changes will be for the whole community to include new benches and pathway.	
Action	RB will now put together a Consultation to share with residents and family's from the village school for feedback about what they would like to see as part of the improvements.	
5.	PCSO comments.	
Noted	PCSO was not in attendance at the meeting. Next Surgery is scheduled for Thursday 4 th April 6-7pm.	
6.	To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th February 2024.	
Approved	Approved 6 FOR.	

<p>7.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Finance.</p> <p>a. Payments to be authorised by the council.</p> <p>BACS</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 434 1267 741"> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary March</td> <td>£</td> <td>214.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Smallwood – Cleaning</td> <td>£</td> <td>68.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ChALC Training – Y/E for Councils under 25k</td> <td>£</td> <td>30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE – Q4</td> <td>£</td> <td>161.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses - Paper</td> <td>£</td> <td>4.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses – Norton Antivirus Renewal</td> <td>£</td> <td>11.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses – Namesco Renewal</td> <td>£</td> <td>420.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£</td> <td>910.95</td> </tr> </table> <p>Approved 7 FOR</p> <p>Cheques None issued or waiting to be cashed.</p> <p>b. Bank Statement Reconciliation.</p> <p>Bank accounts at the end of February 2024</p> <table data-bbox="336 1111 756 1218"> <tr> <td>Current Acc</td> <td>£</td> <td>8,119.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Acc</td> <td>£</td> <td>25,303.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL =</td> <td>£</td> <td>33,422.95</td> </tr> </table> <p>Direct debits paid in February 2024</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1326 1134 1538"> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£</td> <td>23.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT Broadband</td> <td>£</td> <td>36.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opus Electricity</td> <td>£</td> <td>119.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opus Gas</td> <td>£</td> <td>681.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£</td> <td>31.52</td> </tr> </table>	Clerk Salary March	£	214.82	L Smallwood – Cleaning	£	68.65	ChALC Training – Y/E for Councils under 25k	£	30.00	HMRC PAYE – Q4	£	161.20	Clerk Expenses - Paper	£	4.15	Clerk Expenses – Norton Antivirus Renewal	£	11.19	Clerk Expenses – Namesco Renewal	£	420.94	Total	£	910.95	Current Acc	£	8,119.33	Reserve Acc	£	25,303.62	TOTAL =	£	33,422.95	Water Plus	£	23.23	BT Broadband	£	36.04	Opus Electricity	£	119.91	Opus Gas	£	681.89	Water Plus	£	31.52	
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<p>8.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss updates on improvements to the playground on the village field.</p> <p>Discussed above – Point 4.</p>																																																	
<p>9.</p>	<p>To note any correspondence received.</p> <p>None.</p>																																																	
<p>10.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To consider Planning applications / decisions received.</p> <p>NP/CEC/0324/0252 – Councillors have no objections to this application.</p>																																																	

<p>11.</p> <p>All Noted</p>	<p>Reports from Community Events working party.</p> <p>a. D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebration (8th June) Whaley Bridge Band will play during the event, time tbc. Similar to previous events, an outdoor picnic (bring your own food) will be held provided the weather is good. The event will move into the hall in the event of bad weather. The Community Events working party will meet to discuss further and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>b. Remembrance Day 2024 Plans to apply to temporarily close the road for a Remembrance Day service will be looked at from May time.</p> <p>RB has enquired into booking a folk band for September time and JB will check upcoming CRTA events.</p>	
<p>12.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss the burial of the Kettleshulme Village time capsule.</p> <p>JB suggested the burial could take place during the D-Day event on June 8th. Discussions will continue on what to include and the exact location for the burial.</p>	
<p>13.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.</p> <p>a. Replacement gardener Clerk has been in contact with a gardener who is willing to carry out work around the hall and garden. His rate would be £25 per hour. This is a slightly higher cost than the previous gardener however Clerk informed Council that 2 hours a month between April – November would still fit within the budget approved for 2024/25. A jet wash would be charged at an additional £100, however AB is willing to do the jet washing ad hoc instead to save money. Approved 7 FOR.</p> <p>JB also suggested to keep an eye on how frequently Cheshire East cut the grass on the field over the summer.</p> <p>b. Fascia Boards Funds have been transferred for the materials, which have been ordered. Work to commence later this month.</p> <p>c. – f. Defer to next meeting.</p> <p>There is an issue with the boiler not turning off correctly. An engineer will be contacted to come and check it.</p>	
<p>14.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss hall lettings.</p> <p>A few parties have booked the hall over the next couple of months.</p>	

<p>15.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Update on ownership paperwork for the village hall.</p> <p>IP suggested next steps will likely involve a solicitor and therefore legal fees to aid in locating copies of the deeds. Clerk suggested that the Council's financial reserves could be reassessed to assign a portion to these possible fees. To be reassessed at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>16.</p> <p>All Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Updates on Road Maintenance in the village.</p> <p>a. Drainage issues. A resident has reported a blocked drain close to their house that requires them to occasionally use sandbags to prevent water from entering the property. Clerk received a response to an email sent to Cheshire East Highways in January 2023 stating that 106 out of 160 (66%) gullies in Kettleshulme have been cleaned. A small number are difficult to access, and a smaller vehicle will be arranged for the 2024/25 financial year. The remaining gullies have a combination of jammed / seized covers and have been added to a future replacement programme. The cleaning schedule has been changed based on silt levels recorded.</p> <p>b. Winter gritting updates. Clerk received a response to an emailed sent to Cheshire East Highways in January 2023 stating that a recently appointed Network Resilience and Policy Manager would be in contact to discuss the grit bins and was contacted asking for road names / locations of where the grit bins were located to be able to have an assessment carried out in each location. Clerk emailed a response detailing the locations but has yet to receive a response. Clerk will chase for an update.</p>	
<p>17.</p>	<p>Items for future meetings.</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>18.</p>	<p>Items for information.</p> <p>Clerk attended a course on AGAR requirements for Councils with income & expenditure under £25,000. As a newly formed Council, Kettleshulme & Lyme Handley Parish Council will be unable to exempt from External Audit for a period of 3 years. Clerk has sought advice regarding the 2023/24 AGAR figures and what to include in the prior year comparative figures. PKF Littlejohn confirmed that these should be zero, as should the opening balance for 2023/24. The transfer of funds from the dissolved Kettleshulme Parish Council will be included as income for 2023/24.</p> <p>Clerk also attended a Cheshire East Electoral Review Briefing which is seeking to reassess the current warding arrangements for Cheshire East. The first consultation is open until April 1st after which time the Local Government Boundary Commission will publish a draft proposal with a second consultation being open from 30th July to 7th October. They urge as many residents and Councils as possible to have their say on the</p>	

	changes. More information can be found at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/news/press-release/have-your-say-new-political-map-cheshire-east-council .	
23.	Date and time of the next meeting.	
Noted	Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 15 th April 2024 – 7.00pm. Ordinary Meeting – Monday 15 th April 2024 – 7.30pm.	

The meeting concluded at 8.22 pm.