

**WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT** Councillor T Lightfoot (Chairman)  
  
Councillors S Brownell, M A Cooke, R Ellison-Jones  
S Howcroft, P Jackson, J Mahon and M Pike

**APOLOGIES** Councillor R Masser

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor J Clowes  
3 Local Residents

**97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interest in any item on the Agenda.  
No declarations were made.

**98. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**99. OPEN FORUM-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

In accordance with the Standing Orders members of the public were invited to ask questions or address the Parish Council.

Questions were asked regarding the budget for 2018/2019 and the level of precept to be levied. There was a balance to be found to ensure that continuing improvements to the Parish can be achieved whilst holding the precept at a modest level.

**100. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Low water pressure.**

Further to discussions at previous meetings discussions were continuing to ensure that all necessary work was carried out by United Utilities to ensure an adequate pressure for the area.

A letter was being prepared by United Utilities to inform residents of the ongoing work to restore the water pressure.

In certain instances residents would also benefit from a credit to their accounts by way of compensation for the inconvenience incurred. These letters were to be dispatched by the end of December.

**(b) Fixed SID.**

Councillor R Masser had been authorised to make further enquiries as to the availability of units and suitable sites

A meeting would be arranged with Cheshire East highways to consider the matter and other highways issues affecting the Parish.

**(c) S106 proposals**

The Chairman reported on discussions with Cheshire East Officers.

The land had now been cleared and plans would be obtained to enable tenders to be sought and a licence obtained from the Department of the Environment to permit the gabion boxes to be installed.

A meeting was to be arranged to enable further information regarding costs and detailed proposals to be obtained.

**(d) Grit Bins**

Further to the discussions at the previous meeting the Clerk had approached Cheshire East Council to request a supply of slat/grit to enable paths and the car park to be treated. At this stage no supplies had been received and this would be pursued.

**101. VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor M Pike reported on the appointment of a caretaker/bookings officer for the Hall.

A key safe was to be installed outside the hall to facilitate access to authorised persons.

Some damage had occurred in the toilets due to the low water pressure not filling the tanks sufficiently and users accidentally damaging the flushing mechanism.

New start up rates for the hire of the hall for new users had been introduced and the PCSO had been issued with a key to use the hall for official duties.

**102. HIGHWAYS REPORT (SID)**

The latest SID report had been circulated.

**103. POLICE MATTERS**

The next Cluster Meeting was to be held in the New Year and items for discussion were invited.

**104. WYBUNBURY WARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.**

A report of the Steering Group meeting had been circulated to members.

The Autumn update had been distributed to local residents.

Mr A Thomson had been appointed as planning consultant to assist with the plan and signs were to be erected to indicate that this was a Neighbourhood Plan area. It was expected that the Plan would achieve Regulation 14 status by April/May 2018.

**105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following applications:-

**17/1160N THE BYRES, WYBUNBURY LANE, WYBUNBURY, CW5 7HD**

This application was now subject to appeal.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to the Planning Inspectorate to indicate that whilst the Parish Council does not wish to add to its previous comments it does fully support the refusal.

**17/6058N 94, STOCK LANE, WYBUNBURY, CW5 7EX**

**Alterations to form dormer windows.**

**RESOLVED** That no objection be raised subject to the materials to be used matching the original in colour, texture and design and the roof detail matching the main house roof in design and finish.

**17/6187N Bridge House, LONDON ROAD, STAPELEY, CW5 7JX**

**Proposed replacement dwelling and outbuilding with associated parking, access and drainage arrangements.**

**RESOLVED** That no objection be raised subject to the building not being used for living accommodation or for office space without a further planning approval

**106. BUDGET 2018/2019**

The Parish Council considered the report of the Clerk to the Council on budget proposals for 2018/2019.

**RESOLVED** (a) that the Assets List, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessments as now submitted be approved.

(b) That the budget for 2018/2019 as now submitted and appended to these Minutes be approved and adopted.

(c) That the precept for 2018/2019 be set at £21,350.

**107. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR**

Councillor J Clowes reported on an increase in rural crime particularly opportunist theft. Members were asked to bring this to the attention of residents.

The HS2 consultation period was coming to a conclusion and responses were required.

The Local Plan would need to be revised to take account of HS2. Parts of the Wybunbury Borough Ward could be allocated as Green Gap areas.

**108. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary November 2017	373.68
R Bate Gardening Services 100.00	
Clean and paint finger post 20.00	120.00

T Lightfoot purchase of sleepers		199.80
	<b>31</b>	
P Jackson computer inks		65.00
HMRC-Tax collected		250.20

**109. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.**

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**CHAIRMAN**