

WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 14 MARCH 2011 VILLAGE HALL, MAIN ROAD, WYBUNBURY, 7:30pm

Present: Mr P Jackson; Mr N Arnott; Mr R Clarke, Mrs B Colbert; Mrs S Brownell; Mr T Lightfoot;
Mr R Ellison-Jones; Mr D Duthie

Also in attendance: Parish Council Internal Auditor; Cheshire East Cllr R Walker; one member of the public

1.0 APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

Apologies received and accepted from Mr S Howcroft

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded Members of the statutory requirements and asked for declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

- No declarations were made.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No items raised.

4.0 MINUTES

Mr D Duthie asked for his name to be amended at item 4.0 to read 'Mr D Duthie' and to add Mr J Driver's name at the end of item 9.1. Once these amendments had been made; it was

Proposed by Mr R Clarke and seconded by Mrs S Brownell

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6.0 TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATE – CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Due to a representative from Cheshire East Borough Council being in attendance (Chris Allman), this item was brought forward.

Mr C Allman gave a detailed report on the proposed arrangements for 'Local Service Delivery'. Approximately 17 Parish Council's and 9 Town Councils had expressed an interest (Wybunbury being one).

In summary, the term Local Service Delivery was the transfer of assets and the devolution of services (eg. grounds maintenance, street cleaning, public toilets maintenance) from the Borough Council to local Town/Parish Councils. A percentage transfer of the budget (from Council Tax) would also be transferred. Mr C Allman said that Town and Parish Council's could share services with others to help reduce costs. If Town and Parish Council's were to have the services transferred, this would mean that all Council Tax generated from each Parish would be spent within the Parish.

Cheshire East were also liaising with ChALC about this.



5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Sally Clarke's Lane – Transfer of land from Cheshire East Council

The Chairman referred to the letter received from Mr J Driver of Hibberts LLP Solicitors.

Proposed by Mr P Jackson and seconded by Mr T Lightfoot, it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would go ahead with the transfer of land from Cheshire East Council and instruct Hibberts to act on the Parish Councils behalf.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to find out how much the solicitors cost would be.

5.2 Sally Clarke's Lane – Garage Site Rent Renewals

The Clerk confirmed that the final rent payment had now been received. The Chairman asked Members to enquire if any residents wanted to rent a plot.

7.0 UNITARY COUNCILLORS UPDATE

Cllr R Walker updated Members on the following items:

7.1 Nantwich Local Area Partnership Update

Cllr R Walker said that more publicity had been requested to promote the good works of the LAPs. The Area Management Group and the Highways Group had both met recently respectively to discuss works in progress. Meetings progressing well.

Cllr R Walker referred to the next LAP Assembly entitled 'Young People's event' which had been arranged for 25 March 2011. Cllr R Walker encouraged attendance.

7.2 War Memorial Working Group

Cllr R Walker said that the group hoped to meet as soon as possible. Cllr R Walker asked Members if they had seen the 'newsletters etc' dating back to the world wars which had been found.

8.0 PARISH PLAN UPDATE

The Chairman explained that the WREN funding would be given for the second phase of the project, funding for the first phase was from Cheshire East. Cllr R Walker added that he was to believe works were due to commence on the playground renovation any day now.

9.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

No planning applications received for comment.

10.0 FINANCE

The Clerk informed Members that the following payments needed approval:

- £240.50 – Clerk Salary
- £58.08 – Cheshire West & Chester Council (combined Pension contributions)
- £22.50 – Mr P Sinclair, payment for website maintenance works
- £70.00 – Mr D Green, Lengthsperson duties (7hrs)
- £30.00 – Member Reimbursement for Mr R Clarke
- £30.00 – Member Reimbursement for Mr R Ellison-Jones
- £30.00 – Member Reimbursement for Mr T Lightfoot
- £30.00 – Member Reimbursement for Mrs B Colbert
- £30.00 – Member Reimbursement for Mr N Arnott
- £30.00 – Member Reimbursement for Mr D Duthie
- £225.00 – Chairman's Expenses



£175.00 – Internal Auditor Honorarium
 £16.98 – Clerk reimbursement for replacement laptop charger.

Proposed by Mr R Clarke and seconded by Mr T Lightfoot, it was **AGREED** that the above accounts be settled.

The Chairman commented on how well Mr D Green had undertaken litter picking duties last month – he had seen great improvement. Members agreed.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items for correspondence received for consideration.

12.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Condition of driveway and car park leading to playing field

Mr R Ellison-Jones confirmed that works had been done and humps had been laid; however, pot holes had already started to develop after the second hump nearer the car park. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Cheshire East.

13.2 River bank damage

Mr R Ellison-Jones reported that a resident who backed on to the river opposite the piece of land owned by the Parish Council had recently put wooden stakes into the river bank in an attempt to protect his land from erosion. These stakes were now causing the river to push against the Parish Councils land and subsequently erode the soil. Mr R Ellison-Jones said that the River Agency had been contacted but they were unable to assist.

After a short discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact the Environment Agency to see if they could assist. Cllr R Walker **AGREED** to speak with Planning Officers at Cheshire East. The Chairman also asked the Clerk to speak with Mr J Driver to seek legal advice.

13.3 'Shavington Triangle'

Mr D Duthie referred to a letter which he had received and explained in detail. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Shavington Parish Council to find out what their views were and to ask if they would share any information about the matter. Mr R Clarke also **AGREED** to speak Members of Shavington Parish Council.

13.4 Speed Limit

It was reported that cars travelling at the national speed limit along Wybunbury Lane was not safe and that a 40mph speed limit should be enforced.

13.5 HGVs

Mr R Ellison-Jones reported that HGVs continued to drive through the village overnight, breaking the 'weight limit' in force. The Clerk **AGREED** to report to Trading Standards.

Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: That the date of the next Meeting would be held on Monday 11 April 2011, 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Wybunbury.

Chairman:.....

Date:..... 11-4-2011.....