

**WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 16 July 2012  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WYBUNBURY**

- PRESENT:** Councillor P Jackson Chairman  
Councillor N Arnott Vice Chairman
- Councillors S Brownell, T Lightfoot, S Howcroft, D Duthie and J Mahon
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors R Ellison-Jones and B Colbert
- IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Marilyn Houston, CEC Cllr. J Clowes and four members of the public.

**1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were invited to declare at that time, or as agenda items came up, any personal or prejudicial interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and, if necessary, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

The following Councillors declared a personal interest at this point: Cllr. Lightfoot in Little Island Nursery; Cllr Duthie in Wybunbury Triangle and Cllr. Howcroft in Village Hall Insurance.

**2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, members of the public were able to ask questions or address the Parish Council.

None at this time.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 June 2012**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING****4.1 Little Island Nurseries – Manage Floodlights**

Cllr. Clowes explained the legal process that Planning have gone through and a discussion ensued regarding continuing concerns. The meeting was closed to allow residents to express their views and Councillors responded. The point was again made that this matter was now out of the control of the Planning Department. The problem needs to be monitored and taken up with Environmental Health. The only other alternative is for the decision process to be questioned with the Ombudsman and this can only be done by residents themselves. The meeting was reopened.

**4.2 War Memorial**

The Chairman reported that the War Memorial Committee had received a favourable response from both the War Memorial Trust and Cheshire East Council. A grant may be available towards the cost of the paving. They are awaiting approval of the suggestion that sandstone should be the material that is used.

Cllr Clowes asked for details of war memorials in the Parish and their maintenance as Cheshire East Members have expressed an interest in what is being done throughout Cheshire East.

**4.3 Dog Bins**

The Clerk and Cllr. Clowes are in communication with Streetscape concerning arrangements for these to be emptied.

**4.4 Speed Indication Devise**

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Cllr Mahon reported that this will be in use after the new stand is delivered.

#### 4.5. **Housing Needs Survey**

The Clerk reported on the arrangement that had been made with Fiona Mahon to undertake the task of collating the results of the survey. The completed spreadsheet has been sent to CEC Rural Housing Enabling Officer for the report to be produced. The Clerk agreed to send a letter of thanks to the Wybunbury Triangle Group for the huge effort they had put into distributing and collecting questionnaires. 283 were returned out of 620. The Clerk agreed to circulate the results by email.

#### 4.6 **Other items relating to previous minutes**

Cllr. Clowes reported on the response to the McTaggart and Mickel consultation on the development proposed for the Wybunbury triangle. Respondents had commented that the questions were framed in such a way as to presuppose agreement to the scheme. A press release had been sent out expressing this dissatisfaction. There are likely to be articles in the press to follow. The Wybunbury Housing Survey indicated a demand for 11 homes only over the next 5 years. It was suggested that the survey be forwarded to the Head of Housing and Planning at Cheshire East.

### 5 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

#### 5.1 **Highways Maintenance**

The potholes on Main Road have been reported again. The continuing problem of flooding on the roads is partly due to drains disintegrating in the adjoining fields. It was explained that the flooded gully at the junction of Main Road and the garden of 18 Gorsey Bank Crescent is being caused by a disconnected pipe that could easily be made good. Highways are going through procedures to contact the landowner. Cllr Clowes reported that Highways are inundated with work due to the bad weather.

#### 5.2 **Street Lighting**

There were no matters to report.

#### 5.3 **Other maintenance**

The high footpath in Bridge St that leads to the school was being mowed earlier in the day.

### 6 **CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor J Clowes gave an update.

- The Public Rights of Way Officer has been liaising with the landowner, adjacent neighbors and a representative from Natural England regarding the diversion to footpath 4. Cllr. Lightfoot declared a personal interest. An email had been circulated explaining that what was being discussed was a Public Path Creation Agreement. This creates a Public Right of Way and is a written agreement between the Council (Cheshire East) and the landowner. The route would be shown on the Definitive map. This is a slightly different procedure as it is creating a new route, across the top of the field and roughly parallel with the route on Plan WCA/005. It would be at a sufficient distance from it to permit heavy vehicles/trailers etc. to access through the gate and turn. Written permission had already obtained from Natural England to lay a non-permanent grass protection mesh across the top of the field for this purpose. This would enable work to be carried out safely on the derelict barn. The meeting was closed to enable the neighbour who was present to ask if this was a permanent arrangement. Cllr. Clowes explained that if mutually agreed it would be. The meeting was reopened.
- Members were informed of the CEC Health and Wellbeing priorities including consultations on Healthwatch the new consumer health champion.

## 7 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

### 7.1. Cllr Howcroft reported on the Parish Plan

The Playbuilder group are arranging for benches to be installed on the playground. Community services have been strimming around the churchyard.

7.2. The Chairman and Cllr Arnott had attended the Crewe and Nantwich area meeting. The minutes will be circulated.

## 8 SALLY CLARKES LANE

Councillor Brownell tabled a list of issues that needed to be discussed and agreed. This was deferred to the next meeting to give Members time to study it. In the meantime Cllr Brownell agreed to arrange a meeting between the group and James Thomson to ask for clarification, provided this was on a no cost basis.

There have been incidents of fly tipping in this area. The Clerk agreed to report this to Streetscape.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS

9.1. There had been no planning applications received for comment.

9.2. 12/1698N - Stock Lane has been withdrawn

9.3. 12/2002N – Wood Cottage. The following agreed comments had been circulated by email and sent to CEC Planning.

The parish council considers the design as submitted does not match the existing property style or other properties within the conservation area, but the council are mindful that the property is in a very poor structural state & needs to be replaced sooner rather than later.

Therefore the Parish Council offers no objection to the current proposed dwelling as long as works are started within the next 6 months & the property is secure in the mean time.

## 10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 10.1 Village Hall Insurance

Deferred to next meeting.

### 10.2 Decision on Payment

Cllr Mahon declared an interest.

Members were asked to consider the level of payment to be authorised to Fiona Mahon for the production of the Housing Survey results. This had taken more than 3 days to complete and the quote had been for £100 per day.

**RESOLVED:** That a payment of £300 be authorised

### 10.3 Authorisation of Payments

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

£188.52	Ms M Houston (Clerk) – salary for July
£100.00	Mr D Green – Lengthsman duties June
£382.56	Mr D Green – Planters maintenance
£23.99	Cllr J Mahon – costs incurred in resolving problem with website

## 11 CORRESPONDENCE

Items of correspondence had been circulated.

## 12 SHARED ITEMS

Parish Councillors were invited to share information or request items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.

None

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13 August 2012**

.....Chairman.....Date