

**WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
HELD 8th MAY 2017**

PRESENT Councillor T Lightfoot (Chairman)

Councillors S Brownell, M A Cooke, R Ellison-Jones,
S Howcroft, P Jackson, J Mahon and R Masser.

APOLOGIES Councillor M Pike

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
3 Local Residents

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor T Lightfoot be elected serve as Chairman until the next Annual Meeting.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor R Ellison-Jones be elected serve as Vice Chairman until the next Annual Meeting.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: That members be appointed to serve as indicated:-

Chalc Area Meeting	Councillors T Lightfoot and P Jackson
Village Hall Management Committee	Councillor R Masser
Sally Clarkes Lane Committee Mr and Mrs Clarke	Councillors T Lightfoot, S Brownell and M Cooke
Tower Group	Councillor J Mahon
Wybunbury United Charities Trust	Mrs B Colbert, Mr D Duthie Councillor P Jackson (Estates representative)
Wybunbury/Shavington Triangle Development Monitoring Group	Councillors T Lightfoot and P Jackson
Wybunbury Traffic Management Group	Councillors R Ellison-Jones and R Masser

Combined Parishes Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Councillors P Jackson, M Pike, S Howcroft and T Lightfoot

5. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10TH APRIL 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 10th April 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. 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.

It was reported that hard-core had been laid on an area of land at Cockshades Farm to facilitate the storage of caravans. This area was clearly visible from Wybunbury Moss and did not have the benefit of planning permission. The Clerk was asked to report this matter to the Planning Officers and bring to the attention of Hough and Chorlton Parish Council.

A road sign in Bridge Street was being obscured by an over-grown hedge and the Clerk was asked to write to Smiths Gore to request that the hedge be cut back.

7. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Low water pressure.

Members were pleased to welcome Courtney Kimberley of United Utilities who explained steps being taken to alleviate the continuing problem of low water pressure in the Parish. Since January five additional pressure sensors had been installed. The low pressure was due to a blockage, partially closed valve or a leak in the system.

As a result of the on-going inconvenience consumers may qualify for a discount on their accounts.

Further investigations would be carried out, including some overnight, in an effort to remedy the problem. Once the situation is resolved a second permanent monitoring point would be established.

(b) Sally Clarkes Lane S106 Agreement.

It was reported that a meeting was to be arranged to discuss the situation regarding the payment of the S106 monies and plans to install gabion boxes.

8. VILLAGE HALL

An area of fencing was to be straightened and painted and work on the toilet refurbishment would begin on 14th May.

The defibrillator had been relocated to the front of the Hall where it would be better lit and more visible.

9. HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT (SID)

The report of the SID readings from Bridge Street had been circulated and this showed that vehicles were regularly exceeding the speed limit and travelling at dangerous speeds through the area.

The Clerk was requested to forward this information to the Police and Crime Commissioner with a view to urgent enforcement action being taken.

A number of traffic cones had also been noticed in the area and these had been brought to the attention of PCSO N Jarvis.

Councillor P Jackson reported that the application for financial assistance towards the purchase of an additional SID had been successful. Minute Number 130 (2016/2017) refers.

It was reported that the fixed SID could be replaced with two speed warning signs and it was agreed that this matter be discussed with Cheshire East Officers.

10. POLICE MATTERS

Councillor S Howcroft had circulated the Cluster Group report.

The complaints regarding heavily laden tractors using the Village Roads and exceeding the weight limit and speed limit had been passed to the Police and the situation had been resolved.

11. WYBUNBURY WARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Councillor J Clowes reported on the progress on the Wybunbury Ward Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation exercise would be launched at the Fig Pie Wakes and an article included in the brochure.

12. SHAVINGTON TRIANGLE

(a) Sub-clauses to house purchase

Councillor P Jackson reported on the conditions of sale attached to properties constructed on the Shavington triangle. A substantial service charge was being applied and the cost of purchasing the freehold was likely to increase over time. The annual ground rent could also be increased.

RESOLVED: That this matter be raised with the Member of Parliament following the Election.

(b) Movement of education catchment boundaries.

Members reported on an application by Wybunbury Delves School to expand to accommodate children from the new dwellings on the Shavington Triangle site.

There was to be a meeting on 15th May to consider the balance of numbers at neighbouring schools.

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

13. WYBUNBURY CHURCHYARD

(a) Repairs to wall

It was reported that there was no grant funding available to meet the cost of repairs to the Churchyard wall. A quotation had previously been obtained for the work and enquires would be made to ascertain the costs involved. Further investigations into possible sources of financial assistance would also be made.

(b) Application for financial assistance.

Members considered a request of the PCC for a grant to assist with on-going maintenance and improvement of the Churchyard.

RESOLVED: That a grant in the sum of £300 be made.

14. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR

Councillor J Clowes reported on proposed works to improve safety at the Walgherton Junction which would include road narrowing, a general tidying of the area and improvements to signage, kerbs and the surface of the road.

Parking restrictions were proposed for Wybunbury Road with a view to reducing congestion around the School. This would involve the introduction of a single yellow line to avoid double parking.

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

To authorise the following payments:-

D G Owen Salary April 2017	278.48
R Bate- Gardening Services	60.00
T Lightfoot-purchase of sleepers and compost	279.98
Came &Co.- Insurance	469.76
Shires Pay Services- Payroll	25.50
S Clough- Internal Audit Fee	250.00

(b) Members' Expenses

The Parish Council considered the payment of a nominal sum to Members to cover their expenses in carrying out their duties on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That a payment of £30 per member be authorised.

(c) Purchase of plants and associated items

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to purchase plants and other items for the flower beds.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 12th JUNE 2017

CHAIRMAN