

WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 12th AUGUST 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WYBUNBURY

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PRESENT:

Councillor P Jackson Chairman
Councillors S Brownell, S Howcroft, R Ellison-Jones,
T Lightfoot, B Colbert, N Arnott, D Duthie

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Mike Forbes, 1 Member of the Public and CEC Cllr. J Clowes

1 **APOLOGIES:**

J Mahon.

2 **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.

None stated at this time.

3 **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.

There were no questions from the public.

4 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8th JULY 2013**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the meeting Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

- Item 7.1 In the final paragraph delete the words "legal" and "from John Driver of Hibberts".

5 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

6 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

6.1 **Highways Maintenance**

Nothing of significance to report.

6.2 **Street Lighting**

Councillor Brownell reported a light out in Bridge St, stating that the fitting was missing.

6.3 **"A" Boards on Footpaths**

Councillor Ellison-Jones asked if you needed planning permission to place boards on footpaths. Councillor Clowes said that boards should not be placed on public footpaths. The matter is the responsibility of CEC.

6.4 **Alcohol on the playing fields**

Councillor Ellison-Jones outlined the very serious disruption caused by the recent party on the playing fields. He stated that he was not at all happy with the action taken by the police called to the incident. Councillor Clowes stated that a ban on alcohol in such an area would require a Bye-law change and this would need the involvement of the police as well as the County.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Jones and also John Dwyer the Police Commissioner, setting out the Council's request for a Bye-law to establish that there was to be no drinking of alcohol on the playing fields.

6.5 Damaged football nets

Councillor Ellison-Jones described the damage to the football nets carried out during the party mentioned above. He asked if the Council could find the money to replace them. He was asked to find out the cost and bring it to the next meeting for consideration.

7 PARISH COUNCIL LAND ISSUES

7.1 Access across Village Hall car park

John Driver of Hibberts solicitors had been contacted by the Clerk and he strongly recommended there be no change to the current licence arrangement. The Clerk pointed out that the licence had a 5 year review clause on the amount of the fee.

Resolved: That the current charge should stand and that the Clerk try to establish if the charge is reasonable compared with similar licences. The charge would apply for 5 years subject to the addition of inflation calculated in accordance with the CPI.

7.2 Sally Clarkes Lane update

Councillor Clowes said that the proposed development off from the site had been rejected. She pointed out that there might be an appeal to come yet. The Clerk pointed out that the agreement with Fields in Trust had been signed and now a scheme needed to be drawn up for the site. The Chairman suggested that the group should convene a meeting to consider the way forward.

8 CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J Clowes reported on the following:-

Planning – The Triangle group had asked if the contractors were trying to get out of their commitment to the S106 agreements. The contractors had not signed yet but there was no reason to think that they would not do so in due course. It was very unlikely that anything would change. Councillor Clowes would be informed when the S106 was signed.

414 Newcastle Road – The application was from Oligra to build 44 houses on a site between Hough and Shavington. The site was a blue one in the SHLAA and since the Core Strategy was near approval the site could be contested soon in accordance with the LP.

Unightly Housing – The one in Gainsborough Road had been in the paper recently and the ones in Stock Lane and The Old Creamery might become subject to action soon.

Local Plan – Developers had appealed against some refusals and had now gone to court. The result should be known by the end of September. The council are saying they have 7.1 years identified housing land supply while the developers are saying it is only 2.5 years. The Core Strategy is set out and will go to full Council by the end of September and then if approved on to the Government Department.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

9.1 Applications received since last meeting :

13/3288N - Was examined and it was decided that the Council had no objections but they expressed the need for materials and colours to match the existing.

13/3018N - Was examined and serious objections raised. The Clerk was asked to respond outlining the Council's objections. Councillor Duthie declared an interest in this item as he knows the applicant personally and so abstained from comment.

9.2 Decisions since last meeting

The decisions can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Subscription to Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society

RESOLVED: The subscription in the sum of £8 should be paid.

It was noted that the footpath near Brook house needed serious attention and the Clerk was asked to write to CEC with the Council's comments.

10.2 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

£1230.85	Aon Insurance – Village Hall
£30.00	ChALC – Training
£100.00	D Green – June Litter picking
£465.00	D Green – Refurbishing Planters
£206.96	M Forbes – Salary - August
£60.45	M Forbes - Expenses
£50.00	M Forbes – Petty Cash
£8.00	Mid-Cheshire Footpath Soc. – Subscription
£100.00	D Green – July Litter picking

11 Policy for Freedom of Information Requests

The Chairman introduced the policy proposal that all members had a copy of prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: The policy be adopted for all future requests.

Arthur Green had requested a copy of the SO's and Financial Regs at a previous AGM and therefore Councillor Arnott proposed and Councillor Ellison-Jones seconded that in this case the documents should be provided free of charge. All were in favour of this proposal.

12 Correspondence

Carol Jones had written to the Clerk asking for information on letting the Village Hall and the Chairman said that she should contact Councillor Colbert.

Rupert Randall of Natural England had written inviting the Council to take part in their open day on Saturday 7th September. The Chairman suggested that the e-mail should be circulated to all members.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Ellison-Jones mentioned that the function he was organising at the Red Lion this Sunday may not raise as much money as he first thought but it was going ahead still and he asked for the members support.

Cllr Duthie said that the SID had not been on Stock Lane recently and Cllr Howcroft assured him that it would be there soon.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 9th September 2013 to be held at Wybunbury Village Hall at 7.30pm

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