

WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WYBUNBURY

PRESENT: Cllr T Lightfoot – Chair, Cllr David Duthie – Vice Chair, Cllrs. S Brownell, S Howcroft, J Mahon, P Jackson, B Colbert, R Ellison-Jones, R Masser
2Members of the Public

1 APOLOGIES:

None

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question had been received from resident Gordon Poole with reference to the following issues:

The Precept for 2015/2016 - Mr Poole asked Councillors to show restraint and hoped there was no increase.

Land north of Main Road – the period for comment was now officially closed. Mr Poole thanked the parish council for support both monetary and in kind in resisting this application. He asked if there was anything more the community as a whole could do to object such as further publicity, attendance at planning meeting etc.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2014

It was proposed by Cllr. Howcroft and seconded by Cllr. Jackson that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

5 MATTERS ARISING

SID – Cllr Mahon had received a request from Hatherton PC to loan the SID. It was agreed there was no problem with this. Cllr Duthie requested further use on Stock Lane.

Police Cluster Meeting – Councillor Howcroft explained that the meeting was at the end of the month and he would mention the speeding in Stock Lane as discussed.

Church Wall – Councillor Howcroft explained the meeting of the Tower Trust was on 13th December when feedback would be asked of the Group with regard to any potential enhancement project and application for grants.

6 VILLAGE MATTERS

6.1 - Sally Clarkes Lane Improvement Project - The Chair is to arrange a meeting with Mr and Mrs Clark and any interested Councillors. Councillors Duthie and Ellison-Jones expressed an interest.

6.3 – Village Hall Roof & Floor – The Village Hall was to be closed for one week 19th January to enable the new floor to be laid. There was also a meeting of The Village Hall Committee on 14th December. Work needed to be programmed in when there was a reasonably long dry spell in order for roof work to commence. Some decorating of the Hall was also in progress.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

7.1 Police Cluster Meeting – Minutes were circulated. Councillor Howcroft to attend and raise an item on enforcement of speed restrictions on Stock Lane. In addition Councillor Jackson and CEC Councillor Clowes attending.

Councillor Ellison-Jones requested also that mention be made of heavy traffic during the period 4-6pm and failure to comply with traffic signs.

Recent incidents of sheep worrying would also be mentioned.

8 CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J Clowes raised the following items:

Neighbourhood Plan - A meeting would be arranged by Councillor Clowes in February with Tom Evans, CEC Planning Officer with reference to work on a Neighbourhood Plan for interested parishes in the area. In addition to Councillors, interested parishioners would also be invited. An example of good practise could be found from Thame Town Council, Councils who had achieved completed neighbourhood plans had tested the planning inspectorate and won. 14 communities across Cheshire East had achieved status and 1200 nationally.

Local Plan – Councillor Raynes had now taken the lead on this. CEC were working with The Secretary Of State Department in order to work on what needed to be done. The 5 year housing land supply was on schedule within 6 month time period.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

9.1 The Triangle - The Persimmons Home application had gone through and Cllr Clowes will monitor the situation and make sure that conditions wanted are included. There had been no conditions in relation to drainage.

9.2 Hough Quarry - This area had been excavated over the years and a new developer has plans to make into a Country Park but an enabling development was necessary. The Chair proposed to arrange a meeting with parish councillors in preparation for any applications submitted.

9.3 14/0128 Land to the North Of Main Road - Councillor Clowes had submitted comment. This again would be monitored as a robust set of arguments had been supplied.

9.4 Doddington Hall- application now received by CEC to convert the Hall to a Hotel but none in relation to the proposed housing development. The Chair and Vice Chair had attended meeting in order to be fully informed on how this development would affect Wybunbury Village. The housing development would provide the income to enable the hotel development.

9.5 The Clerk to comment on the following applications:
14/5749 Woodbank, Wybunbury Lane Proposed 1st floor extension to the existing dwelling house – PC objects to application on the permitted development of the office on the rhs. Councillor Clowes to call in.

14/5720N 2 Moorlands Drive, Wybunbury Proposed single car parking to front. PC objects to planning application. Vice Chair to supply comments made to previous application on this site.

9.2 DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING see website

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Setting of Precept 2015/16

The Clerk had met with The Chair and Vice-Chair in order to look at the parish's current budget and projected year-end figures as well as alternative scenarios in relation to the proposed precept for Council's consideration.. The Clerk had also spoken to Cheshire East in order to gain information on the effect of the tax base on the precept. The response was circulated. Other factors considered by Councillors was any available 106 monies, any allocated monies already within the budget for the Sally Clark Lane enhancement project and day to day administration costs of the parish plus potential grants that could be applied for.

It was felt that to increase the precept without reason was not an option but that an increase in order to provide monies for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan should be considered as it would be important in order to support the defence of unwanted planning

developments. It was felt that it was imperative that a press release be immediately released in order to inform parishioners of the reasons why the precept had been increased. The Chair to draft this immediately for approval and release on the website.

Resolution: That Wybunbury PC request a precept of £14,140.00 from Cheshire East PC.

10.2 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised. Proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Duthie:

Clerk's salary -8/12-12/1	£201.55
HMRC Tax on salary	£50.39
Russell Bates Gardening Service	£100.00
Orbitas – Xmas tree siting and dressing	£198.00
Busy Print Leaflets 'Wybunbury Needs you	£145.00
Reimbursement for paper and print cartridges	
S Togay	£56.54

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Contractors of Crewe Road Link Road inviting PC to presentation and site visit for information.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 9th February 2015 to be held at Wybunbury Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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