

**WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 9th NOVEMBER 2015**

PRESENT	Councillor T Lightfoot (Chairman) Councillors S Brownell, M A Cooke, R Ellison-Jones, S Howcroft, P Jackson, J Mahon, R Masser and M Pike
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Clowes 3 Local Residents

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

93. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th OCTOBER 2015

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 12th October 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

94. 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

Further to Minute number 78 the work required to the carriageway at Stock Lane had not been carried out and the Clerk undertook to raise this again with the Cheshire East Highways Officers.

The street lights in Stock Lane were still unlit, this had also been reported to Cheshire East Council. There was a rolling programme to replace all sodium lights with LED over a 3 year period.

Members expressed their appreciation of the generous offer of the Plymouth Brethren who had offered to replace the missing waste bin at the junction of Wybunbury Lane and Stock Lane. Once the new bin was in place a suitable plaque would be added to acknowledge the donors.

95. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor J Clowes reported that approval of Cheshire East to the area to be included in the plan was awaited.

(b) Bridge Street – Grass cutting

Councillor J Clowes reported that this area was included in the grass cutting programme. Members reported on the need for the bus stop area to be cleared and the need for a temporary bus stop sign whilst the normal bus stop was out of commission.

(c) Bus Service Nantwich/Walgherton/Hanley

The Clerk had circulated the response to the request for this service to be re-routed via the Parish which indicated that the service was the Routemaster Bus service 79 which operated from Nantwich to Hanley on Fridays only. This service was amended from 29th June to operate via Audlem and then along the A525 to Woore, therefore did not serve Walgherton any longer.

Should a further review of the operation of this service take place the request would be considered.

96. LIME TREE PRUNING

Councillor M Pike reported on the need for the Lime Trees opposite the Red lion to be pruned. Quotations for the work would be obtained and a further report submitted.

97. SAINT CHADS CHURCHYARD

Members considered the need for work to be carried out to improve the condition of the paths in the Churchyard.

RESOLVED That a grant in the sum of £200 be made.

98. CHRISTMAS TREE

Further to Minute Number 69 the Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand for the provision, erection and dressing of the Christmas Tree.

Councillor M Pike reported on the possibility of acquiring one or more trees which could be planted and, in future years, be used as Christmas Trees. He undertook to investigate the possibility and cost and report to a future meeting.

99. WYBUNBURY WW1 GROUP UPDATE

Councillor R Ellison–Jones reported that the unveiling of the new Memorial at Wybunbury Delves School would take place on 10th November and an invitation was extended to anyone who would care to attend.

An item would be included on the January agenda to enable the Parish Council to receive a further report.

Further to Minute Number 83 a service had been held on 4th November to commemorate 100 year since the death of Thomas William Stretch, a local resident who died in WW1. The Church Bells had been rung on this occasion.

100. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Chairman reported on proposals for Wi-Fi to be installed in the Village Hall and the financial implications (Minute Number 84 refers).

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, be authorised to make the necessary arrangements, the cost being met by the Parish Council and being offset by the Parish Council having free use of the Village Hall.

Councillor M Pike reported on the need for work to the coping stones on the Village Hall and was requested to supply costing for the work with a view to it being funded by the Parish council as owners of the property.

A problem had been discovered as a result of Honey Fungus. The Borough Council's advice was to be sought.

101. HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT (SID)

Councillor J Mahon reported that the SID was to be relocated and undertook to circulate the details of the new locations and the dates of the re-siting.

102. POLICE MATTERS/POLICE CLUSTER MEETING

It was reported that the Police had commented on the Planning proposals at Bridge Street.

There had been instances of anti-social behaviour and 5 suspects had been interviewed. Yellow Cards had been issued and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts entered into.

The police were working with parents and the School in respect of three younger children.

There had been break-ins at Cockshades Farm and speed monitoring was taking place in the Stock Lane area. The next Cluster Meeting would be held on 25th January 2016.

The Borough Council's Enforcement Officer had visited Bridge Street and evidence of possible interference with a Badger Sett had been noted. The Council did not have powers to act on this and the Police Wildlife Officer was being consulted.

103. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/4477N Oakland House, Newcastle Road, Shavington-Proposed detached house

15/4668N Wybunbury House, Wybunbury Lane, Wybunbury-Listed Building Consent for a small glazed link between main house and detached garage

RESOLVED: That no objection be made.

14/ 3039N Land South of, Newcastle Road, Shavington & Wybunbury

Reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) for residential development comprising 200 dwellings (30% affordable) and creation of public open space, in relation to outline approval 12/3114N

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, in consultation with Councillor P Jackson and the Clerk be authorised to prepare and submit comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

104. CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS BRIDGE STREET

Councillor R Ellison-Jones reported on the need for suitable coloured markings on the carriageway in Bridge Street. Councillor J Clowes undertook to investigate and report back.

105. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor J Clowes reported that a presentation regarding Hough Mill Quarry was to be held on 16th November at Wybunbury Village Hall. Members expressed their concern regarding the suitability of materials being used to fill the quarry, this would be investigated by Planning Officers on a site visit.

No further information was available regarding Application 14/0128N- Land to the north of Main Road, Wybunbury. It was expected that this would be considered at the November meeting of the Strategic Planning Board.

The Borough Council's Highways contractors, Ringway Jacobs, had a quantity of materials available for use on community projects and Members considered that these could be used to resurface the play area car park, churchyard paths and the area in front of the Church Tower.

Councillor Clowes undertook to investigate the possible widening of the footpath in Gorsey Bank Crescent.

The proposed new speed limits in Stock Lane and Wybunbury Lane were currently subject to a lengthy legal process which involved all comments being scrutinised. It was anticipated that further information would be available shortly.

106. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary October 2015	345.68
R Bate Gardening Services	100.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreathes	68.00
T Lightfoot-Purchase of winter bedding plants	97.44
ChALC Planning Seminar 20/10/15 3@ £25	75.00

(b) Cheque Signatories

The Clerk reported on the need to review the cheque signatories in view of recent changes.

RESOLVED: That Councillor R Masser and the Clerk be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Council and that the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the removal of all signatories who are no longer members or employees.

(c) 2016/2017 Budget and Precept

A draft budget and precept was to be prepared for recommendation to Members at the December meeting. This would be carried out by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor M A Cooke in consultation with the Clerk.

(d) IT/ Website Seminar

RESOLVED: That Councillor S Howcroft be authorised to attend the forthcoming IT Seminar

107. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -14th DECEMBER 2015

CHAIRMAN