

**WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**PRESENT** Councillor T Lightfoot (Chairman)  
  
Councillors, P Cheshire, S A Clark, R Ellison-Jones,  
P Jackson, M Pike, R Masser and P A Thomas

**APOLOGIES** Councillor S Howcroft

**IN ATTENDANCE** 1 Local Resident

**131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**132. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 13th January 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**133. CASUAL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported the result of the Poll held 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.  
The newly elected Member, Councillor Paul Cheshire, took his Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to taking his seat.

**134. LOW WATER PRESSURE**

Mr S Wilson of United Utilities attended the meeting and reported on the overall improvement to the pressure level. Although the replacement of the main would be desirable in the long term it would be unlikely to attract the necessary capital funding.

Any reports of low pressure would continue to be dealt with as appropriate.

**135. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Janet Clowes reported that the Neighbourhood Plan referendum would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and signs had been erected to remind residents of this and encourage them to support the Plan.

Two planning applications relating to Cockshades Farm had been called in following a site visit.

Wrinehill Road would be closed until 17<sup>th</sup> February, Main Road from 18<sup>th</sup> February for work on power lines and Wybunbury Lane on 17<sup>th</sup> February for tree cutting.

The damaged grid in Gorsey Bank Crescent had not been repaired and two signs were obscured by overgrown hedges in Bridge Street. These matters would be reported as appropriate.

### **136. 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.

Concerns were again expressed at the felling and burning of trees on the Moss.

A representative of Natural England would be invited to a future meeting to discuss this situation.

### **137. MATTERS ARISING**

(a) New Village Signage

There had been no progress on this item since the previous meeting.

(b) Commemorative bench- Valebrook Drive

The Clerk reported that this bench and the bench in the new Cemetery had been removed for renovation.

(c) Provision of traffic signs

Three post had been delivered and a local contractor would be asked to fit them.

Sites at Gorsey Bank Crescent, Moorlands Drive and Bridge Street (approaching the Village) were considered as most suitable.

Once the posts were in situ the new signs would be fitted.

### **138. SALLY CLARKES LANE PROJECT**

A meeting was to be arranged with Cheshire East officers to establish the current position on this scheme and agree a plan of action.

Recent bad weather had resulted in two trees on the site being brought down and the Chairman undertook to arrange for them to be removed.

### **139. PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS**

The Parish Council considered the provision and siting of bus shelters.

A meeting with Cheshire East officers would be arranged to agree suitable sites with a view to the bases being laid to enable the shelters to be purchased and erected once financial provision has been made.

### **140. SOCIAL MEDIA**

Members considered the desirability and implications of establishing a Parish Council Facebook account.

**RESOLVED:** That no action be taken.

#### **141. VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

Councillor M Pike reported that consequent on the resignation of the former Treasurer Mrs L Pike had been appointed as Treasurer of the Management Committee.

The hall had been block booked to facilitate its use for elections and Fig Pie Wakes. Extensive works were nearing completion in the former store room which would enable its use as a meeting room or office. The hired container currently sited on the carpark was to be replaced by a similar container at the far end of the carpark on the grassed area to accommodate items which needed to be stored for occasional use in the hall. This would avoid the newly refurbished room being used for storage.

The Police had been contacted regarding vehicles using the carpark as a permanent parking area.

There was to be a Spring Tea event on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Mr J Steadman had been asked to carry out a risk assessment on the hall.

#### **142. WYBUNBURY WARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.**

Councillor M Pike reported that a referendum would take place on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

A newsletter had been distributed and banners displayed to inform residents.

#### **143. HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT**

Councillor R Masser reported that latest SID readings.

A top speed of 55mph had been recorded and the average speed recorded was 27 mph.

#### **144. POLICE MATTERS**

The Cluster Meeting was scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020.

#### **145. PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **20/0197N LAND BETWEEN 262 AND BARNSFIELD NEWCASTLE ROAD BLAKELOW**

**RESOLVED :** That no objection be raised subject to all materials to be used matching those to be used on the remainder of the approved dwelling.

##### **20/0398N COCKSHADES FARM STOCK LANE WYBUNBURY**

**RESOLVED:** That the following comments be submitted:-

1.0 This application falls within the Wybunbury Moss SSSI water catchment area & importance should be given to that standing when considering this application.

2.0 That were the track passes over a PROW an adequate gate is provided in any fence line to allow free flow along the PROW by any person using the PROW with or without disabilities.

3.0 Any buildings within this application should be kept in a good condition as they are sited in open country side.

4.0 Any storage of manure within this application area should be stored in a way that any leachate does not affect the Moss or the Wybunbury meres as they are protected sites.

5.0 The PROW paths should be protected from erosion or wear to ensure they are usable by all persons at any time of the year whether they are disabled or not.

6.0 That permitted development rights are removed from the area of this current application to stop future development.

7.0 This application falls within the Wybunbury Combined Parishes NHP & with in the designated green gap in that plan & this should be considered when looking at this application.

8.0 The parish council supports any representation made on this application by Natural England.

9.0 The parish council objects to this application on the same grounds as that stated by Cllr Janet Clowes in her submission & request its refusal.

#### **20/0335N COCKSHADES FARM STOCK LANE WYBUNBURY**

**RESOLVED:** That the following comments be submitted together with the plans displayed at the Parish Council meeting:-

1.0 The Parish Council supports any comments made by Natural England on this application.

2.0 This retrospective application falls within the Wybunbury Moss water catchment area & consideration should be given to this when considering this application.

3.0 PROW 19 runs adjacent to the site which the applicant says that none do??

4.0 The siting of containers in front of the old farm house is detrimental to the view of the farm house across the open country as the farm & sits at the top of rising ground as viewed from the village of Wybunbury.

5.0 If the containers are conducive to the business operating at the Cockshades Farm site they should be sited in an area & screened in an area with in the development that does not detract from the view of the house & be respectful of the surrounding area & should be screened so as not to impinge on the character of the open country side.

6.0 This application falls within the Wybunbury Combined Parishes NHP & with in the designated green gap in that plan & this should be considered when looking at this application.

7.0 The parish council request the retrospective planning application is refused & the applicant re-submits an application more respectful of the area & can be screened as are the other developments on the site.

8.0 Two maps one the water catchment area of the Moss & the other the PROW map for the area

9.0 The parish council supports & agrees with the response submitted by Cllr Janet Clowes on this application.

**18/2153N DODDINGTON ESTATE, BRIDGEMERE, NANTWICH CW5 7PU**

Councillor J Clowes reported on this application

**146. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Members were invited to report on any matters of interest to the Parish Council or to request items for inclusion on future Agenda.

It was reported that the funds allocated to the Parish by Wybunbury United Charities had been distributed in accordance with the constitution.

**147. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

D G Owen-January Salary, expenses, Postage and stationery	425.87
R Bate- Litter Pick	100.00
HMRC-Tax collected	91.80
Kingfisher Direct-Grit Bin	73.07
Eastfield Joinery –Works to Village Hall	6725.67
Alectrics- part payment of invoice, electrical work to Village Hall	2249.00

(b) Income

The Clerk reported the receipt of £809 from Cheshire East Council for the purchase of litter picking equipment for the Parishes within the Wybunbury Borough Ward.

**148. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

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**CHAIRMAN**