

**WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING
HELD 9TH NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT

Councillor T Lightfoot (Chairman)

Councillors S A Clark, P Cheshire, R Ellison-Jones, S Howcroft,
R Masser, P Jackson, M Pike and P A Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor J Clowes

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

58. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH OCTOBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 12th October 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the deletion of Councillor P A Thomas from the attendance list.

59. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Councillor M Pike reported that due to current restrictions the Hall was not being used and the Annual Meeting had been postponed. Quotation were being obtained for the redecoration of the Hall which would be carried out during the closure. The Nest to enable remote control of the heating system had been installed.

The vacancy for a Bookings Clerk/Caretaker was currently being advertised.

60. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Councillor R Masser reported that 2 drivers had been caught exceeding the 30mph limit in the village. There was possibly a fault on the Bridge Street SID and budget provision would be considered to purchase a third SID.

61. POLICE MATTERS

Councillor S Howcroft reported that the Cluster meeting had been held remotely on Monday 19th October 2020.

A new Police Sergeant and officer had been assigned to the area.
PCSO N Jarvis continued to be active in the Parish.

62. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

It was reported that the Christmas tree lights were now in poor condition and needed to be replaced.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, in consultation with Councillor S Howcroft and the Clerk, be authorised to purchase a replacement set of lights.

63. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor P Jackson reported that comments submitted on applications and notification of decisions had been circulated to members.

64. SALLY CLARKES LANE PROJECT

The Clerk reported that no response had been received to the invitation to G Bate, P Reeves and a representative of the Vole survey team to attend the meeting.

65. MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chairman reported on the need to recover the cost of the recent by-election and this was to be included in the draft budget. Members felt that it was important that electors be aware of the cost of elections and that these are not funded by Cheshire East Council be are charged to the Parish Council resulting in an increased precept.

Concerns were expressed regarding both the Parish Council and Village hall websites. Both were in urgent need of updating particularly in view of the responsibility of the Parish Council to publish its Agenda and Minutes and other documents relating to financial matters.

Councillors R Masser and S Howcroft undertook to deal with these issues at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor S Clark reported that a gentleman has fallen in the churchyard where there was an accumulation of wet leaves. Tree roots also presented a hazard in the area. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the area to be cleared of leaves as soon as possible.

The Chairman reported on difficulties in recruiting volunteers to look after a small number of flower beds and suggested that budget provision be made to enable the possible cost of tending the beds to be met if volunteers could not be found. Members expressed their thanks to all those residents who had offered their services in this respect.

A review of Parish boundaries was currently taking place and reports would be brought forward as necessary.

66. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

Councillor J Clowes reported that revised plans had been submitted in respect of the planning application relating to 7 Valebrook Drive.

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for development at the Doddington Estate had been allowed and Cheshire East Council was now considering a possible challenge to this decision.

Consultations were being held on the winter maintenance programme and comments were required by 20th November 2020.

Consultation on the SADPD would end on 23rd December 2020 and the Cheshire East Corporate Plan consultations would close on 27th November 2020.

Resurfacing work was to take place on A51 which would require lane closures and speed restrictions.

The surplus funds in the Neighbourhood Plan account had been refunded to the Parish Councils although it was anticipated that a further call for funds would be required when the Plan is revised and updated.

67. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen- September Salary	585.64
HMRC –Tax	130.40
R Bate litter pick/path clearance	270.00
T Lightfoot –purchase of compost/bedding plants	528.80
Alectrics- Heating control nest	272.00
M J Murphy	150.00

(b) INCOME

The sum of £1298.94 had been received as a refund of unspent funds from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

68. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14TH DECEMBER 2020

CHAIRMAN