

**CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON 25th NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT

Cllrs Helen Moss (**HM**), Philip Hollinshead (**PH**), Keith Gilby (**KB**), John Woodward (**JW**), Patrick Brunt (**PB**), and Heather Pope (**HP**)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sarah Pochin (Cheshire East) (**SP**)

Dr M Bailey (Parish Clerk) (**MB**)

44. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

KG made a declaration that there had been further contact with the Boot and Slipper developer and that KG had paid for the hedge to be trimmed at no cost.

No further declarations of interests were made by Members at the meeting.

46. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – 25TH NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 25th November 2020 were presented to Members for approval.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

47. MATTERS ARISING

KG made the announcement that the Parish Council wished to offer its sincere congratulations to HP on getting the MBE for her services to vulnerable people in the field of dental provision.

The following matters were raised at the meeting from the above minutes.

- Payments – the Clerk confirmed that these had all been made
- Delphic Transport – KG confirmed that there were no updates
- Former Boot and Slipper site – it was reported that the development will begin in the first week of April 2021 with delays caused by drainage and planning issues. HM thanked KG for arranging the cutting of the hedge. It was noted that, once the houses were built, then the area between the houses and Winsford Road will be the responsibility of the householder. It was also noted that the Parish Council may have to engage with the new householders to ensure that the hedges are kept under control.
- Litter – KG reported that he had engaged with former Parish Councillor Steve Twigg who voluntarily walked the length of Calverley Hall Lane picking up litter. It was agreed that the Council should look at organising a litter ‘gang’ to do litter picks and provide equipment. HP said that she will investigate the cost of providing litter bins and get stickers from Cheshire East Council. HP also said that she would arrange information to be included in the Parish magazine.
- Noise Issues – there were no updates on this matter.

- Village Green Plans – this is an ongoing discussion – KG had engaged with Cheshire East Council who will look at the land ownership. The issue of the tree was raised by Members and has a Tree Protection Order on it. It was agreed to report tree issues to CEC Planning.
- Parish Noticeboard – HP reported that she had discussed the idea of moving the noticeboard to the Church with the Parochial Church Council, but there had been no formal meetings of the PCC due to the pandemic. There were no objections to the Parish Council using the Church noticeboard. The PCC asked if the Parish Council would pay towards the cost of the graveyard. HP will take this matter forward.
- Boundary signs – this was included on the agenda.
- Flooding – KG to attend the ChALC flooding meeting on 9th March 2021 to get some updates on the situation.

48. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

49. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Sarah Pochin attended the meeting and provided an update.

- Cheshire East Council allocated £13m for highway matters including £7.5m for potholes. This represented a decrease of £4m on the previous year due to government funding reductions. SP reported that nothing is getting done in terms of highways and encourages people to write to the MP over this matter.
- Gully cleaning pilot was taking place in Alderley Edge where the Parish Council was able to buy additional services for a fee. It may be that Parish Councils will take this service over in the future.
- SP confirmed that the Census will take place on 21st March 2021.
- Cheshire East Council announced its budget for 2021-22 with a Council Tax rise of 4.99%.
- Discretionary funding for businesses affected by COVID is to be coming to an end in March 2022. Businesses are advised to apply for funding sooner rather than later.
- Cheshire East Council is still providing COVID-related support including supermarket vouchers for school lunches and winter energy payments.
- A new scheme has been introduced by CWAC/CEC/Warrington Council to help 16-year-olds to find employment.

KG thanked SP for her comments.

Members raised the issue of the state of the roads with SP. KG reported he had spoken to the Cheshire East Council contractor who accepted the roads are in a poor state. The issues included potholes, which are in a terrible state in the parish. KG asked what the best approach was to deal with this matter.

SP agreed with these comments and said that she will continue to lobby. SP advised that the Parish Council writes to the MP and the CEC CEO, as well as the media. JW said that potholes should be photographed, and pictures sent to

CEC. It was also noted that these roads are cycle routes. It was suggested that the MP could be invited to a future Parish Council meeting and that issues should be posted on social media with CEC tagged into the posts.

HM thanked SP for arranging a safety survey for Long Lane.

Cllr Pochin left the meeting at this point.

50. FINANCIAL MATTERS

50.1 Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

Mark Bailey	£399.63 (Clerk Salary – Dec 2020-Feb 2021)
HMRC	£99.91 (Tax on Salary – months 9/10/11)
InTouch	£360.00 (Website Hosting – Jan-Dec 2021)

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments.

50.2 Ledger (1.4.20-31.01.21)

Members noted the ledger for the above period.

50.3 Budget Monitoring Report (Quarter 3 – April-Dec 2020)

Members noted the report for the above period. It was agreed to identify reserves for the Village Green development.

50.4 Banking Mandate Changes

It was reported by the Clerk that changes had to be made to the Council's bank mandate to include KG as the Chair.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that: -

That name 'Keith Gilby' be added to the bank mandate.

Based on the above, it was **RESOLVED** that the authorised signatories in the current mandate for the NatWest current account, be changed in accordance with the section on Authorised Signatories and that the current mandate will continue as amended.

51. HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEEDWATCH

The following items were raised under this heading.

- KG reported that HGVs remain an issue in the parish, but companies are generally seeking to address the issue of using Long Lane.
- Potholes – HM said that she was still reporting potholes to CEC as well as fly-tipping.
- Speedwatch/Road Safety – HW/HP to take this forward with involvement from PB.

52. PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning matters affecting the parish were considered.

The Council received notification of the following planning application.

21/0585N Bank View, Long Lane, Wettenhall, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 4DN
Construction of single storey oak framed stable, garage/workshop building.

The Parish Council had no objections to the application. It was noted that no information on the application had been shared with some residents.

53. COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION

The following matters were raised under this agenda item.

- Census 2021 – CEC asked for help in publicising the Census. HP proposed that an insert be included in the Parish Magazine. KG said that HP should be reimbursed for this by the Parish Council (250 copies of the insert).

54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm (details to be confirmed).

55. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to their confidential nature, Members **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following matters in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Reports relating to these items have been withheld from public circulation and deposit.

56. PURCHASE OF BOUNDARY SIGNS

It was **AGREED** to purchase a boundary sign for the parish at a cost of £230.19 (with £46.04 VAT). Arrangements will be made to instal the sign

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed 9.45pm.

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