**CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 29th November 2018 @ 7.30pm

**St David’s Church, Wettenhall**

**Present**:, Mrs Fiona Brooks (**FB** (Chair)), John Woodward ((**JW** Vice Chair))Philip Hollinshead **PH,** Dave Shaw (**DS**), Stephen Twigg **ST**

**In Attendance**: Michael & Helen Moss.

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies** – Patrick Brunt (**PB**) Cllr Chris Green **CG** | The Clerk | N/A | 29/11/18 |
| 2. | **Matters Arising & Approval of Minutes** :-  Approval of minutes from previous meeting (13/09/18) and vote for acceptance. Proposed by **ST** and seconded by **DS**.  Outstanding matters - no reference to the weight & speed issues that were discussed at the meeting on the 13/09/18. To be covered under this agenda. | The Chair | The Clerk | 29/11/18 |
| 3 | **Declaration of Councillors interests:** -  **JW** – Woodside Farm Planning application  **FB** – Woodside farm application  There were no declarations registered from any other Cllrs present. | The Chair | N/A | 29/11/18 |
| 4. | **Open Forum**:-   * Still problems with the weigh issue along the restricted lanes and speeding within the 40MPH limit along Long Lane and Winsford Road. Please contact the Highways Dept & Police to see what they are going to do about this. * Boot & Slipper planning now rejected – where does this leave the parish with the safety of the site and the eyesore that it has become in the heart of the village. * References to Worleston Parish Council on the website – please check. * Precept – should the PC consider an increase to fund the potential legal fees that may occur with possible impending changes with the Boot & Slipper site and Village Green status?   All these matters will be covered within the agenda. | The Chair. | The Clerk/  Chair | 29/11/18 |
| 5. | **Borough Councillor Report:**  **CG** not present at this meeting. | The Chair | N/A | 29/11/18 |
| 6. | **Planning applications:-**  *18/1522N Boot & Slipper* – Went to appeal on 28/11/18 and was rejected on a 6-1 vote. **FB** has e mailed the developer to discuss site security and safety of the open space. Awaiting reply. Rejected on many counts, including plans looked too suburban, issue still with the safety & protection of the tree.  Safety of the site is a concern – what is the legal obligation of the landowner and what is enforceable? **FB** to investigate.  Village Green status still not approved, but **FB** stated that the PC would continue to push for this to be passed and in the meantime, the Green will be maintained and documented use as evidence.  *18/4084N -Woodside Farm.* Originally refused this is a new application. Planners still to make a decision. **DS** stated that he was concerned that with the continuing erection of large style units within the parish, was it becoming too industrial?  *18/2948N Barn farm* – Agricultural Building approved.  18/4029N- Black Knight Fields – passed.An operators licence is required through VOSA. Check the website to see if an application has yet been made.  *18/5457N Bridge Farm* – Application for further industrial unit. **DS** asked should we be supporting this? Is the site going to continue increasing? Does it set a precedent? **JW** stated that the buildings are already there, so it is likely to be passed and we should be supporting local businesses who wish to expand.  **FB** summarised:- PC will not make a comment on this ( but it is recorded on these minutes) If an application is a development within an existing site and congruent with what is already present, subject to all considerations, it is something that the PC would generally support.  The PC will consider every application on an individual basis. | Chair | Clerk | ongoing |
| 7. | **Parish Survey:- DS** stated that the survey link has gone into the Parish Magazine and handed out copies for distribution, to all Cllrs present. A list of addresses will be supplied to all Cllrs for their letterbox drop. Encouraging people to complete online. Deadline for completion is 21/12/18 | Chair | DS | ongoing |
| 8. | **Adoption of Annual Accounts:-**  A motion was raised to formally adopt the annual accounts 2017/18 as a true record. This was proposed by **FB** and seconded by **PH**. | The Chair | The Chair/ Clerk | 29/11/18 |
| 9. | **Setting of the precept 2019/20:-**  Discussion around the current level of Precept received by the PC. It was agreed that the financial reserve needs to be at a £3.5K level and therefore the Precept needs to be increased by £1K. This was proposed by **PH** and seconded by **ST** . | The Chair | The Chair | 29/11/18 |
| 10. | **Clerk’s Report:-**  St Luke’s Hospice are collecting Christmas trees for recycling and would like this promoted within the Parish to create awareness. This service generated £30k last year. Leaflet left for the church notice board and will be advertised on the website. St Luke’s will also be doing a letterbox drop.  The Clerk stated that the noticeboard (by Crowton Cottages) is now in such a state of disrepair that it is becoming increasingly difficult to open & close. She suggested that a notice now be placed on the board directing everyone to the website address for all future notices.  The quarterly Electricity bill should be moved onto a Standing Order as it is a regular payment and is a statutory cost. The Clerk to organise this. It will mean less cheques issued. | The Clerk | The Clerk | 29/11/18 |
| 11. | **Finances - Cheques issued:-**  Scottish Power 06/11 387 £ 28.60  Helen Exley (Salary) 388 £ 300.00  Bunbury cluster meeting room hire charge 389 £ 10.00 | The Clerk | The Clerk | 29/11/18 |
| 12. | **Dates for 2019 meetings;– TBC**  **28th Feb @7.30pm**  **23rd May @ 7pm ( AGM) followed by 1/4ly meeting**  **12th Sept @ 7.30pm**  **28th November @7.30pm** | The Clerk | The Clerk | 29/11/18 |
| 13. | **AOB:-**  Recent survey sent to councillors regarding the reorganising of refuse collection. Parish Council can comment but this has not be distributed to Parishioners – **FB** to contact CEC to ask what they are doing about this. | The Chair | The Chair | 29/11/18 |

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed @ 8.52pm.

-------------------------------------------------------------------------**Chairman** ---------------------------------------------------------**Date**