

**MINUTES OF CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD AT ST DAVIDS CHURCH ON 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs John Woodward (**JW**), Heather Pope (**HP**), Sonia Peacock (**SP**), and Ian Greaves (**IG**).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr Becky Posnett (Cheshire East) (**BP**)  
Dr M Bailey (Parish Clerk) (**MB**)  
Members of the public

**PART A**

**198. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr David Lane.

**199. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests were made by Members at the meeting.

**200. MINUTES – 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were presented to Members for approval.

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

**201. MATTERS ARISING**

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

- Boot and Slipper Site – a spec was sent out to possible interested parties to carry out maintenance work – awaiting a response.
- Village Green – quotes for the installation of a bench and bin were considered by the Parish Council – see minute below.
- Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Richard Strachan (Darnhall PC) was unable to attend the meeting. Will offer him other potential dates.
- Speeding – still an issue – have raised with the local PCSO.

**202. CASUAL VACANCIES**

Two vacancies exist on the Parish Council following the elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. As per the Parish Council's Standing Orders, the vacancies have been advertised. It was agreed to consider any interested parties at the next meeting.

**203. PUBLIC FORUM**

Two members of the public attended the meeting. The following issues were raised: -

- Long Lane – resident inquired about ditch digging and potholes along the lane. Members set out the position regarding these issues, including the challenges for Cheshire East Council in dealing with potholes. Also raised the issue of school buses stopping in inappropriate places – advice was provided to contact Cheshire East Council about this matter.

## **204. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Members considered the following financial matters.

### **204.1 Ledger (1.4.23-31.12.23)**

Members are asked to note the ledger for the period 1.4.23-31.12.23).

### **204.2 Budget Monitoring Report (Quarter 3 – April 2023-Dec 2023)**

Members are asked to note the budget monitoring report for the third quarter of the 2023/24 financial year. Also attached is a summary of receipts and payments for the same period.

### **204.3 Payments for Authorisation**

Members **RESOLVED** to authorise the following items for payment.

Mark Bailey	£500.00 (Clerk Salary Jan-Mar 2024)
HMRC	£125.00 (Tax Months 10-12 2023/24)
Shires Accountants	£19.80 (Payroll Costs)
Orangutan UK	£60.00 (Domain Renewal)

## **205. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cheshire East Councillor Becky Posnett attended to update the meeting on issues affecting Cheshire East Council. The following points were raised: -

- Highways – do meet with the team and kept updated on what is happening, but not communicated to the public all the time.
- Local Plan – is going out for consultation soon and will include a call for sites element.
- Budget – Cheshire East budget document is available online. Have had some support from central government.
- Issues – some blocked drains and issues with Top Fam Lane.

*Cllr Posnett left the meeting.*

## **206. HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH**

The following matters were raised under this heading: -

- Road Warning Signs – bend between the Boot and Slipper junction and the Hickhurst Lane junction on Winsford Road – two occasions where the property has been damaged due to vehicles sliding on the bend. Issues being caused by mixture of wet road and mud on the road from

different sources. The Parish Council **AGREED** to ask CE Highways to look at the situation.

- Further issue was raised regarding the narrow road at the bridge over the brook on Winsford Road and the need for a sign at the location.
- Hedges – it was **AGREED** to contact property on Long Lane regarding hedges to ask that they are cut back, The Chair agreed to draft a letter to the resident.
- Grass Verges – cutting of grass verges in the parish had been raised with the Parish Council.

**207. PLANNING MATTERS**

No issues were raised by those present.

**208. COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION**

No issues were raised by those present.

- Dog Fouling – issue was raised by resident – people not picking up dog waste. Members proposed further signage and also inclusion of the issue in the parish magazine.

**209. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 – 7.30pm – St David’s Church (Annual Meeting).

**210. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Due to their confidential nature, Members may decide 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.

**211. VILLAGE GREEN – PURCHASE OF BIN/BENCH**

Members considered quotes for the purchase of a bin/bench for the village green area.

Members **RESOLVED** to purchase the Glasdon Elwood Recycled bench (cost £815.56)

Members **RESOLVED** to approach ANSA regarding a bin and opted for the Compass Litter Bin if that is not an option.

Members also considered a quote for the maintenance of the land – 15 visits over 30 weeks and to keep it in order. The quote was £375 + VAT. Members **RESOLVED** to accept this quote.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 9.13pm.

**Chair**.....