

**MINUTES OF CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT ST DAVIDS CHURCH ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT

Cllrs John Woodward (**JW**), Heather Pope (**HP**), and Philip Hollinshead (**PH**)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Members of the public

PART ONE - ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

173. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

175. MINUTES – 17TH MAY 2023 (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

The minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2023 were presented to Members for approval.

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

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177. MATTERS ARISING

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

- Delphic Transport – no issues were raised.
- Boot and Slipper Site – houses now on sale and open days held.
- Village Green – has been tidied up by the builders – will need to arrange something towards the up-keep of the site. Will look at appointing a contractor to do this work, together with volunteers (will check on the insurance position). Will address this issue at the next meeting in December 2023.

178. CASUAL VACANCIES

Four vacancies exist on the Parish Council following the elections on 4th May 2023. As per the Parish Council's Standing Orders, the vacancies have been advertised. The Council considered several individuals to fill the vacancies via co-option.

RESOLVED: -

Members nominated Sonia Peacock and David Lane to fill the vacancies on the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that two vacancies remain on the Council.

179. PUBLIC FORUM

Several members of the public attended the meeting.

- Raised the issue of the Long Lane planning application – the Planning Meeting is now being held at Cheshire East Council on 1st November 2023. Will look to invite Darnhall PC to the next meeting to talk about neighbourhood planning.

180. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial matters.

180.1 Ledger (1.4.23-30.6.23)

Members noted the ledger for the period 1.4.23-30.06.23.

180.2 Budget Monitoring Report (Quarter 1 – April 2023-June 2023)

Members noted the budget monitoring report for the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year. Also attached was a summary of receipts and payments for the same period.

180.3 Internal/External Audit 2022/23

Members noted that the Parish Council had been declared exempt from the external audit process for 2022/23.

The Internal Audit report for 2022/23 will be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

180.4 Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

Mark Bailey	£500.00 (Clerk Salary July-Sept 2023)
HMRC	£125.00 (Tax Months 4-6 2023/24)
Shire Accountants	£208.80 (Payroll 2023/24)

Cheque (number 437) formerly made out to In Touch for the website (£360.00) was made out again to 'Orangutan' and signed at the meeting.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve these payments.

181. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

- Had Cheshire East Council meeting in July 2023 – decision taken on Member Allowances – increased by £500 per year.
- Elected on to various committees at Cheshire East Council – consultation on reduction of library services but decided not to reduce the service. Libraries will be closed for an additional one day for week.
- Additional charge has been introduced of £56 for green waste collection.

- Spoke to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding what is available for town and parish councils – asked for a list of things from each parish council in terms of what is required for the roads and other issues. Asked for any issues to be reported.
- Logged request to Cheshire East Council for monitoring cables, but not received a reply.
- Discussed the state of local roads in the parish.

182. HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

The following matters were raised under this heading: -

- Issues with skip wagons using the roads – need to be reminded.
- General issue with larger vehicles using the lanes in the parish, including the potential for hedges to be cut back.

It was agreed that Cllr David Lane acts the Council’s champion on road safety issues.

Cllr Hollinshead left the meeting.

183. PLANNING MATTERS

No issues were raised by those present.

184. COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

No issues were raised by those present.

185. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th December 2023 – 7.30pm – St David’s Church.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 8.58pm.

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