

**Minutes of No Man's Heath & District  
Parish Council Meeting  
held at Bickley Coronation Hall  
at 7.00 pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr David Lithgow Smith  
Cllr James Crossland Cllr Carolyn Day Cllr Tony Day  
Cllr Peter Guildford Cllr Tim Harrop Cllr Trevor Parker  
Cllr Paul Roberts Cllr Stephen Roberts  
Clerk - Mrs Ruth Shackleton;  
Members of the Public and Parish – Three members of the public attended part of the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Michael Voisey, Cllr Keith Done

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. CASUAL VACANCY**

There is one casual vacancy on the Council, CWaC has advised that as there was no request received for an election the Council can co-opt to fill the casual vacancy. Mr James Crossland has applied to be co-opted. A letter of introduction had been previously circulated to Councillors.

**RESOLVED:-** that the Council co-opt Mr James Crossland onto the Council. He duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Proposed by Cllr Harrop and seconded by Cllr Parker.**

Cllr C Day announced her intention to stand down as Councillor after the March meeting. The Council formally thanked her for her contribution. The Clerk is to inform CWaC.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Residents attending the meeting spoke about planning application 22/00224/FUL - Construction, operation and subsequent decommissioning of a renewable energy scheme comprising ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) arrays and battery storage with ancillary infrastructure at Land At Whitchurch Road Bickley Malpas.

The following concerns were raised:-

- Loss of view (the area close to the proposed site has applied to be classed as an area of outstanding beauty);
- There are number of other solar farms in close vicinity to the proposed site;
- The land is a flood plain which means the solar panels will have to be erected on stilts;
- The height of the solar panels;
- The land is in the flight path of birds flying over;
- The mailshot sent by the applicants to residents was very selective with several areas missed;
- Lack of community engagement;
- Devaluation of properties in close proximity to the proposed site.

**5. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:-** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be accepted as a true and proper record.

**Proposed by Cllr Guildford and seconded by Cllr C Day.**

## 6. POLICE

The police report was circulated previously.

PCSO Jon Hurst will be retiring in September. The Council heard that he is due to be replaced and there will be a handover period with the new PCSO.

The Council agreed to write to PCC, John Dwyer, and the Chief Constable, Mark Roberts, to reinforce the request that the position is filled when PC Hurst retires and there is a handover period for his replacement.

## 7. ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

### 7.1 Payments:-

Chq No	Payee	Amount
898	Running Costs	£ 28.96
899	HMRC	£225.00
900	UK City Images (website)	£300.00
901	CHALC (Training)	£ 30.00
902	Community Heartbeat Trust Ltd	£162.00
903	Cholmondeley Coronation Hall (rent)	£ 30.00
904	Brunel Engraving (plaque for bench)	£ 31.68

The Clerk was paid by standing order.

### 7.2 Receipts:-

None received.

### 7.3 Bank Account:-

Reconciled balance of the Current Bank Account as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 :- £3,306.57.

Balance of the Deposit Bank Account as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022:- £ 7,659.14.

**RESOLVED:-** that the Council accept the above payments and accounts circulated.

**Proposed by Cllr P Roberts and seconded by Cllr Parker.**

### 7.4 Internal Auditor:-

**RESOLVED:-** that the Council appoint Jake Gurr to carry out the annual internal audit.

**Proposed by Cllr Guildford and seconded by Cllr P Roberts.**

## 8. CODE OF CONDUCT

In December 2021, CW&C agreed to adopt a new Member Code of Conduct with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The new Code has been adopted in line with the model code issued by the Local Government Association.

**RESOLVED:-** that Council agreed to adopt the new CWaC Member Code of Conduct with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

**Proposed by Cllr Guildford and seconded by Cllr T Day.**

## 9. PLANNING

### 9.1 Planning Register:-

The Council noted the planning register and the observations as previously circulated.

### 9.2 New Planning:-

The Council has received notification of the following planning application:- 22/00224/FUL - Construction, operation and subsequent decommissioning of a renewable energy scheme comprising ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) arrays and battery storage with ancillary infrastructure at Land At Whitchurch Road Bickley.

The Council agreed to the following:-

- To request an extension for observations to be submitted to CWaC;
- To arrange a virtual meeting with the applicant, Renewable Connections;
- To arrange an extraordinary meeting to consider the planning application.

The Council discussed the issues that were raised in the Open Forum.

Tushingam, Macefen and Bradley Parish Meeting are holding a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to discuss the planning application; Cllrs Parker and S Roberts advised they will attend the meeting.

## 10. ANNUAL MEETING

The Council considered combining the Extraordinary Meeting to discuss planning application 22/0224/FUL with the Annual Meeting.

The Council discussed inviting the following to the Annual Meeting:-

- Cholmondeley Castle to talk about forthcoming events.
- Cholmondeley Sports and Community Association to talk about membership.

## 11. ONGOING ISSUES

### 11.1 Issues Register Update:-

21/1: Coach Road, Duckington (blocked grid):-

Issue closed.

21/2: Witney Lane speed limit :-

CWaC has responded to advise that the average speed is 18 mph in the residential section so it will be recommended for a 20 mph limit.

The rural section beyond average speeds were 12 mph with one car per day travelling between 25-30 mph. This section meets the 40 mph criteria (the lowest limit applicable to a rural road, 30 mph and 20 mph are for residential roads).

The Council considered signage for the rural section and whether to have a 40 mph limit with repeater signs along the route possibly encouraging higher speeds or leave it as national speed limit with no signs.

**RESOLVED:-** The Council agreed to proceed with the 20 mph limit on Witney Lane; the Council will have to contribute 50% towards the cost. CWaC has advised the approximate cost will be between £3,000.00 - £4,000.00.

The Council agreed to leave rural section as national speed limit with no signs.

**Proposed by Cllr P Roberts and seconded by Cllr S Roberts.**

21/3: Chester Road surface :-

CWaC has replied to the request for a site meeting and arrangements are to be made.

21/4: Tilston Road flooding:-

Issue closed.

22/1: Cross O' Hill Road flooding:-

Issue closed.

22/2: Littlers Croft Tree Down:-

The Clerk is to request CWaC that the area is cleared up.

22/3: Littlers Croft Play Eqpt:-

CWaC are getting some quotes together which are to be run by Management to see what they are going to do

22/4: Public Right of Way:-

A resident has cut down trees on the footpath between Cholmondeley Rise and Cross o' th' Hill in NMH.

The land is owned by CWaC. Concerns were raised that other residents may decide to cut back the trees that are on the footpath. The Clerk is to contact Property Services and request that action is taken.

## 12. SUMMER PLAY SCHEME

The Council has agreed in principle to hold a summer play scheme in 2022.

The sports camp provider has advised the daily cost for the summer camp will be £16.00 per head.

The Coronation Hall has confirmed the cost for the week would be £500.00.

In the past the PC has purchased medals at a cost of approximately £120.00.

There are up to 40 places per day which, on previous summer camps, have been full on most of the days.

The Council considered and agreed to the following:-

- (i) To hold a summer camp in August;
- (ii) To instruct the sport camp provider (Military Style Education Ltd) at a rate of £16.00 per child per day;
- (iii) To book the Coronation Hall for the week at a cost of £500.00;
- (iv) To defer whether to order medals for children attending the summer camp;
- (v) To agree the daily rate of £20.00 per child;
- (vi) Not to charge discounted rate for residents who live in NMH&D parish;
- (vii) To promote the event on the following platforms:-
  - Facebook,
  - Website,
  - Local schools,
  - Previous attendees
- (viii) To write to local businesses to request sponsorship.

The Clerk has looked into applying for the grant funding from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund but the scheme would not be eligible.

**13. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANS**

Cllr S Roberts updated the meeting of the progress of the Community Resilience Plan.

The Clerk is to provide the contact details of the Councillor who is preparing a Community Resilience Plan for Malpas Parish Council.

**14. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The Clerk has applied to CWaC for licences at the agreed locations.

**RESOLVED:-** The Council agreed to purchase ten planters at a cost of £250.00.

**Proposed by Cllr T Day and seconded by Cllr Guildford.**

**15. CLERK'S REPORT**

15.1 The W heatsheaf:- The Clerk is to clarify the position regarding the Asset of Community Value status as it is only valid for five years and is due to expire in May 2022.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence received has been previously circulated.

Signed .....

Dated .....

**Scheduled Parish Council Meetings**

**DATES FOR 2022 MEETINGS**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022