

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2017 IN THE JUBILEE HALL AT 7 PM**

<p>PRESENT Cllrs Charles Lowick Higgle (Chairman), John Webb, Adrian Waddelove, Martin Shackleton, Sue Griffith, Eric Bickley, Sarah Thomas, Tina Barnett, Ann Woollam, Karen Meredith, John Bickley, Katie Norris. The Clerk. 2 members of the public attended part of the meeting.</p>																	
<p>280 APOLOGIES Cllr Chris Whitehurst, Roma Hancock.</p>																	
<p>281 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Webb declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 295, 297 and 298 of the minutes. Cllr Eric Bickley declared a pecuniary interest in item 292 of the minutes. Cllr John Bickley declared a pecuniary interest in item 292 of the minutes.</p>																	
<p>282 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Resolved: - The Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting that was held on 13th February 2017 as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Barnett and seconded by Cllr Thomas.</p>																	
<p>283 OPEN FORUM Mr Colin Parton raised concerns regarding traffic on Church Street.</p>																	
<p>284 POLICE REPORT <u>284.1 Report:-</u> In his absence, PCSO Jon Hurst submitted the following report:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver Engagement Day planned in and around the village, this is in relation to reports of speeding – enforcement will be carried out if necessary. • Bike Marking Day – Selecta DNA bike marking was carried out in the village on Sunday 19th February – 30 bikes were marked. • RTC outside the Bishop Heber High School 07/03/2017, a female received chest injuries as a result of the collision. • Operation Shield – The delivery of Selecta DNA kits to local businesses has started and should be completed by the end of next week. <p><u>284.2 PCSO exclusive to Malpas:-</u> No reply has been received further to the letter that was sent to the Police Commissionaire to request for a PCSO to be employed exclusively for the Malpas ward. The Clerk is to write to other parish council's in the ward to request that they also write to the Police Commissionaire to request for a PCSO exclusively for the Malpas ward.</p>	RS																
<p>285 ACCOUNTS <u>285.1 Payments Approved:-</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="129 1664 1382 1818"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq No</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Statutory Power</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>121</td> <td>Victoria Jubilee Hall</td> <td>s.111</td> <td>£ 31.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>122</td> <td>Information Commissioner</td> <td>s.111</td> <td>£ 35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>123</td> <td>Running Costs</td> <td>s.137</td> <td>£ 95.19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Clerk has written to CW&C to enquire whether the Council can reallocate the grant that was given to pay for fencing to rear of public toilets to be used instead to pay for the fencing of the recycle bins at Malpas and District Sports Club. No reply has been received to date. The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order. <u>Receipts Received:-</u> Christmas Trees:- £ 25.50;</p>	Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount	121	Victoria Jubilee Hall	s.111	£ 31.00	122	Information Commissioner	s.111	£ 35.00	123	Running Costs	s.137	£ 95.19	
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Bank Account:-

The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 1st February 2017 was £58,874.44. The funds are allocated as follows:-

- Parish Council - £10,193.53
- Christmas Lights Funding - £1,085.49
- Fencing to rear of public toilets funding - £850.00
- New Homes Bonus - £44,351.00
- Allotments (balance of £3,600 transferred from NHB allocation) - £1,367.00
- Allotment Deposits (ring fence in accounts) - £300.00
- Neighbourhood Plan - £727.42

Resolved: - The Council agreed to the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Lowick Higgle and seconded by Cllr Thomas.

285.2 Internal Auditor:-

Resolved: - The Council agreed to appoint Harper Wright to carry out the Council's internal audit. Proposed by Cllr Lowick Higgle and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley.

286 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Council agreed to invite the police and recipients of the grants that were awarded in the 2016 – 2017 financial year to provide a brief update.

RS

287 INTERNAL PROCEDURES

Work in progress.

288 SURGERY ROTA

288.1 To receive update from the March surgery:-

ISSUE	CONCERNS RAISED AND ACTION TAKEN
(i) Old School House	What is happening to the Old School House? Informed that it is due to be demolished as part of the new school
(ii) Community Speed Watch	Resident updated on the Church Street / Wrexham Road initiative.
(iii) Heating in Craddock Court	Informed that heating in Craddock Court had been off for a week. Cllr Whitehurst has raised the issue with Cheshire West Council.
(iv) Waste Bin on Chester Road missing	To be reported to CW&C.

288.2 To establish rota for future surgeries:-

April:- Cllrs Hancock and Woollam;

May:- Cllrs Whitehurst and Norris

June:- Cllrs Higgle and Thomas

289 PLANNING

289.1 Applications:-

17/00673/CAT - To remove Cypresses Leylandii and replant with small deciduous variety (possibly prunus amanogwa or cydonia), lower canopy of Crab Apple Tree and reduce some Yew branches at West Lodge Church Street Malpas

Resolved: - The Council agreed to accept the attached March Planning Report. Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Lowick Higgle.

289.2 To consider any applications received after the agenda has been distributed:-

None have been received.

289.3 Recent decisions by CW&C:-

None have been received.

<p>289.4 <u>To receive planning updates:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wickers:- The planning application has been withdrawn. • Malpas Alport Primary School:- Some Cllrs attended the recent presentation of revised plans for the proposed extension. It was felt that the car parking issue still remains to be addressed. <p>289.5 <u>Bovis:-</u> The following concerns were raised again:- generator noise, parking by contractors on the highway and mud on roads throughout the village. The Council agreed to invite Albert Hassall, Bovis Homes, to the April meeting to address the various unresolved concerns.</p> <p>289.6 <u>Dane Housing:-</u> Plus Dane have advised that out of the seven houses which were available for let at Lynchet Road two were allocated to applicants with a connection to Malpas and the other five had a connection with the broader West Cheshire area. The Council need to publicise the availability of these properties. The Council are to write to Dane to express disappointment that the houses were not allocated to local people and to request for an explanation of their lettings allocation process. Cllrs Lowick Higgle and Woollam agreed to liaise with Plus Dane over future allocations.</p>	RS
<p>290 HIGHWAYS</p> <p>290.1 <u>Chester Road:-</u> CW&C have advised that the support posts and electrics have now been installed, the 30 mph flashing sign is due to be completed in the next 2 – 3 weeks. The Council are to send a request for the repainting of the white lines at the pedestrian crossing on Chester Road and for the bin at the bus stop to be reinstated.</p> <p>290.2 <u>Whitchurch Road:-</u> CW&C are due to carry out a survey in relation to extending the 30 mph speed limit.</p> <p>290.3 <u>Mastiff Lane:-</u> The Council is waiting for a reply to the letter has been sent to the land owners to request permission to install a mirror in the field that is opposite the junction with Mastiff Lane.</p>	RS
<p>291 BOVIS – BUS SHELTERS</p> <p>A modern bus shelter is due to be sited at the top of Springfield Road. CW&C are due to provide feedback.</p>	
<p>292 ALLOTMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Whitehurst has met with Mark Bickley to clarify the work required at the site. • A meeting with the allotment holders to address concerns raised at the February and to set up an Allotment Association has been arranged for Tuesday 21st March. 	
<p>293 PARISH INFORMATION BOARDS</p> <p>A revised proof has been circulated to Cllrs with the additional amendments. Cllr Waddelove is to advise of further minor amendments. Once these have been actioned the boards are to be produced. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting with Canon Ian Davenport to discuss content for the third noticeboard which is to be located at St Oswald’s Church.</p>	RS

<p>294 VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNS Locations have been identified for the larger signs. Feedback from CW&C is due regarding costs and the format of the picture.</p>	
<p>295 COMMUNITY MINIBUS 295.1 <u>To receive update:-</u> Cllr Webb updated the meeting as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision due from the Department for Transport on the bid for the minibus. • CW&C have confirmed that the bid for £7,000 has been agreed. • At present, the total funding is £32,000.00, with a number of grant/ funding applications pending, this means that Malpas will have a Community mini bus at some point. • It is hoped to hold a meeting to bring a few organisations together to help get the bus up and running including RCS / OPAL, Malpas Parish Council, Young Person's Centre and Malpas Sports Club. If any other local organisations are interested they are to contact Ilene Hoyle or John Webb. • MIDAS training for the first group of RCS / OPAL drivers has been booked. <p>295.2 <u>To nominate a representative for the steering committee:-</u> Resolved: - The Council agreed to nominate Cllr Meredith to act as the Council's representative for the steering committee. Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Shackleton.</p>	
<p>296 SYCAMORE TREE AT THE OX HEYES The Council are considering planting an oak tree to replace the tree. The Clerk is in the process of contacting the Church of England who own the land.</p>	
<p>297 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MALPAS Cllr Webb updated the meeting of the recent visitors from Donegal and Japan in conjunction with the Department of Health. It is hoped to hold refresher courses next year.</p>	
<p>298 MALPAS AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST The proposal is to acquire Castle Hill for the village. There will be a yearly maintenance and insurance costs.</p>	
<p>299 SID REPORT Cllr Norris updated the meeting about the recent SID session at Sunnyside. Volunteers wishing to take part with the sessions are to contact Cllr Norris to advise their availability for the rota.</p>	
<p>300 RED LION The Council considered a request received from Mr Richard Lever for an official letter from Malpas Parish Council to state that the Council has no intention of buying the property and will not be putting in a bid for the property. The Clerk is to look into the matter and report back to the Council.</p>	RS
<p>301 CRADDOCK COURT The Council has been informed regarding various complaints including the loss of heating during the recent storm. Cllr Whitehurst has made CW&C aware of the issues. Cllr Webb is to make enquiries regarding payment of the electric heaters.</p>	JW

302 CLERK'S REPORT	
(i) Bovis site	Email sent about concerns raised regarding 8 foot water trench located at the bottom of the site reported to Bovis. Reply:- <i>I would hope to put the residents minds at ease by saying that the site is secured all round by the steel fencing which fully secures our site from members of the public. Should the fence ever become unsecure without our knowledge then the emergency number should be used as displayed on the fencing, and this will be rectified immediately.</i>
(ii) Roads	State of Springfields, bottom of Well Street, High Street, Old Hall Street, Tilston Road, Chester Road and Wrexham Road – request sent for deep cleanse
(iii) Plus Dane Housing	Sent request for contact info for properties to be advertised
303 EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE (Incl. the RED SUGGESTION BOX located in Londis near the Post Office counter). A list of correspondence received has been circulated to Cllrs.	
304 UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES 304.1 Patient Participation Group are due to meet.	

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

NB copies of the attachments can be obtained from the Parish Clerk

Website:- <http://www.malpascheshire.org/>