

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017 IN THE JUBILEE HALL AT 7 PM**

<p>PRESENT Cllrs Charles Lowick Higgle (Chairman), Chris Whitehurst John Webb, Adrian Waddelove, Sue Griffith, Eric Bickley, Sarah Thomas, Tina Barnett, Ann Woollam, Katie Norris. The Clerk. Five members of the public attended part of the meeting.</p>																											
<p>305 APOLOGIES Cllrs Martin Shackleton, Karen Meredith, John Bickley, Roma Hancock.</p>																											
<p>306 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Webb declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 320 of the minutes. Cllr Eric Bickley declared a pecuniary interest in item 317.3 of the minutes. Cllr Whitehurst declared a pecuniary interest in item 317.3 of the minutes.</p>																											
<p>307 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Resolved: - The Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting that was held on 13th March 2017 as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Woollam.</p>																											
<p>308 OPEN FORUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albert Hassall and Carl Noble, representing Bovis Homes, were due to speak to the meeting but did not attend. • Amanda Corbett spoke to the meeting about setting up a pre-school in the village following the recent closure of Barika Pre-School. • Residents complained about the noise levels and the state of the Bovis site. 																											
<p>309 POLICE REPORT 309.1 <u>Report:-</u> PCSO Jon Hurst did not attend the meeting. 309.2 <u>PCSO exclusive to Malpas:-</u> The Clerk has written to other parish council's in the ward to request that they also write to the Police Commissioner to request for a PCSO exclusively for the Malpas ward. The Police Commissioner has replied to advise that the Chief Constable is currently undertaking a review of PCSOs across the county which includes a review of the part-funding arrangements that the Constabulary has in place with partners such as Parish Councils as well as the deployment and distribution of PCSOs to ensure that the police service is better connected with our communities. The review is currently ongoing and the report is due later in the year. He has given his commitment that once firm decisions have been taken, these will be communicated to partners across the county. Superintendent Peter Crowcroft is to come and visit to discuss the future PCSO role and the issues mentioned in the letter. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting.</p>																											
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129	Cheshire Surveys Ltd (topographical survey of The Cross)	s.111	£ 456.00												
130	CHRISTMAS:- Victoria Jubilee Hall	s.137	£ 150.00												
<p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.</p> <p>CW&C have replied to the enquiry as to whether the Council can reallocate the grant that was given to pay for fencing to rear of public toilets. The Council wishes to reallocate the grant to pay for the fencing of the recycle bins at Malpas and District Sports Club. CW&C have confirmed that as long as they can be assured that the money is to be spent on fencing only, but in a different location, then the money can be spent accordingly.</p> <p><u>Receipts Received:-</u> Christmas Trees:- £ 102.00 Precept:- £20,800.00</p> <p><u>Bank Account:-</u> The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 1st March 2017 was £58,874.44. The funds are allocated as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 <p>Resolved: - The Council agreed to the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley.</p>															
<p>311 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Invites have been sent to the police and recipients of the grants awarded in the 2016 – 2017 financial year to provide a brief update at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>															
<p>312 INTERNAL PROCEEDURES Cllrs Whitehurst and Waddelove are to arrange a meeting to go through the paperwork. Cllrs Lowick Higgle and Woollam agreed to attend the meeting. The Grant Scheme application form has been circulated; the working group are to go through the form.</p>															
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<p>313.2 <u>To establish rota for future surgeries:-</u> May:- Cllrs Whitehurst and Norris June:- Cllrs Higgle and Thomas July:- Cllr Griffith</p>	
<p>314 PLANNING</p> <p>314.1 <u>Applications:-</u> 17/ 00847/FUL - Single storey extension to rear at 41 Oak Tree Rise Malpas Resolved:-The Council do not object to this application in principle, concerns were expressed about the size of the extension. Proposed by Cllr Barnett and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley. Cllr Whitehurst abstained from voting.</p> <p>17/01000/FUL - Change of use of land to widen football pitch, installation of 6 demountable floodlights and temporary portable changing room at The Oxhays Wrexham Road Malpas Resolved:-The Council agreed to support the application and requested that the public footpath, which currently goes across the football pitch, be diverted and to request that the portable changing room is screened. Proposed by Cllr Barnett and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley. Cllr Whitehurst abstained from voting.</p> <p>17/01107/FUL - Erection of a conservatory to the rear – retrospective at The Bickerton Cross O Th Hill Road Malpas Concerns were raised that the application was made retrospectively. Resolved:-The Council agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Barnett and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley. Cllr Whitehurst abstained from voting.</p> <p>314.2 <u>Appeal:-</u> APP/A0665/W/17/3170561 (16/02002/FUL) - Demolition of existing building and associated outbuildings and erection of 27 retirement living units, communal facilities, landscaping and car parking at The Cedars, Old Hall Street, Malpas Resolved:- The Council agreed to accept the attached planning report. Proposed by Cllr Barnett and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley. Cllrs Whitehurst and Webb abstained from voting.</p> <p>314.3 <u>To consider any applications received after the agenda has been distributed:-</u> None have been received.</p> <p>314.4 <u>Recent decisions by CW&C:-</u> <u>Approved:-</u> 17/00716/FUL – Lower Moss Cottage, Higher Wych Road, Wigland</p> <p>314.5 <u>To receive planning updates:-</u></p> <p>314.6 <u>Bovis:-</u> The Council expressed disappointment that the Bovis representatives did not attend the meeting as promised. Resolved:- The Council agreed to write a letter to the managing director of Bovis to express disappointment of the lack of co-operation by Bovis. Copies of which are to be sent to the local MP, CW&C and the local press. Proposed by Cllr Lowick Higgle and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley.</p> <p>314.7 <u>Dane Housing:-</u> A letter has been sent 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. No reply has been received to date.</p> <p>314.8 <u>Stewart Mine:-</u></p>	<p>JW</p>

<p>New residents at the site have expressed concerns regarding the footpath. Resolved:- The Council agreed to write a letter of support to Stewart Milne to request that the footpath at the site is made good. Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley.</p>	RS
<p>315 HIGHWAYS 315.1 <u>Chester Road:-</u> CW&C have advised that the 30 mph flashing sign is due to be completed in the next 3 - 4 weeks. 315.2 <u>Whitchurch Road:-</u> CW&C are due to carry out a survey in relation to extending the 30 mph speed limit. 315.3 <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>	
<p>316 SPEEDING Cllr Norris updated the meeting about the recent SIDS initiative in the village. Over the course of 17 sessions at various locations in the village, the speed of 1,800 vehicles was recorded. Over 50% of vehicles were driving under 30 mph. The police have driver engagement days planned in the village.</p>	
<p>317 BOVIS – BUS SHELTERS CW&C are due to provide a modern bus shelter at the top of Springfield Road.</p>	
<p>318 ALLOTMENTS 318.1 <u>Allotment Policy:-</u> Resolved:- The Council agreed to accept the amendments to the allotment policy as previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Barnett and seconded by Cllr Lowick Higgle. 318.2 <u>Meeting with Allotment Holders:-</u> Cllrs Shackleton, Meredith and the clerk met with allotment holders to go through the points raised at the recent meeting including:- works at the site; public liability insurance; the provision of an additional tap at the site; to agree that small trees / bushes up to a maximum of 6 foot can be planted at the site; a list of the tenants responsibilities and liabilities; whether poly tunnels and / or greenhouses are permitted at the site; to confirm the Council is responsible for maintaining the unlet plots; arrangements to set up an Allotment Association and to confirm the point of contacts. 318.3 <u>Site Works:-</u> The Council considered the one quote received to carry out works and agreed to obtain further quotes. 318.4 <u>Structures at the Allotment Site:-</u> The Council considered whether to agree that allotment holders can erect poly tunnels and greenhouses at the site. Resolved:- The Council agreed that allotment holders can erect poly tunnels and greenhouses at the site providing they apply for appropriate planning permission. Proposed by Cllr Barnett and seconded by Cllr Lowick Higgle. Cllr Eric Bickley abstained from the vote.</p>	

<p>319 PARISH INFORMATION BOARDS</p> <p>Two of the information boards containing the map are to be located at the following locations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street car park; • Chester Road; <p>Revised amends have been sent to Nature Sign Designs, a final proof is due for consideration before the boards are made up and delivered.</p> <p>Highways have advised that the Council need to apply for a licence or the information board located on Chester Road. Streetscene are to install the information boards.</p> <p>The third information boards is to be located at St Oswald's Church. Design is yet to be started. Canon Davenport has advised that the PCC need to authorise the information board and then permission is required from the diocese to install the information board in the church grounds.</p> <p>The Council are to send an invoice to United Utilities further to their agreement to contribute towards the information boards.</p>	
<p>320 VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNS</p> <p>The Council are looking into obtaining permission to use the picture of the church for the village boundary signs.</p>	
<p>321 COMMUNITY MINIBUS</p> <p>Cllr Webb informed the meeting that the recent grant application was unsuccessful.</p>	
<p>322 SYCAMORE TREE AT THE OX HEYES</p> <p>The Clerk has spoken to the diocese's tree surgeon and he has suggested that a replacement sycamore sapling be planted at the site thus continuing the story of the twelve sycamores within the village (this is so as the tree takes to the soil and is also a direct descendent of the existing trees). He suggested that the school get involved with the planting process so as to take 'ownership' of the tree (ensure the historical importance of the tree). The tree would have to be protected with a sign at the location.</p> <p>The diocese have replied to confirm this will be acceptable have granted permission.</p> <p>The Clerk is to contact Canon Davenport and the Alport to progress the above.</p>	RS
<p>323 HANGING BASKETS</p> <p>The Council agreed to order hanging baskets on behalf of the businesses. Gallery Flowers are to provide quotes.</p>	RS
<p>324 RED LION</p> <p>Further to the request received from Mr Richard Lever, The Red Lion, Malpas, 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 Council has received the following response from CAMRA:-</p> <p>“The ACV was properly raised by the Parish Council and remains in force for 5 years. The conditions of the Localism bill apply throughout this period and the Council would be very strongly advised NOT to make any statements to the owner regarding their intentions. If they were to agree to owner's request for a letter of intent not to bid, they would indeed be undermining the ACV process and some of the protection it offers. “</p>	
<p>325 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CW&C: WARDING ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>Cllr Lowick Higgle has prepared and circulated a response which the Council agreed to be submitted to CW&C.</p>	

326 PRE SCHOOL PROVISION See 313.1 (v) for report.		
327 CLERK'S REPORT		
(i) Internal Audit:-	Harper Wright has confirmed that he will carry out the PC's internal audit.	
(ii) Data protection registration	Confirmation of renewal received.	
(iii) Bank	Forms have been submitted to bank to amend signatories.	
(iv) Pedestrian Crossing on Chester Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request sent to Graham Lowe for white lines to be repainted. • Complaints received re vehicles not stopping at the pedestrian crossing – reported to the police and made request for enforcement. PCSO Jon Hurst has replied to advise that he will give some attention to the location, and ensure there will be no further rudeness to residents whilst they cross the road. 	
(v) Bin on Chester Road	Request sent to CW&C for bin at the bus stop on Chester Road, Malpas to be reinstated	
(vi) St Oswald's Close	Request sent to Streetscene to arrange to clean the concrete part in front of the houses as it is covered in algae.	
(vii) Vandalism	Reported recent vandalism at the Rec and on Leech Lane to the police (copied in the Bishop Heber and YPC).	
328 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.		
329 UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES 329.1 The Malpas CLT is due to have its' first inaugural meeting.		

The meeting closed at 8.47 p.m.

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

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