

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018 IN THE JUBILEE HALL AT 7 PM**

PRESENT Cllrs John Webb (Chairman), Tina Barnett, Eric Bickley, John Bickley, Richard Charlton, Charles Lowick Higgie Martin Shackleton, Sarah Thomas, Adrian Waddelove, Chris Whitehurst, Ann Woollam. The Clerk. Two members of the public attended part of the meeting.			
90. APOLOGIES Cllrs Sue Griffith, Roma Hancock, Karen Meredith.			
91. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Whitehurst declared a non-pecuniary outside body interest in item 119 of the minutes. Cllr Whitehurst applied to the Council for a dispensation to speak and take part in any vote on regarding the matter. The dispensation was granted.			
92. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Resolved: - Item 81 of the minutes was amended to include “located further down Old Hall Street “. The Chairman then signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting that was held on 9th July 2018 as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Waddelove and seconded by Cllr Thomas. Resolved: - Item 87 of the minutes was amended to as Cllr Adrian Waddelove did not attend the meeting. The Chairman then signed the minutes of the Parish Council extraordinary meeting that was held on 13th August 2018 as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Shackleton.			
93. OPEN FORUM The following issues were raised: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Danny Drayton, Area Build Manager for Bovis Homes, updated the meeting regarding works at the Bovis site and complaints received.• Steve Scrivenshaw, resident , spoke to the meeting regarding the provision of a youth worked in Malpas and to request that the Council leads on coordinating with other local organisations to cover the cost.			
94. POLICE REPORT 94.1 <u>Police Update:-</u> PCSO Jon Hurst sent his apologies. The crime report for the area was previously circulated. 94.2 <u>Police 101 calls:-</u> The Council agreed to write to the acting Chief Constable to request a meeting to discuss concerns regarding the poor response of the 101 service.			
95. ACCOUNTS 95.1 <u>Payments Approved: -</u>			
Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount
207	Walkers Nurseries (Hanging Baskets / planters)		£ 893.46
208	DJA Property Services – replace cheque 203		£ 150.00
209	Running Costs	s.111	£ 83.28
210	Victoria Jubilee Hall	s.111	£ 64.22

211	Shelly Signs (Noticeboard)	s.137	£ 702.00
212	NHB:- Cheshire Surveys Ltd (topographical survey)		£ 456.00
213	GRANT:- WMS – on behalf of Cheeky Monkeys	s.137	£ 74.38

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Receipts Received: -

Hanging Baskets:- £400.46
 Christmas Trees (2017):- £15.00

Bank Account: -

The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 30th August 2018 was £60,141.48. The funds are allocated as follows: -

- Parish Council - £23,764.72
- Christmas Lights Funding - £311.57
- New Homes Bonus - £33,573.00
- Allotments (balance of £3,600 transferred from NHB allocation) - £1,114.77
- Allotment Deposits (ring fence in accounts) - £650.00
- Neighbourhood Plan - £727.42

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

95.2 Poppy Wreath:-

Resolved: - The Council agreed donate £100.00 towards the cost of a poppy wreath. Proposed by Cllr Lowick Higgle and seconded by Cllr Thomas.

95.3 Budget to Date:-

The Council received the figures to date. Cllr Whitehurst queried some items prior to the meeting to which the Clerk has responded to.

95.4 Donation:-

The Council has received a donation of £100.00 from Whitchurch and Malpas Lions. This is to be spent on plants at Clayhole Croft to improve the appearance of the site. The Council passed on their thanks to Whitchurch and Malpas Lions.

96. ANNUAL AUDIT

The external auditor has raised a couple of queries before the audit can be finalised.

97. INTERNAL PROCEDURES

No update regarding Council internal procedures.

98. GDPR

The paperwork for GDPR has been circulated to Cllrs. These are yet to be formally adopted.

99. CODE OF CONDUCT

A number of concerns have been expressed about the use of the Malpas Village Facebook page. Members of the Parish Council were reminded of the importance of using social media responsibly.

The one Councillor who is responsible for much of the activity, which has been criticised, has apologised and given an undertaking to recognise the concerns and amend his activities in future.

Parishioners are reminded that the only official communications from the Parish Council will be from The Chairman or the Clerk.

Several informal complaints have also been received about the recent behaviour of one member of the Parish Council. The Councillor involved has been spoken to and has apologised unreservedly for his inappropriate behaviour. The matter is now concluded, unless further formal complaints are made to the Clerk. The Clerk and Chairman will closely monitor adherence to the undertakings given and the Councillors code of conduct.

100. SURGERY ROTA

To receive update from August and September surgery: -

ISSUE	CONCERNS RAISED AND ACTION TAKEN
(i) Overgrown hedges	These are to be reported to CW&C.
(ii) Highways Concerns	Noted.
(iii) Damage to Kissing Gate at Parbutts Lane	Landowner is to carry out repairs.
(iv) Leech Road	Request for double yellow lines at junction with Well Street.
(v) Code of Conduct	Several concerns raised.

101. PLANNING

101.1 Applications: -

18//02571/FUL - Construction of a manege at Dog Lane Farm at Dog Lane Oldcastle Malpas

Observations: - none were made.

18/02758/FUL - Replace of shop front and supporting beam over at The Malpas Chippy Church Street Malpas

Observations: - none were made.

101.2 To consider any applications received after the agenda has been distributed: - None have been received

101.3 Recent decisions by CW&C: -

18/01211/REM – The Cedars, Old Hall Street, Malpas

18/02502/FUL - St Josephs College Tilston Road Malpas

18/02503/FUL - St Josephs College Tilston Road Malpas

18/02507/FUL - St Josephs College Tilston Road Malpas

101.4 To receive planning updates: -

The McCarthy Stone planning application has gone to appeal.

101.5 Bovis Development: -

A site meeting has taken place..

101.6 Chester Road Development: -

No update.

101.7 Alport Primary School: -

The work is now complete. Sarah Worthington has invited parish councillors to visit the new building.

102 HIGHWAYS

102.1 Footpath and access along Chester Road to Hampton: -

The work to clear the footpath was carried out over the summer. The Council agreed to write a letter of thanks to CW&C.

102.2 Parking: -

The Council held a workshop on Monday 13th August to prepare for the consultation with the village. Members of the Parish Council have continued to work with officers from CWaC in an attempt to find a solution to the traffic and

<p>parking problems. There will be a consultation event which is provisional scheduled for 20th October – full details with times will follow.</p> <p>Further to a recent complaint from a resident on Old Hall Street, motorists are reminded that white T-bars across driveways mean NO PARKING.</p> <p>The Council discussed the provision of parking on the green space on Springfields. The Council agreed to write to CW&C and request what options are available, the costings and to arrange a meeting with the localities officer.</p> <p>102.3 <u>Speeding on Wrexham Road:</u> - Cllr Whitehurst is to follow up with Kieran Collins to request that CW&C carry out a survey.</p> <p>101.4 <u>Community Speeding Initiative:-</u> Training is due to take place for the speed gun.</p> <p>101.5 <u>Chester Rural Area (20MPH speed limit):-</u> The Council has written to CW&C to register concerns and strongly oppose the proposed 20mph speed limits in the village and to request 20mph zones outside both the primary and secondary schools.</p>	RS
<p>103 ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The stand pipe has now been installed at the site. Invoices are due to be sent to allotment holders next month.</p>	
<p>104 VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNS</p> <p>Cllr Whitehurst has passed the project over to Cllr Griffith.</p>	
<p>105 APPEARANCE OF MALPAS</p> <p>Update: - • Peter Howell Noticeboard is now installed at St Oswald's Church.</p>	
<p>106 HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTERS</p> <p>Hanging Baskets:- The Council agreed not to do winter displays in the hanging baskets. The baskets will need to be collected and returned to Walkers. Planters:- The Council have agreed for Walkers to fill the planters for winter.</p>	RS
<p>107 STEPS NEXT TO THE CROSS</p> <p>Nothing further update.</p>	
<p>108 BUS SHELTER LOCATED AT THE CROWN</p> <p>The electricity supply been switched off. A letter has been written to the owner request an invoice for the electricity supply.</p>	
<p>109 HEDGE CUTTING</p> <p>The Council agreed that residents ought to report any overgrown hedges directly to CW&C.</p>	
<p>110 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING</p> <p>The Council agreed to rearrange the defibrillator training session and hope to hold it at the parish meeting next year.</p>	
<p>111 HOMEWATCH</p> <p>Cllr Lowick Higgle offered to coordinate Homewatch at the new housing estates in the village.</p>	
<p>112 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION</p> <p>The award ceremony is due to take place on 1st November. The Council agreed to ask Cllr Griffith if she would attend the event on behalf of the Council.</p>	
<p>113 CHALC ANNUAL MEETING 2018</p>	

Cllr Charlton agreed to prepare two motions to be submitted to the Annual Meeting at Middlewich Civic Hall Civic Way on Thursday 25th October

No 1.

On several occasions over the last few months CW&C Borough Council have requested part payment for general works requested by Malpas Parish Council. For example, a payment was requested for clearing and cleaning subsided earth from a pavement (leading from Malpas to Hampton). Not only does requesting part payment double the work Parish Council's Clerks' have to complete, it also delays the actioning of said works and is in effect placing double taxation on local people

No 2.

Malpas Parish Council have repeatedly requested updates on due payments from CW&C Borough Council for building scheme initiatives e.g. The Beeches, Tilston Road, Malpas. We have been unhappy with the responses given and the lack of clarity provided. The SOP needs to clearly set out time-lines and the Borough Council's liabilities should it fail to secure from property developers the due payment(s).

Cllr Charlton agreed to attend the meeting.

114 MALPAS FIRE SERVICE

The Council expressed their support for the campaign to recruit new fire fighters.

115 CLERK'S REPORT

(i) Insurance	The Clerk has contacted Zurich to enquire about the checking of assets. No guidance was recommended. The following items have been added to the insurance policy: - church information panel, planters and King James I Chair.
(ii) Bus Shelter	Request for quote to carry out repairs to Chester Road bus shelter has been made.
(iii) Toilets	A resident has written to suggest that a notice be placed in the village to advise where people can complain to regarding the state of the toilets. The notice is now in place at the toilets
(iv) Bovis	Resident raised the following concerns:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise levels at the site due to machinery; • Dust at the site; • Working hours at the site are not being adhered to. Letter sent to the CEO of Bovis and request that immediate action be taken regarding the above matters. A reply has been received to advise they are looking into matters.
(v) Police	Cllrs raised concerns about reporting incidents to the 101 police number as there are long waiting times. A formal complaint has been sent to the Police Commissioner. A note of thanks has been sent to the Police Commissioner for the planned police layby on Chester Road. A reply has been received to explain the situation regarding delays.
(vi) Dog Mess	Located at bottom of Well Street. Reported to the dog warden.

(vii) Housing Needs Survey	Freedom of Information request has been sent to CW&C and request the following information:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many people are currently on the waiting list for affordable housing in Malpas; • When was the list last updated; • What type of accommodation do people require; • How many people on the list currently live in the Malpas ward; • Can the Parish Council contact individuals on the list for further information. 	
(viii) Dead Badgers on Love Lane	Reported to CW&C.	
(ix) 20 mph zones	Email sent to express that 20 mph was an ill-conceived idea and a waste of taxpayer's money. Indeed, the majority of the roads on the list are small cul de sacs where it would be virtually impossible to achieve 20 mph even if you tried. The Council fully support the introduction of 20 mph outside both schools in the village - Malpas Alport Primary School and Bishop Heber High School - and would hope that these speed limits are implemented as soon as possible.	
<p>116 EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE INCLUDING SUGGESTION BOX List previously circulated to Cllrs. 116.1 Memorial: - a letter has been received to request the possibility of establishing a memorial in memory of the late Mr and Mrs George Stevenson. The Council are to explore the options. 116.2 Bishop Heber High School: - the Council are to write and congratulate the school on the outstanding GCSE and A Level results achieved by pupils attending the school this year.</p>		
<p>117 UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES Nothing to report.</p>		
<p>PART TWO</p>		
<p>118 PRESS AND PUBLIC Resolved:- To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public. Proposed by Cllr Charlton and seconded by Cllr Woollam.</p>		

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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

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