

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018 IN THE JUBILEE HALL AT 7 PM**

<p>PRESENT Cllrs John Webb (Chairman), Tina Barnett, Richard Charlton, Sue Griffith, Roma Hancock, Charles Lowick Higgle, Karen Meredith, Martin Shackleton, Sarah Thomas, The Clerk. Fourteen members of the public attended part of the meeting.</p>																							
<p>151. APOLOGIES Cllrs Eric Bickley, John Bickley, Adrian Waddelove, Chris Whitehurst, Ann Woollam.</p>																							
<p>152. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Meredith declared a pecuniary interest in item 159.1 of the minutes.</p>																							
<p>153. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Resolved: - The Chairman then signed the minutes of the Parish Council business meeting that was held on 8th October 2018 as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Lowick Higgle and seconded by Cllr Shackleton.</p>																							
<p>154. OPEN FORUM Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Bailey and Sgt Collins attended the meeting. A local resident gave an example of an incident that caused great concern and is reflective of the many concerns across the Parish and wider rural areas. ACC Bailey recognised the problems with the 101 system and reported that new arrangements including improved online reporting are being developed. Residents are advised to make full use of the local surgeries to be held by the local PCSO. ACC Bailey was reminded of the willingness of Malpas and other Parish Councils to work in partnership. The following issues were raised: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owens: - the Owen family have sold their business. The Parish Council placed on record their thanks and appreciation for all that Nigel, Joanne and the family have done for the village and to wish them well in the future. • Barlows: - the Parish Council noted the recent achievements of Barlows who at the Cheshire Business awards, were crowned 'Employer of the Year'. • Centenarians:- The Parish Council recorded its congratulations and very best wishes to two local residents, Alice Huxley and Rosylin Williams who both celebrate their 100th birthday in November. • Bovis:- concerns were raised regarding the current planning application due to a change in the configuration, the height and size of the houses, the unresolved drainage issues. 																							
<p>155. POLICE REPORT PCSO Jon Hurst sent his apologies.</p>																							
<p>156. ACCOUNTS 156.1 <u>Payments Approved:</u> -</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Chq No</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Statutory Power</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">221</td> <td>Running Costs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">s.111</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 33.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">222</td> <td>Victoria Jubilee Hall</td> <td style="text-align: center;">s.111</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">223</td> <td>Walkers Nurseries (planters)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">s.137</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 173.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">224</td> <td>Fisher German</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 900.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount	221	Running Costs	s.111	£ 33.66	222	Victoria Jubilee Hall	s.111	£ 12.00	223	Walkers Nurseries (planters)	s.137	£ 173.04	224	Fisher German		£ 900.00
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225	Wright Marshall		£ 660.00
226	Garden Trends	s.137	£ 199.80
227	D Finch - refund of Key Deposit @ Mosslands	s.137	£ 50.00

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Receipts Received: -
None

Bank Account: -

The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 30th October 2018 was £57353.10. The funds are allocated as follows: -

- Parish Council - £21,356.34
- Christmas Lights Funding - £311.57
- New Homes Bonus - £33,193.00
- 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 Charlton and seconded by Cllr Barnett.

156.2 Annual Audit: -

The external auditor report for 2017- 18:-

“On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:- We note that the smaller authority did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision during the year 2018/19 for the exercise of public rights, since the approval date was not before the start of the period for the exercise of public rights, and the correct information was not published on a website as well as a noticeboard. As a result, the smaller authority must put answer “No” to assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 and ensure that it makes proper provision for the exercise of public rights during 2019/20.”

The Council noted the report.

156.3 Assets Register: -

See attached for updated Assets Register.

157. THE MOSSLANDS

Councillors provided details to update the Charities Commission.

158. SURGERY ROTA

To receive update from November surgery: -

ISSUE	CONCERNS RAISED AND ACTION TAKEN
(i) Bovis Homes	Concerns raised regarding site.
(ii) Craddock Court	Concerns raised regarding lack of heating and the length of time it took to resolve the matter.
(iii) Gate at Parbutts Lane	Concerns regarding broken gate.

(iv) Local MP	Concerns raised due to confusion with the local MP also attending the parish council surgery. All and any future invitations or Arrangements with the MP must be made via The Clerk	
<p>159. PLANNING</p> <p>159.1 <u>Applications:</u> - 18/04056/FUL - Substitution of house types for plots 68, 69, 60, 71, 72, 73, 138, 139 and 86 - 102, 140 (Amendment to approved application 15/03721/REM) at Land Rear of Broselake Farm Greenway Lane Malpas Observations: - The increase will result in a higher massing and the loss of open space. Malpas PC would want to ensure that this would not encroach on the buffer zone that was conditioned by the inspector as part of the original grant of planning. The Council would also point out that this application would be subject to CWAS's Car Parking Strategy. As part of this document all four bedded house are required to have adequate off-street parking for 3 vehicles. We note that this application includes 4 bedded houses. Draw your attention to Neighbourhood Plan which stipulates that each character area consists of no more than 30 houses. Policy H4 and BE2 are particularly relevant to this application as they deal with the character and style of build. Malpas PC understands that drainage issues at the site remain unresolved and would request that no further approval be granted until this matter has been resolved. Malpas PC oppose this planning application. Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Charlton.</p> <p>159.2 <u>To consider any applications received after the agenda has been distributed:</u> - None have been received.</p> <p>159.3 <u>Recent decisions by CW&C:</u> - Approved: - 18/02571/FUL – Dog Lane Farm, Dog Lane, Oldcastle, Malpas</p> <p>159.4 <u>To receive planning updates:</u> - Patrick Lomax has agreed to provide funding for a more comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment.</p> <p>159.5 <u>Bovis Development:</u> - The Council are due to have a further meeting.</p> <p>159.6 <u>Chester Road Development:</u> - CW&C are seeking to impose a condition on the development regarding the affordable housing at the site. Cllr Webb is due to meet with the planning officer and developers.</p>		
<p>160 HIGHWAYS</p> <p><u>Speeding on Wrexham Road:</u> - No update.</p> <p><u>Bradley Bridge:-</u> No update as to when the traffic lights will be removed.</p>		
<p>161 ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>161.1 <u>Update:</u> - The two vacant plots have now been taken.</p> <p>161.2 <u>Additional Plots:</u> -</p>		

The Council considered whether to provide additional allotment plots and agreed to carry out market research to establish whether there is any further demand.		
162 VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNS Cllr Griffith and Ian Okell have met with the company who are designing the signs and approved the proofs.		
163 APPEARANCE OF MALPAS Update: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkers Nurseries have replanted the planters. • The Council is to chase up the design plans for the Cross. • Hanging Baskets: - the council agreed to contact Honeybee Florists for a quote to do the hanging baskets next year. 		
164 BUS SHELTERS 164.1 <u>Chester Road:</u> - The Council has instructed Paul Williams to carry out the repairs to the roof. 164.2 <u>High Street:</u> - The Council is awaiting quotes for a replacement bus shelter for the purposes of the insurance claim. The Clerk is to contact CW&C regarding potentially relocating the bus stop.		
165 WARD MEMBERS BUDGET Resolved: - The Council agreed to contact CW&C Cllr Whitehurst regarding the provision of covered bike storage in the village. Proposed by Cllr Charlton and seconded by Cllr Webb.		
166 CHALC ANNUAL MEETING Cllr Charlton attended the meeting and circulated the attached report.		
167 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION Cllr Lowick Higgie agreed to attend the award ceremony on behalf of the Council. The Council came 7 th in its category and won a Little Gem Award for the Alms Houses and Information Board on Chester Road.		
168 USE OF FACEBOOK Cllrs were reminded to be careful when using their personal Facebook account.		
169 MALPAS 100 YEARS ON The Parish Council wishes to thank all those involved in organising the 100 years remembrance events. A special vote of thanks goes to Cllr Chris Whitehurst.		
170 CHRISTMAS Cllr Shackleton updated the meeting of the Christmas event taking place in the village on Saturday 24 th November and the purchase of additional lights for the trees.		
171 CLERK'S REPORT		
(i) Salvation Army	Recycling bank –request forwarded to Malpas Sports Club.	
(ii) Malpas CC	The Council has written to congratulate Malpas Cricket Club on their successful season.	
(iii) Chester Road Development: -	The Council agreed to contact CW&C to request that they expedite the Chester Road Health Hub development. Reply: - CW&C are awaiting an amended indicative layout which shows the developers intentions in respect of the public footpath running across the site. Once they have this, they will need to discuss with the CWAC Public Rights of Way	

	officer to ensure there are no issues. This is the only outstanding matter. They also need to get the s106 legal agreement to be completed but again are waiting for information from the developer before they can progress.	
172	EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE INCLUDING SUGGESTION BOX List previously circulated to Cllrs.	
173	UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES Nothing to report.	
PART TWO		
174	PRESS AND PUBLIC Resolved: - To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public. Proposed by Cllr Lowick Higgle and seconded by Cllr Barnett.	

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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

Website:- www.malpascheshire.org