MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE JUBILEE HALL AT 7 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs John Webb (Chairman), Eric Bickley, John Bickley, Richard Charlton, Karen Meredith, Martin Shackleton, Adrian Waddelove, Chris Whitehurst. The Clerk. One member of the public attended the meeting.

225. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Tina Barnett, Sue Griffith, Roma Hancock, Charles Lowick Higgie, Sarah Thomas. Ann Woollam.

226. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Whitehurst applied to the Council for a dispensation to speak and take part in item 251 of the minutes. The dispensation was granted. Cllr Whitehurst declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 251 of the minutes.

227. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolved: - A grammatical correction was made to item 202.3 of the minutes. The Chairman then signed the minutes of the Parish Council business meeting that was held on 14th January 2019 as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Charlton and seconded by Cllr Meredith.

228. OPEN FORUM

There was no consideration of this item.

229. POLICE REPORT

In the absence of the police there was no consideration of this item.

230. ACCOUNTS

230.1 Payments Approved: -

Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount
234	Running Costs	s.111	£ 43.44
235	Victoria Jubilee Hall	s.111	£ 32.00
236	M Clarke - refund key deposit @ Mosslands	s.137	£ 50.00
237	Barlows:- erect Christmas Lights		£ 600.00
238	Barlows		£ 537.60

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Receipts Received: -

£600.00 grant from the Member's Budget to go towards purchase of a speed gun.

Bank Account: -

The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 30th December 2018 was £53,279.56. The funds are allocated as follows: -

- Parish Council £18,832.60
- Christmas Lights Funding £111.77
- New Homes Bonus £31,893.00
- Allotments (balance of £3,600 transferred from NHB allocation) £1,114.77
- Allotment Deposits (ring fence in accounts) £600.00
- Neighbourhood Plan £727.42

Resolved: - The Council agreed to the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Whitehurst and seconded by Cllr E Bickley.

230.2 Insurance Claims:-

The insurance claim against the Council due to damage caused to a property by the Christmas lights is ongoing.

230.3 ICO:-

The Council confirmed £40.00 payment of annual Data Protection fee to ICO by direct debit.

231. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Council agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 pm on Monday 13th May and to invite previous grant applicants to attend and inform the meeting how they spent the grant that the Council awarded in 2018 – 19 financial year.

232. GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Grant application forms have been sent to previous grant recipients. The deadline for grant applications to be submitted is 31st March 2019.

233. MAY ELECTIONS

The Clerk is to attend a training session next month.

234. SURGERY ROTA

To receive update from February surgery: -

ISSUE	CONCERNS RAISED AND ACTION TAKEN		
(i) Gritting	Lack of gritting on footpaths and roads during recent bad weather.		
(ii) Private Drive	Pedestrians trespassing on private land – referred to police.		

235. PLANNING

235.1 Applications: -

None have been received.

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

235.3 Recent decisions by CW&C: -

Approval:-

18/04682/FUL - Fairhurst, Chester Road, Malpas

18/04480/FUL - Old Glebe Farmhouse, Church Street, Malpas

18/04481/LBC - Old Glebe Farmhouse, Church Street, Malpas

235.4 To receive planning updates: -

No updates.

235.5 Bovis Development: -

The Council agreed to reschedule the meeting with the Travel Plan Co-ordinator Role representing Bovis as concerns were raised regarding the report they have sent to the Council as it is 12 months out of date.

235.6 Chester Road Development: -

The Council understands that a revised plan has been sent to CW&C.

236 HIGHWAYS

236.1 Traffic Calming:-

The Council considered the request for traffic calming on Whitchurch Road and Old Hall Street and agreed to contact CW&C to establish what action can be taken.

236.2 Winter Gritting:-

CW&C have agreed to install grit bins at the following locations:- Hughs Lane; Church Street (by the telephone kiosk) and Well Avenue. The Council agreed to request for an additional grit bin to be located on Greenfields Lane. Bovis are due to install grit bins at the site.

237 ALLOTMENTS

Update:-

- A letter sent to allotment holder regarding complaints received about the state of the plot. No reply has been received therefore the Council agreed to serve 30 days' notice and reclaim the plot.
- An invoice has been sent to E Reeves in respect of rent for 2018 2019.
- Newly formed plot No 13 has been allocated to a new tenant.
- The Council has received notice from Mr Clarke, therefore there is an allotment available which is to be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

238 APPEARANCE OF MALPAS

Update: -

- Floral Displays:- Honeybee florists has quoted to do the hanging baskets in the village. The Clerk is to call businesses for their orders.
- State of The Cross:- ongoing.
- General Appearance: Cllr Griffith has asked Rhona Rathbone and Susie Mason for further input into the enhancing the general appearance of Malpas. They are happy to help.
- Village Signs:- Cllr Whitehurst is to look into as to whether the sign on Chester Road can moved.
- Black Flower Tubs:- some attention is required to the tub at the top of Springfields. The Council agreed to contact CW&C regarding additional siting for more tubs.

239 BEST KEPT COMPETITION

There was no consideration of this item.

240 THE CROSS

Concern has been recorded about the state of the steps. In the short term they will be blocked off, pending full repair. Pedestrians will still be able to access the steps to the left hand side next to the Crown.

Plans are to be confirmed and agreed for a scheme of improvement around the Cross.

241 BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk and Cllr Charlton met with the landlords of The Crown and representatives from CW&C to discuss the options regarding the replacement bus shelter. The Council, with CW&C, has confirmed that the bus shelter will be replaced.

It is understood that there is to be an application for a side extension to The Crown which is due to be submitted shortly. The owner has agreed to incorporate a bus shelter in the plan. This proposition is supported in principle and without prejudice. In the short term the porch of The Crown, has been made available for those waiting for the bus. If plans or construction are delayed unduly, the matter will be reconsidered.

The Council considered putting a bench in the proposed shelter.

Resolved:- the Council agreed to accept the offer in principle to incorporate a new bus shelter at the proposed extension of The Crown. Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Waddelove.

242 SPEED GUN

Resolved:- the Council agreed purchase a speed gun with automatic number recognition. Proposed by Cllr Whitehurst and seconded by Cllr Meredith.

243 MALPAS PARISH NEWS

Malpas Parish News have notified the Council of a review of the format and pricing of the parish magazine including a request to reduce the content of the Council's monthly report.

The Council agreed to respond to advise that the original agreement was two pages free of charge with an annual financial contribution of £400.00. The Council is happy to increase the financial contribution to £420.00 per annum and would continue to submit two pages of editorial content (in effect paying for one page and getting the other 'free of charge').

244 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OF YOUTHS IN VILLAGE

The Council discussed the ongoing issue of anti-social behaviour of youths in the village and ways to tackle the problem.

Resolved:- the Council agreed to arrange a meeting and invite youths and their parents to explore options in an attempt to combat anti-social behaviour in the village. Proposed by Cllr Whitehurst and seconded by Cllr Charlton.

245 DOG BAGS

The Council agreed to purchase dog bags and place them at various locations in the village.

246 CLERK'S REPORT

(i) Bradley Bridge	Letters sent to both the leader and Chief Executive of CW&C to request that rather than wait for the lime mortar to set that repairs are carried out immediately to Bradley Bridge.
(ii) Christmas Trees	Collection of money – ONGOING.
	Requested collection of trees by CW&C.
(iii) Precept	Request sent to CW&C.
(iv) Grants	Information sent to:- previous applicants, noticeboards and website.
(v) Overgrown	Request sent to CW&C that the growth on the pavement
Pavement	opposite the Bishop Heber High School be cut back as it is covering the pavement.
(vi) Road Signs	Request sent to CW&C to clean various road signs in the area (by the Heber and Springfield Road).

247 EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE INCLUDING SUGGESTION BOXList previously circulated to Cllrs.

248 UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES

Christmas:- Rachel Williams and Gill Valentine are to continue with the organisation of the Christmas market.

PART TWO

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

NB copies of the attachments can be obtained from the Parish Clerk Website:- www.malpascheshire.org