

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 IN THE JUBILEE HALL AT 7 PM**

<p><b>PRESENT</b> Cllrs John Webb (Chairman), Tina Barnett, Eric Bickley, Richard Charlton, Roma Hancock, Charles Lowick Higgie, Martin Shackleton, Sarah Thomas, Adrian Waddelove, Chris Whitehurst. The Clerk. Three members of the public attended the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>278. APOLOGIES</b> Cllrs John Bickley, Sue Griffith, Karen Meredith, Ann Woollam.</p>	
<p><b>279. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> Cllr Whitehurst applied to the Council for a dispensation to speak and take part in item 300 of the minutes. The dispensation was granted. Cllr Whitehurst declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 285 and 300 of the minutes. Cllr Lowick Higgie applied to the Council for a dispensation to speak and take part in item 300 of the minutes. The dispensation was not granted on the grounds that Cllr Lowick Higgie made reference to car parking in his borough council election leaflets. Cllr Lowick Higgie declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 285 and 300 of the minutes. Cllr Webb declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 285 of the minutes.</p>	
<p><b>280. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</b> <b>Resolved: - The following items were amended:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Item 264 – removed “Payment received in respect of rent from E Reeves.”</b></li> <li>• <b>Item 265 – addition of “The location of the sign on Chester Road is also to be looked at.”</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The Chairman then signed the minutes of the Parish Council business meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Waddelove and seconded by Cllr Lowick Higgie.</b></p>	
<p><b>281. OPEN FORUM</b> The following concerns were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bovis Site:-</b> issues raised regarding dust levels; lack of a STOP sign at the junction of Greenway Lane with Cross o th Hill; inadequate sewage pipework at the site and surface drainage concerns. The Council are due to meet with a representative from Bovis and will raise the above concerns</li> <li>• <b>Dog Fouling:-</b> the Clerk is contact CW&amp;C and report the matter to the Dog Warden and also to enquire about installing poo bag dispensers at various locations throughout the village.</li> <li>• <b>Prospect Drive:-</b> concerns were expressed for pedestrian safety on the drive entrance to The High Street Church / Prospect House. The Parish Council has requested that a warning sign to make drivers to be aware be installed. To date this has not happened and as the drive is private property there is nothing the Parish Council can do.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>282. POLICE REPORT</b> The police report was previously circulated detailing the following incidents:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Criminal damage Malpas Fire Station –</b> Youths locked side gates resulting in two locks cut off</li> <li>• <b>Criminal damage Malpas Hughes Lane –</b> During the hours of daylight car keyed</li> </ul>	

- Burglary OTD Agden – 2 males attempt to take vintage signs from farm outbuilding
- Criminal damage Malpas – Wing mirror knocked off parked car on the High Street
- Theft of motor vehicle Malpas – Theft of Motocross bike stolen
- Criminal damage Malpas – Car tyres slashed on car parked on Hughes Lane

Anti-social behaviour from young people continues.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of action by the police in the village especially in relation to the anti-social behaviour of certain youths. Work to address this anti-social behaviour is being taken forward with Police, school and members of the community. CW&C are to be asked to give support to include Youth Services.

Several anti-social acts have been recorded and people appear to be using 101 to report matters. However, the Police now need to demonstrate that they are taking matters seriously and taking action. The Police are to be asked to set out the actions they plan to take.

## 283. ACCOUNTS

### 283.1 Payments Approved: -

Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount
241	Running Costs	s.111	£ 178.68
242	Victoria Jubilee Hall	s.111	£ 32.00
DD	ICO	s.111	£ 35.00

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

### Receipts Received: -

Allotments Deposits:- £100.00

Allotments Fees:- £238.67

Mosslands Rent:- £475.00

Grant for Speed Gun:- £600.00

Hanging Baskets:- £94.80

Christmas Trees:- £327.75

Insurance Claim:- £1,798.57

### Bank Account: -

The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 was £53,379.41. The funds are allocated as follows: -

- Parish Council - £16,483.88
- 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) - £650.00
- Neighbourhood Plan - £727.42
- Insurance Funds:- £1,798.57
- Speed Gun:- £600.00

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

### 283.2 Insurance Claims:-

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

## 284. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6.30 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Previous grant applicants have been invited to attend and inform the meeting how they spent the grant that the Council awarded them in the 2018 – 19 financial year.

**285. GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS**

Ten requests have been received, detailed below, totalling £12,475. The budget for grants is £8,000. Decisions about funding will be made by the new Council in May.

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
Malpas Cricket Club	£	1,400.00
Malpas High Street Church	£	1,219.40
Jubilee Hall	£	591.12
Malpas Young Persons Project	£	3,000.00
Minerva Arts Project	£	828.00
Malpas Community Minibus	£	1,000.00
ATC	£	695.21
CLT	£	1,100.00
Malpas Sports Club	£	2,000.00
Malpas Village Fair Committee	£	642.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>12,475.73</b>

**286. MAY ELECTIONS**

There will be no elections for Malpas Parish Council as the 14 seats will be filled by the 14 nominations submitted.

Eight members of the current Parish Council have been re-elected. The Council recorded a vote of thanks to the six Cllrs who are standing down - Martin Shackleton, Sue Griffith, Sarah Thomas, Eric Bickley, John Bickley and Anne Woollam. Their work over the last 4 years on behalf of the village is recognised and appreciated.

Cllr Whitehurst, stands down as ward member and was thanked for all his work over the past four years.

**287. SURGERY ROTA**

To receive update from March surgery: -

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>CONCERNS RAISED AND ACTION TAKEN</b>
(i) Bovis Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints regarding loud music at the site.</li> <li>• Query regarding green space at the site.</li> </ul>
(ii) Hampton Bridge	The road at Hampton Bridge is in very poor condition and is considered to be unsafe. Whilst CWaC have already been asked to repair and resurface it, the concerns are to be raised again.
(iii) Recreation Ground	Balls burst due to hedge at the recreation ground.
(iv) Blocked Grids	Located in High Street; to be reported to Highways and request road closure for work to be carried out.
(v) Parking	Concerns raised regarding vehicles parking on double yellow lines in the High Street car park.
(vi) Planning	Update requested for The Sycamores planning application.

**288. PLANNING**

**288.1 Applications: -**

19/00760/FUL Single storey extension to existing stable block and relocating the existing horse walker at Dog Lane Farm, Dog Lane, Oldcastle

Observations:-

The proposed extension would increase the stable block size by 50%. The extension is located to the south of the stable block and would not be visible from the road. The horse walker would be moved to south east side of the stable block. Draw attention to the Neighbourhood Plan in particular Policy BE3.

**Proposed by Cllr Lowick Higgle and seconded by Cllr Shackleton.**

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

19/00311/FUL - Alternative design and siting for dwelling and annexe on Plot 9 - amendment to application 18/01617/FUL at St Josephs College Tilston Road Malpas SY14 7DD

19/00919/S73 - Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 16/04643/S73, to amend plots 14-17 from semi-detached to a row of terraces and amend house design of plots 18 and 19 at Land Opposite West End Cottage Church Street Malpas

The above applications are to be considered at the May meeting subject to obtaining an extension.

**288.3 Recent decisions by CW&C: -**

18/02419/FUL – Land at Dog Lane Farm, Dog Lane, Oldcastle.

**288.4 To receive planning updates: -**

Nothing to report.

**288.5 Bovis Development: -**

The Council are due to meet with the area manager to discuss the issues raised.

**288.6 Chester Road Development: -**

No update.

**289 HIGHWAYS**

**289.1 Traffic Calming:-**

The Council is to follow up the request sent to CW&C for traffic calming on Whitchurch Road and Old Hall Street; the Council agreed to send a request for a 40 mph speed limit to be put in place from Malpas to the junction with the A41 at Grindley Brook.

**289.2 Parking on Pavements:-**

The Council are to contact CW&C regarding the introduction of bylaws and to find out how they are enforced.

**289.3 Traffic on Greenway Lane:-**

The Council has received complaints about vehicles using Greenway Lane of increased volume and the speed of vehicles. The police are to be asked to address the concerns and prosecute offenders.

**290 ALLOTMENTS**

Update:-

- Plot 7:- the application is being processed.
- Plot 4:- the next person on the waiting list has been advised and the application is being processed.
- Works are still required at the site in order to comply with the planning regulations; it was hoped that the allotment holders would carry out the works, but this is no longer possible. The Clerk is to contact a local gardener.
- Polytunnel:- the Council considered the request made by an allotment holder to install a polytunnel at the allotment site and agreed that only sheds up to 6' x 4' are permitted.

**291 APPEARANCE OF MALPAS**

Update: -

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black Flower Tubs:- The Council have met with CW&amp;C regarding additional siting for more tubs. The Clerk is to chase the prices for the tubs and to place an order with Walkers Nurseries to refill the existing flower tubs.</li> <li>• Hanging Baskets:- ongoing</li> <li>• The Cross:- Cllr Whitehurst is to contact Rhona Rathbone to look at the plans for the development of The Cross.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>292 VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN-UP</b></p> <p>The Village Spring Clean-up day went ahead despite there being some confusion about arrangements, several people took part in the recent event, their efforts are much appreciated.</p>									
<p><b>293 BUS SHELTERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chester Road:- repairs have been carried out.</li> <li>• High Street:- The Crown is due to submit plans which include a bus shelter.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>294 THE CROSS</b></p> <p>The repairs required to the steps have been completed. A vote of thanks was recorded to Land Planning Limited who undertook the work free of charge. The work will need to be checked for insurance purposes.</p>									
<p><b>295 CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION</b></p> <p>The Council agreed to defer the decision to consider membership to the new Council.</p>									
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<p><b>297 EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE INCLUDING SUGGESTION BOX</b></p> <p>List previously circulated to Cllrs.</p>									
<p><b>298 UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES</b></p> <p>298.1 NCS:- The Council considered how to sponsor / promote children to attend the course operated by NCS and agreed to write to David Curry regarding the matter.</p> <p>298.2 Burial Board:- The Clerk of the Burial Board has written to the Council regarding anti-social behaviour by youths in the village in the cemetery. The Police have been informed and are working with the school.</p>									
<p><b>PART TWO</b></p>									
<p><b>299 PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p><b>Resolved: - To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Charlton.</b></p>									

**The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.**

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

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