

**MINUTES OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024  
IN THE VICTORIA JUBILEE HALL, MALPAS AT 7.00PM**

	<p><b>PRESENT</b> Cllrs Tina Barnett, Charles Higgle, Oryan Lightning, Karen Meredith, Martin Shackleton, Berthold Schoene, Adrian Waddelove, Chris Whitehurst, Michael Williams (Chairman). The Clerk. No members of the public attended of the meeting.</p>
283.	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Cllr Eric Bickley, Sean Davies, Julie James Collins.</p>
284.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> Cllr Shackleton declared a personal interest in item 223.2 when the Clerk's employment was considered as part of the Standing Orders as he is married to the Clerk.</p>
285.	<p><b>OPEN FORUM</b> There was no consideration of this item.</p>
286.	<p><b>PLANNING</b> The Council considered the proposed response to the CWaC Local Plan Evidence Base Consultation 2024 that was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The following concerns were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposed density of sites;</li> <li>- Development of land owned by Chester Diocese;</li> <li>- Danger of merging with neighbouring villages into one;</li> <li>- Need to maintain settlement gaps;</li> <li>- Limited / none access to several of the proposed development sites;</li> <li>- Lack of infrastructure to support increase in houses;</li> <li>- Outdated highways calculations used for planning applications;</li> <li>- Building outside the current settlement boundary;</li> <li>- The possibility of allocating preferred potential development sites.</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>The Council adopted the Local Plan (Part One) Strategic Policies in 2015 and the Local Plan (Part Two) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies in 2019. Ward Cllr Rachel Williams sent the following explanation of the process for the CWaC Local Plan Evidence Base Consultation:- CWaC will prepare a Local Plan under the new national system for plan-making and was agreed at the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 10 January 2024 Cabinet agreed a new national system to produce Local Plans that was being introduced by Government as part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act. Local Authorities have the option to submit a Local Plan under the old system before 2025 or begin work on a Local Plan under the new system. The Act requires the Council to prepare a single Local Plan that sets out policies in relation to the amount, type and location of, and timetable for, development in Cheshire West and Chester. The plan has a 30-month time frame:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First 4 months - scoping and early preparation. (This first stage of the consultation is open until the 17th March 2024).</li> <li>- Next 23 months – Plan visioning and strategy development, Evidence gathering and drafting the plan, Engagement proposing changes, submission. During the 23</li> </ul>

months of the plan there will be two mandatory public consultations that will give residents another opportunity to have their say. These public consultations will be made available via social media.

- Next 6 months – Examination.
- Last month – Finalising and adoption of digital plan.

The submission of sites on the map does NOT mean CWaC or Malpas Parish Council supports the site for allocation in the new local plan or will approve future development through a planning application. Residents' engagement can shape the local plan.

The Council has had sight of the Ward Cllrs submission to CWaC and agreed to include some of the comments in the Council's observations.

The final observations and comments will be circulated to Cllrs and published on social media.

**Resolved:- The Council agreed to submit the amended observations and comments for the CWaC Local Plan Evidence Base Consultation 2024 to CWaC.**

**Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Lightning.**

**The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.**

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