

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2015 IN THE JUBILEE HALL AT 7 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs. John Webb (Chairman), Charles Lowick Higgie (Vice Chairman), Chris Whitehurst, Martin Shackleton, Tina Barnett, Adrian Waddelove, Eric Bickley, John Bickley, Roma Hancock, Karen Meredith, Sue Griffith, Carol Broad.
The Clerk. One member of the public.

144 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gill Ardern, Barbara Hughes.

145 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Lowick Higgie declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 150 and 159.1 of the minutes.

Cllr Whitehurst declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 150 of the minutes and a pecuniary interest in item 173 of the minutes.

Cllr Griffith declared a pecuniary interest in items 157.1 and 173 of the minutes.

Cllr Waddelove declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 150 of the minutes.

Cllr Barnett declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 150 of the minutes

Cllr Eric Bickley declared a pecuniary interest in item 173 of the minutes.

Cllr John Bickley declared a pecuniary interest in item 173 of the minutes.

Cllr Hancock declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 159.1 of the minutes.

Cllr Shackleton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 163 of the minutes and a pecuniary interest in items 157.1 and 172 of the minutes.

Cllr Meredith declared a pecuniary interest in item 157.1 of the minutes.

Cllr Webb declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 150 of the minutes.

146 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolved: - The Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting that was held on 12th October 2015 as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Waddelove and seconded by Cllr Shackleton.

147 OPEN FORUM

No issues were raised.

148 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jon Hurst sent his apologies therefore there was no consideration of this item.

149 ACCOUNTS

149.1 Payments Approved:-

Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount
034	Running Costs / Additional Hours Worked	s.111	£ 113.55
035	Victoria Jubilee Hall	s.111	£ 22.00
036	LITE (Christmas Lights for church)	lga s.144	£2,934.00
037	CHALC ([planning seminar)	s.111	£ 50.00
038	High Street Church	s.111	£ 13.50
039	Smiths of Derby (clock replacement bulb)	lga s.111	£ 42.00
040	DONATION:- Royal British Legion	S.137	£ 75.00
041	Then Media Ltd (website set up fee)	s.111	£ 200.00

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Receipts Received:-

Mosslands:- £495.00;

Rotary Club (funds for bench):- £400.00

Donation for Christmas Lights:- £2,500.00.

The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 30th October 2015 was £45,731.78. The funds are allocated as follows:-

- Parish Council - £8,482.02;
- Christmas Lights Funding - £1,126.84;
- New Homes Bonus £28,066.00;

• Allotments (balance of £3,600 transferred from NHB allocation) £1,464.50; • Neighbourhood Plan £742.42; • Pedestrian Crossing funding - £5,000.00; • Fencing to rear of public toilets funding - £850.00. Resolved:- The Council agreed to the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Lowick Higgie and seconded by Cllr Barnett.												
150 GRANT APPLICATIONS Grant applications for the 2016 – 17 Financial Year have been received from the following organisations:- 150.1 Walking for Health - £500.00; 150.2 Malpas Fair - £1,000.00; 150.3 Minerva Arts - £860.00; 150.4 Opal Club - £150.00; 150.5 Young Persons Centre - £1,300.00; 150.6 Malpas Ladies Choir - £500.00; 150.7 Forget-me-not Café - £tbc. The Council agreed to invite all the above organisations to the December meeting to provide additional information and answer any questions the Council may have.												
151 FINANCIAL YEAR The updates for capital schemes for 2016 – 2017 are as follows:- 151.1 Parish Notice / Information Boards:- see item 158.4 for update. 151.2 Web Site / Facebook page:- see item 153 for update. 151.3 School crossing at the Bishop Heber High School:- The Clerk is to contact David Curry regarding the proposed scheme. 151.4 Additional car parking – see item 173 for update. 151.5 Installation of village water pump - see item 161 for update.		RJ										
152 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME The Council are yet to arrange a meeting with Chalc to establish what personal commitment is required from individual councillors and the benefits of the scheme.												
153 WEBSITE The working group are due to convene to agree the content of the website.												
154 AUDIO WEBCASTING FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS The Council considered whether to have Audio Webcasting for the Council and agreed not to at the present time.												
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155.4	<u>To establish rota for December surgery:-</u> December:- Cllrs Shackleton and John Bickley	
156	ALLOTMENTS The planning application for the allotment site at the Mosslands is to be submitted to Planning.	
157	PLANNING 157.1 <u>Applications:-</u> 15/04231/S73 - Variation of condition 22 (bus stops provision etc) of planning application 13/01213/OUT at Land Rear Of Broselake Farm Greenway Lane Malpas 15/04411/DIS - Discharge of condition 14 (external lighting scheme) of planning application 13/01213/OUT at Land Rear Of Broselake Farm Greenway Lane Malpas 15/04408/DIS – Discharge of condition 29 (soil contamination and foundation type) of planning application 13/01213/OUT at Land Rear Of Broselake Farm Greenway Lane Malpas 15/04379/DIS - Discharge of condition 24 (travel Plan and travel co-ordinator) of planning application 13/01213/OUT at Land Rear Of Broselake Farm Greenway Lane Malpas Resolved:- See attached report for detailed observations for all of the above planning applications. Proposed by Cllr Broad and seconded Cllr Waddelove. 157.2 <u>To consider any applications received after the agenda has been distributed:-</u> None have been received. 157.3 <u>Recent decisions by CW&C:-</u> <u>Approved:-</u> 15/03126/FUL – Beeches Lodge, Tilston Road, Malpas 15/03069/LBC – Woodville, High Street, Malpas 157.3 <u>To receive planning updates:-</u> 157.3.1 The planning application for the Wrexham Road site was approved by the Planning Committee. Concerns were raised as the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan were ignored when the Committee considered the application. Resolved:- The Council agreed to write an open letter to the Chief Executive to express their concerns. Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Eric Bickley. 157.3.2 Malpas Alport Primary School consultation paper:- The consultation outlines the proposal to enlarge the physical capacity of Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School to provide the accommodation necessary to enable a cumulative increase in the number of primary-aged pupils to increase from 210 to 315 places. The consultation runs from Thursday 5 November to Thursday 3 December 2015. There is drop in event at the school on Thursday 26 November 2015 3-6pm, everybody is welcome to attend to discuss the proposal at this public consultation meeting. The Council would not decide whether or not they supported this application until they knew more about this proposal. An extraordinary meeting may have to be called on this issue to consider the Council's formal response to the proposal. 157.4 <u>CW&C Council Plan:-</u> A working group of Cllrs Higgle, Broad, Webb and Shackleton are to prepare a response to the CW&C Council Plan which sets out the vision and priorities for the next four years. 157.5 <u>Proposed Local Council Planning Forum:-</u> The Council welcomes the suggestion to organise a Local Council Planning	

Forum and support the initiative.		
158 STREET FURNITURE		
158.1 <u>Bench Seat on Chester Road:-</u> The bench donated by Whitchurch Rotary is now in place on Chester Road. The Rotary Club is arranging to put a plaque on the bench. The bench has been added to the Council's insurance policy at no extra charge.		
158.2 <u>Grit Bins:-</u> CW&C have installed a grit bin in the High Street car park free of charge. The Clerk is to follow up the request for two further grit bins that are to be located on Well Street and Leech Lane.		RJ
158.3 <u>Bench Seat outside the Jubilee Hall:-</u> The bench seat requires repairing. The Clerk is to obtain a quote for the work.		RJ
158.4 <u>Parish Notice / Information Boards:-</u> The Clerk has spoken with Shelly Signs and is in the process of arranging proofs. United Utilities have offered to contribute towards the costs.		
159 HIGHWAYS		
159.1 <u>Love Lane:-</u> Cllrs Whitehurst and Webb are to visit residents living in Love Lane regarding the proposed closure of Love Lane for their feedback.		CW JW
159.2 <u>Road Layout and Signage at the Bottom of Well Street:-</u> A request for an estimate has been sent to Graham Lowe, Highways for improvements to the road layout and signage at the bottom of Well Street.		
159.3 <u>Pedestrian Crossing Chester Road:-</u> Work has started on the pedestrian crossing. The Clerk has contacted Highways to request an update regarding when the work will be completed.		RJ
159.4 <u>Old Hall Street:-</u> Concerns were raised regarding inconsiderate parking on Old Hall Street. Cllr Whitehurst agreed to talk with the owners of the vehicles.		CW
159.5 <u>Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements:-</u> The Clerk is to contact Highways to request the relocation of the pole and flag outside The Crown Inn so it is realigned with the bus shelter and the road markings for the bus.		RJ
160 THE CROSS Cllr Waddelove is meeting with a landscape designer to discuss enhancement of the Cross.		AW
161 VILLAGE PUMP The solicitor acting on behalf of the Trustees of the Almshouses has drawn up a lease of land for where the village pump is to be located on land at the Almshouses. The lease currently states this is for only a few years and the trustees have confirmed that was not their intention and proposed a 25 years lease. Resolved:- The Council agreed to meet the legal costs of £370.00 in respect of the lease of the land that is required to locate the village pump on land at the Almshouses. Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Barnett.		
162 DEFIBRILLATOR The Clerk is to forward the information received from the North West Ambulance Service regarding the Defib Funding Programme to the doctor's surgery and the church.		
163 CHRISTMAS		
163.1 The Christmas Trees have been ordered on behalf of the businesses in the village from Walkers Nurseries have quoted £12.75 per tree.		
163.2 The annual Christmas event will take place on Saturday 28 th November. There will be a Christmas Market in the Jubilee Hall with Santa's Grotto; the lantern procession will be followed with Carols round the Cross accompanied by a brass		

band, mulled wine and mince pies will be available. The lights are to be erected in the village and on the church tower.		
164	MALPAS WARD ISSUES Cllr Whitehurst updated the meeting of the list of issues / concerns that have an impact on the local community. These included:- schools capacity, public transport, affordable housing, car parking, policing, local employment, junction at Hampton roundabout.	
165	ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE The Council considered whether to register the garage as an asset of community value. The Clerk is to make enquires with CW&C and to contact Co-op to ask what their plans are for the site.	RJ
166	CHALC ANNUAL MEETING There was no consideration of this item as no councilors were able to attend the meeting.	
167	COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION Cllr Lowick Higgle attended the awards ceremony. The following awards were granted:- • Forget me not Café – Runner Up Working With Young People award; • Malpas Public Toilet – Little Gem Award.	
168 CLERK'S REPORT		
(i) Overgrown Hedge on Mercer Close	Reported to Highways.	
(ii) Lock on Public Conveniences	Request sent to CW&C to replace the current lock.	
(iii) Parking Survey	Email to confirm current parking restrictions in High Street and Church Street to be made permanent as they stand.	
(iv) Room Bookings	The meeting dates for next year have been booked with the Jubilee Hall. Rooms 2 and 3 are unavailable in January, February, March and April therefore I have booked room 1. Room 2 has been booked each month with effect from May.	
(v) Jubilee Clock Service	Smiths carried out the annual service on 30 th October	
(vi) Bunting	Taken down the same time as clock service	
(vii) Ambulance Response Times	Email sent to the doctor's surgery regarding concerns raised regarding Ambulance Response Times	
(viii) St Oswald's Close	Reported to Highways that grass needs cutting in front of St Oswald's Close and the hedge needs cutting back to the rear of St Oswald's Close as it is obstructing the footpath for pedestrians	
169	EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE (incl. the RED SUGGESTION BOX located in Londis near the Post Office counter). A list of the post and emails received has been circulated to councillors.	
170	UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES The Council thanked Cllr Eric Bickley for laying the wreath at the Remembrance Service.	

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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