MINUTES OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2022 IN THE VICTORIA JUBILEE HALL, MALPAS AT 7.00PM

	IN THE VICTORIA JUBILEE HALL, MALPAS AT 7.00PM					
	PRESENT					
	Cllrs Tina Barnett, Mike Boxall (vice Chairman), Roger Clifford, Charles Higgie,					
	Pauline Hood, Karen Meredith, Adrian Waddelove, John Webb (Chairman), Chris Whitehurst,					
	Michael Williams.					
	The Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.					
201	APOLOGIES					
	Cllr Morgan Granger – work commitment.					
202	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS					
	Cllr Whitehurst declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 222 of the minutes as he is					
	Chairman of Community Links committee.					
	Cllr Clifford declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 222 of the minutes as he is on the					
	Community Links committee. Cllr Williams declared a pecuniary interest in item 214 of the minutes as a neighbour.					
	Cllr Meredith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 212.1.2 of the minutes as a heighbour.					
	friend of the applicant.					
203	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES					
	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14 th November 2022:-					
	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on					
	14 th November 2022 as a true and proper record; the Chairman duly signed the					
	minutes.					
	Proposed by Cllr Higgie and seconded by Cllr Boxall.					
204	OPEN FORUM					
204	In the absence of any members of the public there was no consideration of this item.					
205	POLICE REPORT					
	PCSO Hurst did not attend the meeting.					
	The Council agreed to follow up the request to remove two vehicles in the High Street car					
	park.					
	Residents are urged to report all incidents of anti-social or criminal behaviour by calling 101.					
206	CASUAL VACANCY					
	The notice of Casual Vacancy has been posted on the website and noticeboard. Residents					
	interested in being co-opted are invited to contact the Clerk.					
207	COUNCIL ELECTIONS					
	The Council had asked Jackie Weaver if CHALC had plans to support Parish Council's					
	aiming to encourage candidates to stand for election.					
	CHALC are offering online seminars for a fee; the Council are to request that ChALC					
	promote the concept of being a Councillor and this ought not to involve a charge for potential					
000	Councillors.					
208	CODE OF CONDUCT					
	208.1 <u>Training:-</u> Cllr Clifford attended a training session regarding the new Code of Conduct and					
	updated Councillors regarding declarations of interests and the need to ensure					
	Councillors make it clear when communicating with the public whether they are acting					
	as an individual or as a parish councillor.					
	208.2 Email addresses:-					
	The Council considered setting up individual email addresses for parish councillors					
	when dealing with Council business. The new email addresses would have a common					
	format, and preferably be linked to the new website.					

Resolved:- The Council agreed in principle to set up individual email addresses for parish councillors when dealing with Council business after the May elections.

Proposed by Cllr Clifford and seconded by Cllr Waddelove.

209 ACCOUNTS

209.1 S.106 funds allocated towards Malpas and District Spots Club:-Update:-

- CWaC has confirmed the following:- The s.106 agreement is between CWaC and Malpas Parish Council; as Malpas Parish Council is the signing party they are the project lead, though this can be sub-contracted; the s.106 monies are to be paid into Malpas Parish Council's bank account.
- Malpas and District Sports Club Committee has advised they are happy to manage the project.
- The Clerk has raised further queries with CWaC and is awaiting a response as previously the relationship has been <u>between</u> CWaC and the recipient of s106 monies (i.e. not involving the Council as the middle man).
- The Council agreed to query with CWaC as to whether the arrangements have changed for s.106 agreements as previously the 'relationship' has been with CWaC and the recipient of s.106 monies.
- The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Clifford Councillor to monitor the project.

209.2 To approve payments:-

Chq No	Payee	Amount
515	HMRC:- PAYE Nov 2022	£ 94.66
516	Running Costs	£ 60.08
517	Victoria Jubilee Hall	£ 34.50
518	CHALC (training)	£ 30.00
519	Walkers Nurseries (Christmas Trees - to be reimbursed)	£ 694.66
520	CHRISTMAS:- Amberon Ltd (road closure)	£ 852.00
521	Imperative Training Ltd (defib cabinet)	£ 654.00
522	Then Media Ltd (website)	£ 120.00

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Resolved:- The Council agreed to the above payments.

Proposed by Cllr Higgie and seconded by Cllr Meredith.

209.3 Receipts Received as at 1st November 2022:-

None received.

209.4 Accounts and Bank Reconciliation:-

The summary of Receipts and Payments was previously circulated.

The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 30th November 2022 was £216,753.36.

The funds are allocated as follows:-

Parish Council – £42,524.77

Christmas Event Funding - £1,071.47

New Homes Bonus - £25,648.00

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):- £140,684.33

Allotment Deposits (ring fenced in accounts):- £500.00

Allotment Maintenance funds (ring fenced in accounts):- £250.00

Neighbourhood Plan: - (£5.78)

Bus Shelter (Insurance Claim and Members Grant):- £3,798.57

Will Legacy:- £1,623.00

Bench for Chester Road: - £659.00

210 BUSINESS PRIORITIES AND PROJECTS - WORK PLAN 2023 / 2024

210.1 <u>To receive update regarding business priorities and projects for the next financial year:-</u>

The Car Park extension remains the Council's main business priority. Other priorities include:-

- Cost of Living crisis there are several grants available to help;
- Climate Emergency this will be supported by the updated Neighbourhood Plan;
- Road Safety this is part of the Travel Master Plan which is dependant on the new car park;
- Jubilee Hall there has been no further collaboration, the Council felt it would be helpful to meet with the Trustees of the Jubilee Hall to discuss a long term plan;
- 210.2 <u>To construct outline plans and draft budgets for proposed business priorities for the next financial year:-</u>

Cllr Boxall is to prepare a budget plan to be considered when the Council set the precept and budget for the 2023 – 24 financial year.

211 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Area that is to be covered by the updated Neighbourhood Plan:-

Cllr Boxall had circulated a report to Councillors explaining the steps taken by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group towards a review of the Malpas and Overton Neighbourhood Plan. This explained the need to redefine the Neighbourhood Area to realign it with the Parish boundary (subject to a couple of minor modifications) and to provide a mechanism to allow funds raised by the Steering Group to be held in the Council bank account and then be released to cover costs incurred on the project. A grant of £5142.00 had already been obtained from Locality (and been paid to the Parish Council through Groundworks).

Resolved:- The Parish Council agreed that the new Neighbourhood Plan area should be the whole of Malpas Parish as described in the Order dated 30 March 2015, apart from Areas A and D as identified in that document. For a full, detailed explanation, please refer to the Order published by CWaC in 2015 which can be found at https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/documents/your-council/voting-and-elections/community-governance/reorganisation-order-documents/scanned-documents/Malpas-Newton-by-Malpas-Oldcastle-Overton-Stockton-Wychough-CWAC-Community-Governance-Order-2015.pdf

The Parish Council agreed to hold funds obtained for Neighbourhood Plan purposes in a ring fenced section of the Council's accounts and, when required, to release such amounts to cover invoices for goods and services ordered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Proposed by Cllr Boxall and seconded by Cllr Meredith.

212 PLANNING

- 212.1 Planning Applications:-
- 212.1.1 22/04032/FUL Erection of an Oak framed Veranda, Oak framed balcony, Dormer window. Removal of existing canopy outbuilding and erection of oak frame outbuilding at Whitewood Lane Farm Whitewood Lane Overton Malpas

Observations:-

The Council would make the observations as documented below:

Background Factors: Open countryside

Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Policies; LC1 BE3 Potential benefits to the community: None identified Potential impact on neighbours: None identified

Potential impact on wider community: None identified

Other relevant information for consideration:-

- It is noted that the footprint of the new Outbuilding appears to extend further onto agricultural land than the existing canopy / shelter.
- There is no indication of the height of the balcony balustrade. The Parish Council
 would hope that it is conditioned at sufficient height so as to mitigate against falls by
 adults or small children.
- Malpas Parish Council like CW&C, has declared a climate emergency and would expect all proposals for new developments, extensions or alterations to recognise this, specifically by ensuring properties are at least carbon neutral, avoiding the use of fossil fuels and have facilities for the charging electric vehicles.
- 212.1.2 22/04034/FUL Demolition of lean-to and outside toilet. Construction of first floor extension to form ensuite and ground floor porch extension. Structural alterations and repairs with replacement of roof and walls at rear of farmhouse and garage building. Formation of paved terrace at Ebnal Bank Farm Ebnal Lane Malpas

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Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Policies: BE3 LC1

Potential benefits to the community: None identified Potential impact on neighbours: None identified

Potential impact on wider community: None identified

Other: Malpas Parish Council like CW&C, has declared a climate emergency and would expect all proposals for new developments, extensions or alterations to recognise this, specifically by ensuring properties are at least carbon neutral, avoiding the use of fossil fuels and have facilities for the charging electric vehicles.

Resolved:- The Council agreed to accept all the above planning observations. Proposed by Cllr Meredith and seconded by Cllr Williams.

212.2 To consider any applications received after the agenda has been

Distributed:-

None have been received.

212.3 Recent decisions by CW&C:-

Approved / Decided:-

22/01548/FUL - Parbutts House Old Hall Street Malpas

22/01596/FUL - 3 Cross O Th Hill Road Malpas

22/02627/FUL - 21 Oathills Malpas Cheshire

212.4 Chester Road Site:-

Cllr Webb updated the meeting regarding the lifting of restrictions at the site and the £300k that is to be used to enhance the current doctors surgery.

The Council understands that the properties are connected to the gas supply.

The Council agreed to Cllr Boxall's request that that the Council write to CWaC to express disappointment as they Council did not expect to see fossil fuels being used in new developments.

213 MONTHLY SURGERY

December surgery:-

Cllr Williams suggested that the monthly surgeries take place at the Community Kitchen.

214 HIGH STREET CAR PARK

Cllr Webb updated the meeting as follows:-

- There has been little progress made with the purchase of the land;
- CWaC are carrying out further surveys / soil sample tests on the land which may affect the cost of the project depending on the results.

215 | ALLOTMENTS

Update:-

- Chased two outstanding invoices.
- There are currently two plots which are not fit to let.
- There are currently two plots available to let (nos 11 and 12).
- An email has been sent to previous allotment plot holder no 7 as they have yet to clear the windows and doors that were left at their allotment plot. Requested that all the items are removed from the site by 31st December 2022.

216 APPEARANCE OF MALPAS

216.1 Street Furniture Update:-

Dog Bag Dispensers:- CWaC has granted the s115e licence at the bottom of Well Street to be located next to the dog waste bin. The Clerk is to make arrangements to have it installed.

216.2 Bus Shelter - Old Hall Street:-

Paul Williams has advised he now has the wood and that he hopes to carry out the installation after Christmas.

216.3 Village Pump:-

Bovis have sent a proposed design for the plinth to site the village pump on at the Bovis site.

Cllr Whitehurst advised that the proposed design was not in keeping with the original suggestion.

Cllr Whitehurst is to liaise with Bovis regarding the design.

217 HIGHWAYS

217.1 40 MPH:-

The Council considered the request for a reduction of the speed limit on the B5395 to 40 MPH.

CWaC has advised that the speed limit along Old Hall Street from Malpas to the borough boundary was assessed at the request on Malpas Parish Council.

The outcome of the assessment was a recommendation to reduce the speed limit to 50 mph and 40mph for a short stretch on the approach to the 30 mph speed limit in Malpas.

CWaC's policy for changing speed limits is that Parish Councils must part fund any recommended changes.

217.2 20 MPH:-

The Council considered request received to continue the 20 mph speed limit on Old Hall Street to 20 MPH.

Resolved:- The Council agreed to defer any decision regarding speed limits (217.1 and 217.2) until the work at the Doctors surgery has been completed. Proposed by Cllr Waddelove and seconded by Cllr Higgie.

217.3 Church Street Road Closure:-

Cllr Webb updated the meeting regarding the road closure and recent works carried out by CWaC to Oldcastle Lane and Mastiff Lane.

Concerns were raised regarding the state of the repairs. The Council agreed to contact CWaC to request that further repairs are carried out at Mastiff Lane; Sunnyside; Dog Lane and Oldcastle Lane.

218 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk has placed an order to purchase a new heated cabinet at a cost of £540.00 plus VAT.

Cllr Williams advised Mike Ainslie will do a presentation to the Council on how to use the defibrillator once it is installed.

Cllrs Whitehurst and Waddelove have prepared information to be put on the plaque in recognition of the benefactor.

The Clerk it to make arrangements with Barlows to install the heated cabinet when it arrives.

219 THE CROSS

			storic England regarding the process to carry out works to the ound The Cross and will update the next meeting.				
220		MALPAS CHRISTMAS MARKET AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS					
	Cllr Williams updated the meeting about the Christmas event that took place on Sunday 27 th						
	Novemb		ooting about the officernae event that took place on ouriday 27				
		ings of the event ar	re to be circulated				
221	WEBSIT		o to be direction.				
	The Council agreed to the following for the Council website:-						
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	 Domain name of malpaspc.org.uk Colour scheme to be blue and green with the Council logo. 						
	- Format to be designed similar to other Council websites.						
		•	email addresses to be linked to the new website.				
222		HARLES III COROI					
	Cllr Whitehurst circulated a report regarding the proposed schedule of events planned by						
			ronation of Charles III next May.				
			vise the amounts they wish to request from the Council.				
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220		receive update:-					
		IIr Granger is to pro	vide an undate				
		•	to the Police Community Cashback Fund:-				
			arify what type of projects they can apply for from the fund.				
224		NITY RESILIENCE					
			passed over to Cllr Granger.				
			ed the refilling / inspection of grit bins in the village; gritting various				
			roviding a list of locations for the grit bins in the village.				
			enquiries regarding contract gritting of the village.				
			ct CWaC regarding the refilling of grit bins should the Council be				
		inded to purchase f					
225		LOCKERS					
	Cllr Willia	ams advised the cv	cle lockers are due to be installed in the new year.				
226		S REPORT	,				
	No.	Item	Update				
	226.1	Dog bags	The Licence has been granted; signed and returned to				
		Dispenser –	CWaC.				
		Well Street	Arrangements are to be for the installation.				
	226.2	Heated Cabinet	Requested proforma invoice for cabinet.				
	226.3	Mosslands Rent	Arrangements for meeting to be made in January.				
	226.4	Community	CWaC are in the process of sourcing trees to the planted at				
		Orchard	The Mossland as part of the Community Orchard Package.				
		Package	The modern and paint of the grant of the gra				
	226.5	Archway Homes	A representative was due to meet with the Council; this has				
		/ wormay riomos	been postponed.				
			An email was sent to advise that the Council would prefer not				
			to meet with developers in private and to invited them to				
			attend the January meeting.				
			Archway are to advise whether attend January meeting.				
	226.6	Pond at The	Meeting scheduled for January to discuss potential pond				
	220.0	Mossland	project at The Mossland.				
	226.7	April and May	The April meeting re-scheduled to 17 th April 2023 (due to				
	220.1	2023 meetings	Easter Monday).				
		2020 modings	The May meeting re-scheduled to 15 th May 2023 (due to local				
			elections).				
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EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING SUGGESTION BOX

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	List previously circulated to Cllrs. Rural Services Network:- The Council agreed to join.
228	UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES No updates.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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