

**MINUTES OF MALPAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024
IN MALPAS COMMUNITY CHURCH, HIGH STREET, MALPAS AT 7.00 PM**

	PRESENT Cllrs Tina Barnett, Julie James Collins, Sean Davies, Charles Higgle, Oryan Lightning, Karen Meredith, Berthold Schoene, Martin Shackleton, Adrian Waddelove, Chris Whitehurst, Michael Williams (Chairman). The Clerk. One member of the public attended part of the meeting.																						
256.	APOLOGIES Cllr Eric Bickley (personal reason).																						
257.	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Higgle declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 277 as he is a member of the Malpas Joint Burial Committee. Cllr Waddelove declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 277 as he is a member of the Malpas Joint Burial Committee.																						
258.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES <u>Minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting on 25th January 2024:-</u> Resolved:- Item 227 was amended to remove “and Malpas Joint Burial Board” The Council then approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th January 2024. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true and proper record. Proposed by Cllr Waddelove and seconded by Cllr Higgle.																						
259.	OPEN FORUM There was no consideration of this item.																						
260.	INTERNAL PROCEEDURES It was suggested that the Council arrange another meeting to go through the remaining internal documents.																						
261.	CASUAL VACANCY CWaC has advised that an election has not been called therefore the Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy.																						
262.	POLICE REPORT There was no police report. The Clerk is to contact the PCSO to request a Speedwatch training session for residents.																						
263.	ACCOUNTS 263.1 <u>To approve the following payments:-</u> <table border="1" data-bbox="173 1536 1503 1744"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq No</th><th>Payee</th><th>Statutory Power</th><th>Amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>612</td><td>Running Costs</td><td>s.111</td><td>£ 55.09</td></tr> <tr> <td>613</td><td>HMRC - PAYE Feb 2024</td><td></td><td>£ 133.39</td></tr> <tr> <td>614</td><td>Victoria Jubilee Hall</td><td>S.111</td><td>£ 28.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>615</td><td>Then Media Ltd (website)</td><td>S.111</td><td>£ 24.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order. Resolved:- The Council agreed to the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Higgle and seconded by Cllr Barnett. 263.2 <u>Receipts Received as at 31st January 2024:-</u> Christmas Trees:- £140.00 263.3 <u>Accounts and Bank Reconciliation:-</u> The summary of Receipts and Payments was previously circulated. The reconciled balance in the current bank account as at 31 st January 2024 was £214,709.99.			Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount	612	Running Costs	s.111	£ 55.09	613	HMRC - PAYE Feb 2024		£ 133.39	614	Victoria Jubilee Hall	S.111	£ 28.00	615	Then Media Ltd (website)	S.111	£ 24.00
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	The funds are allocated as follows:- Parish Council - £36,154.46 New Homes Bonus - £23,265.78 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):- £155,684.33 Allotment Maintenance funds (ring fenced in accounts):- £87.83 Neighbourhood Plan:- £8.72 Will Legacy (balance allocated to CCTV phase 2):- £0.00 Christmas Tree (to be reimbursed) – (£291.08) Police Grant (balance allocated to CCTV phase 2) - £0.00 Donation:- due for CCTV – (£200.05) 263.4 <u>ICO:-</u> The Council noted payment of annual Data Protection fee to the ICO by direct debit. 263.5 <u>Internal Audit:-</u> The Clerk has contacted Jake Gurr regarding the Council's internal audit; he has quoted £125.00 plus VAT. Resolved:- The Council agreed to appoint Jake Gurr to carry out the Council's internal audit at a cost of £125.00 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Meredith. 263.6 <u>Grant Process:-</u> The Clerk has placed notices on social media, the website and noticeboards.
264.	BUSINESS PRIORITIES AND PROJECTS This was considered under item 271.
265.	PLANNING 265.1 <u>Planning Applications:-</u> 265.1.1 24/00109/FUL - Conversion and extension of the former village hall to create 2 semi-detached dwellings Former Village Hall Church Street Malpas Observations:- The Council objects to this application. If CWaC is minded to approve the application the Parish the Council would request that the following conditions be included: 1/ The inclusion of two electronic vehicle charging points. 2/ If development work has not begun by May 2024, another Ecological Appraisal should be undertaken. 3/ An Archaeology Assessment be undertaken. 4/ Cycle storage bin storage be provided. 5/ That the recommendations listed in section 7.8 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal are carried out. 6/ That the recommendations listed in Tree Survey are carried out. Background Factors: Within settlement boundary, Conservation area, Tree Preservation Orders Relevant Malpas and Overton Neighbourhood Plan Policies: H1, LC2, LC3, BE1, BE2, BE4, BE5, SF2 Relevant Local Plan Part 2 Policies: DM19, DM2, DM3, DM44, DM45, DM46, DM47, DM48, DM50, ENV5, R1 Potential benefits to the community: The restoration of a near derelict building that is currently an eyesore in the conservation area. Potential impact on neighbours: Potential restriction of access to the Oxheys field complex Development on this site has the potential to impact on the settings of the adjacent listed buildings, (St Oswald's Church, The Old Rectory, the Tithe Barn, Glebe Farm and Glebe Cottage) and the scheduled ancient monument of Castle Hill.

Potential impact on wider community: Impact on local wildlife; Impact on the Malpas Conservation Area; Impact on the public realm from the frequently used footpath - Malpas FP9.

Other relevant information

In principle the Council and the wider Malpas Community would like to see the former Parish Hall which currently is an eyesore in the conservation area brought back into use.

However, the council does have a number of concerns with this application as follows.

Planning History:

The application Planning Statement at paragraph 4.1 states that there is no planning history for the site.

This is incorrect. As the following text illustrates.

The Parish Hall had a change of use to class B1 approved on Application 10/04074/FUL on 5th April 2011; this to convert the building into Office accommodation. The application included an annex extension and parking spaces for 12 cars.

The permission was valid for 3 years providing no work was started on the foundations. So it is thought that this planning permission is now void.

However, a change of use may be require from the buildings previous use hosting Sunday School classes and youth clubs under the authority of St Oswald's Church. 04/00342/FUL for Change of use, alteration and extension of hall to form 2 no. dwellings. This application was refused on 23rd April 2004 by *"virtue of its design, size, sitting and mass together with its poor relationship to the surrounding land uses would if approved provide insufficient landscaped private amenity space within the site to serve unit 2 .*

As a consequence, this would lead to an unacceptable degree of over development of the site to the detriment of residential amenity."

Preliminary Ecological Appraisal: (Page 46)

There is no mention of Barn Owls in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal which have been observed and officially recorded to the BTO on numerous occasions in the Species Search Report area.

The conclusion states *"that If works have not begun by May 2024, an updated site visit will be required to assess the habitats within the site;"*

Given the current planning review timescales, the council would request that the Planning authority does require another Ecological Appraisal to be undertaken.

Application form errors:

The application form asks if there *"Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?" Answer no.*

This is incorrect, footpath Malpas FP9 exists alongside the building and actual goes across the land marked within the red line of the property curtilage boundary.

The question of *"How will surface water be disposed of?"* has not been answered.

Market Housing:

The application form quotes the development is for 2 x 4 bedroom houses, but the plans only show 3 bedrooms in each dwelling. If there are to be four bedroom properties then under the Cheshire West Parking Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) there should be 3 parking spaces per dwelling.

Planning Statement:

Paragraph 6.6 states *"STRAT 8 identifies that as a key service centre, there should be at least 200 new dwellings within the plan period in Malpas alone. This proposal will contribute towards that target."*

Under the Cheshire West Local Plan Malpas as a Key Service Centre was assessed as being sustainable for 200 new dwellings within the Plan period 2010 – 2030.

Currently in this period Malpas has seen over 400 new dwellings given planning permission of which some 370 -380 have now been completed.
This statement is there for irrelevant and should not be given any weight in the decision.

Paragraph 7.8

It mentions an electronic vehicle charging point. However in line with the need to address climate change the council request that each property should have its own charging point.

The planning statement contains no mention of cycle or waste bin storage facilities. There is also no mention of an Archaeology Assessment for the site and its immediate surroundings given that the area was the site of the 11th Century Motte and Bailey Castle.

The like CWaC, 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.

265.1.2 24/00534/TPO - Oak (T1) - Reduce crown by 5-6m at The Old Rectory Church Street Malpas

Observations:-

The Council objects to this application.

If CWaC is minded to approve the application the Parish Council would request that the following conditions be included: That this Oak tree only has its canopy reduced by 2-3 metres as is the norm in cases regards health mature trees

Background Factors: Open countryside; Conservation area; Tree Preservation Orders

Relevant Malpas and Overton Neighbourhood Plan Policies: LC4

Relevant Local Plan Part 2 Policies: DM44 and DM45

Potential benefits to the community: None identified

Potential impact on neighbours: The removal of any part of a living tree will result in a reduction of carbon capture capability.

Potential impact on wider community: Reduction in the carbon capture capability; Loss of wildlife habitat; Potential impact on the setting of the Old Rectory; a listed building.

Other relevant information:-

Proposal is to carry out work by a company on a tree which is actually owned by a neighbour of the applicant.

The Oak Tree is not owned by the applicant and the council would like assurance that the applicant has the permission of the tree/land owner before work commences.

No integral reasons have been given of the need to reduce the size of this mature Oak tree.

The proposed statement of reasons for work by the Canopy Tree Care Company is only a costs estimate covering two possible options.

The council would like to understand the reasons for the need to carry out work on the oak tree that does not pose a threat to life or damage to property

Malpas Parish Council like CWaC, 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.

265.1.3 24/00089/FUL - The erection of one detached dwelling at land to the rear of Church Walk Church Street Malpas

Observations:-

The Council objects to this application.

If CWaC is minded to approve the application the Council would request that the following conditions be included:

1/ If development work has not begun by May 2024, another Ecological Appraisal should be undertaken.

2/ An Archaeology Assessment be undertaken.

3/ Cycle storage bin storage be provided .

4/ That the recommendations listed in section 6 of the Biodiversity Report are carried out.

5/ That the recommendations listed in Tree Survey are carried out.

Background Factors: Within settlement boundary; Conservation area; Tree Preservation Orders

Relevant Malpas and Overton Neighbourhood Plan Policies: H1, LC2, LC3, BE1, BE2, BE4, BE5, SF2

Relevant Local Plan Part 2 Policies: DM19, DM2, DM3, DM44, DM45, DM46, DM47, DM48, DM50, ENV5, R1

Potential benefits to the community: None identified

Potential impact on neighbours: Overlooking of near neighbours amenity space.

Development on this site has the potential to impact on the setting of the adjacent listed building, (The Tithe Barn).

Potential impact on wider community: Impact on local wildlife; Impact on the Malpas Conservation Area.

Other relevant information:-

The Parish Council have a number of concerns with this application as follows.

previous application 04/00342/FUL for Change of use, alteration and extension of the adjacent Parish Hall was refused on 23rd April 2004 by *"virtue of its design, size, sitting and mass together with its poor relationship to the surrounding land uses would if approved provide insufficient landscaped private amenity space within the site to serve unit 2 .*

As a consequence, this would lead to an unacceptable degree of over development of the site to the detriment of residential amenity."

The Council would contest that this proposed back land development by nature of its size and massing will impact on the setting of the listed buildings and character buildings in Church Street.

The Council is also concerned about the proposed access with the lack of visibility onto Church Street.

Biodiversity / Preliminary Ecological Appraisal: (Page 46)

There is no mention of Barn Owls in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal which have been observed and officially recorded to the BTO on numerous occasions in the Species Search Report area.

The conclusion states *" that If works have not begun by May 2024, an updated site visit will be required to assess the habitats within the site;"*

Given the current planning review timescales, the council would request that the Planning authority does require another Ecological Appraisal to be undertaken.

The planning statement contains no mention of cycle or waste bin storage facilities.

There is also no mention of an Archaeology Assessment for the site and its immediate surroundings given that the area was the site of the 11th Century Motte and Bailey Castle.

Application form errors:

The application form asks: *Is the site currently vacant?*

The explanation given states: The land formerly used by former village hall.

This is incorrect. The land was previously the garden area of the Tithe Barn on Church Street and was never in use to support the Parish Hall.

The application form asks if there *"Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?" Answer no.*

	This is incorrect, footpath Malpas FP9 exists alongside the building and actual goes across the land marked within the red line of the property curtilage boundary. The question of <i>“How will surface water be disposed of?”</i> has not been answered. Market Housing: The application form quotes the development is for 1 x 4 bedroom house, but the building plans show 5 bedrooms in the dwelling. If this is to be a four or five bedroom property, then under the Cheshire West Parking Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) there should be 3 parking space. This is in conflict with the location drawing that only indicates one park space. Planning Statement: Paragraph 6.6 states <i>“STRAT 8 identifies that as a key service centre, there should be at least 200 new dwellings within the plan period in Malpas alone. This proposal will contribute towards that target.”</i> Under the CWaC Local Plan Malpas as a Key Service Centre was assessed as being sustainable for 200 new dwellings within the Plan period 2010 – 2030. Currently in this period Malpas has seen over 400 new dwellings given planning permission of which some 370 -380 have now been completed. This statement is therefore irrelevant and should not be given any weight in the decision. The planning statement contains no mention of cycle or waste bin storage facilities. There is also no mention of an Archaeology Assessment for the site given that the area is adjacent to the historic listed building of the Tithe Barn. <i>The Council like CWaC, 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.</i> Resolved:- The Council agreed to the above observations. Proposed by Cllr Higgie and seconded by Cllr Davies. 265.2 <u>To consider any applications received after the agenda has been distributed:-</u> No new applications have been received. 265.3 <u>Recent decisions by CW&C:-</u> <u>Approved / Decided:-</u> 23/03340/FUL - Hillcrest Chester Road Malpas <u>Refused:-</u> 22/03492/FUL - Corner Cottage Overton Heath Lane Overton Malpas 265.4 <u>CWaC Local Plan:-</u> Cllr Meredith circulated a report regarding the CWaC Local Plan Evidence Base Consultation 2024; it includes the number of houses on potential sites that have been forwarded to CWaC in their call for development sites. The total number is 805; this is an increase of over 80% based on previous figures; there does not appear to be any increase in infrastructure to cope with this increase. The Council discussed updating the Neighbourhood Plan which is in place until 2030. Cllr Meredith advised there two years' work is required to update the plan; there is a general election due to take place later this year which may mean changes to the current planning system. Concerns were raised that the Neighbourhood Plan has been ignored in the planning process. The Council agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting to consider the Council's formal response to the CWaC Local Plan Evidence Base Consultation 2024. Cllr Meredith is to circulate a draft proposal.
266.	MONTHLY SURGERY One person attended the February surgery. Ward Cllr Williams dealt with the enquiry.
267.	THE MOSSLAND 267.1 <u>Annual Return for 2022 -23:-</u> The Annual Return has been submitted to the Charity Commission.

	267.2 <u>Charity Commission:-</u> The Council has received a response from the Charity Commission regarding the enquiry made about trustees. The Council needs to establish if parish councillors are individual trustees or if the parish council is the sole trustee. A Conflict of Interest policy is required. 267.3 <u>Trust Deed Document:-</u> The Clerk has enquired with the solicitor, Hill Dickinson, regarding the options and implications as to whether to keep The Mossland registered with the Charity Commission or to deregister. Hill Dickinson has suggested that the Council contact a firm of solicitors which provide a bespoke charities offering and has recommended two such firms. Resolved:- The Council agreed to contact the two firms of solicitors which both provide a bespoke charities offering to make further enquiries regarding the options and implications as to whether The Mossland is to remain registered or to deregister with the Charity Commission. Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Waddelove.
268.	THE MOSSLAND – SITE WORKS 268.1 <u>Install new footpaths within the allotment site:-</u> See item 268.4. 268.2 <u>Install locked gate at the entrance to the allotment plots:-</u> See item 268.4. 268.3 <u>Gates at Main Entrance to the Allotment Site and Car Park:-</u> See item 268.4. 268.4 <u>Resurface Car Park:-</u> The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes to carry out the works for items 268.1 – 268.4; these are due to be considered at the March meeting. 268.5 <u>Security for the Ponds at the Allotment Site:-</u> The Clerk has contacted CWaC regarding safety concerns raised by the Allotments Association regarding the ponds. The Clerk is to look into preparing a Risk Assessment. The Council considered purchasing and installing a lifebuoy at the site, Resolved:- The Council agreed to purchase and install a Lifebuoy Ring With Mounting Hook & Enclosed Throwline at The Mossland site at a cost of £65.50 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr James Collins. 268.6 <u>Signage at Allotment Site:-</u> The Allotments Association has raised concerns regarding security of the allotment site and anti-social behaviour in the car park; they have requested for signage to be erected at the entrances to the allotment plots and to the car park. Resolved:- The Council agreed to purchase three signs for the allotment site entrances and two signs for Car Park from Signs of the Times (at a cost of £25.00 plus VAT for each A4 size sign – total cost of £125.00 plus VAT). Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr James Collins. 268.7 <u>Hedging at Allotment Site:-</u> The Clerk has contacted CWaC to enquire about supplying x24 hawthorn hedges to be planted at the entrance to the allotment site; CWaC have replied with details of which organisations for the Council to contact regarding the request. 268.8 <u>Allotments:-</u> A half plot has been rented out.
269.	SLOW DOWN FOR MALPAS Cllr Schoene previously circulated a report of the impromptu open meeting that was held on 8th February 2024 to discuss the Slow Down 4 Malpas initiative.

	The current shift of focus is Wrexham Road / Church Street. The Council agreed to arrange a meeting with CWaC Highways to discuss the following requests and costings:- - To install additional SLOW DOWN signage; - 20 MPH painted on Church Street and 30 MPH painted on Wrexham Road; - Flashing speed lights for Wrexham Road; - Additional 30 MPH signage on Wrexham Road; - Installation of 'Slow Down for Malpas' signage at all four entrances into the village; - Is there any S106 funding available (e.g. from Berwyn View development) - Would it help if residents expressed willingness to make a contribution to the costs? Cllr Whitehurst spoke to the meeting regarding the speed gun; it may need to be re-calibrated for use by Speedwatch groups wishing to use it.
270.	HIGHWAYS 270.1 <u>Speed Limit:-</u> The Council considered the request whether to instruct CWaC to carry out an assessment for 30 mph speed limit to be implemented after Chorlton Villas, Whitchurch Road, Malpas Ward Cllr Williams has advised that CWaC would require confirmation from the Council that they will be looking to pick up the original recommendations from the last assessment as they are not able to do a new one as an assessment has already been carried out. CWaC is happy for the Council to do only part one of the assessment which would be 40 mph outside Chorlton Villas which would be at a reduced cost. The Council raised safety concerns regarding Bradley Bridge; the Clerk is to enquire with Highways for additional signage. 270.2 <u>Flooding:-</u> Cllr Higgle spoke to the meeting regarding the flooding on the road to No Mans Heath. The Council agreed to write to CWaC and request that Highways rectify the situation and also to formally request how often the gullies are cleaned.
271.	CHESTER ROAD CROSSING / PAVEMENT Ward Cllr Williams has followed this up with CWaC who have advised that the reason that the full footpath cannot be done is because there is no highway land from the fire station to the Zebra crossing. It would require dedication of private land to Highways which the landowner is not willing to do. CWaC is due to provide costings for the money to be spent to extend the pavement up to the fire station carpark.
272.	HIGH STREET CAR PARK The Clerk has requested an update from CWaC regarding the legal agreement for the proposed car park extension.
273.	THE CROSS The Scheduled Monument Consent Form has been submitted to Historic England (HE). HE has responded with some technical queries / recommendations. To date, only two quotes have been received; a further quote is due from a third company. The Council will then need to decide which contractor to instruct before HE can recommend to the Secretary of State that Scheduled Monument Consent should be granted. Once the third quote has been received the Council is to decide which contractor to instruct to carry out the works.
274.	APPEARANCE OF MALPAS 274.1 <u>Street Furniture:-</u> No update. 274.2 <u>Bus Shelter Old Hall Street:-</u> No further update; the Clerk is to follow this up with CWaC in March. 274.3 <u>Planters and Hanging Baskets:-</u> The Clerk suggested that Walkers Nurseries refill the seven planters in the village. Cllr James Collins is to make enquiries regarding the supply of plants and planting and will report back to the March meeting.

	The Council discussed the hanging baskets in the village and agreed that they will contact Walkers Nurseries to request a quote; the businesses are to pay for their own hanging baskets. 274.4 <u>Jubilee Clock:-</u> Smiths of Derby have quoted £300.00 plus VAT to carry out the annual service of the Jubilee Clock. The Council agreed not to have the clock serviced. The Clerk is to make enquiries for costs to have the clock lit up.
275.	EVENTS COMMITTEE 275.1 <u>Set Up Events Committee:-</u> The Council considered setting up an Events Committee (this would be a committee of the Parish Council). Cllr Lightning went through the approximate costings for the summer fair. Resolved:- The Council agreed to set up an Events Committee (this is to be a committee of the Parish Council). Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Higgie. 275.2 <u>Terms of Reference (TORs):-</u> The Council considered the TORs as previously circulated by Cllr Lightning; Cllr Whitehurst suggested that the wording be amended. Resolved:- The Council agreed to adopt the TORs which are to be amended. Proposed by Cllr Higgie and seconded by Cllr Davies. 275.3 <u>Council Representation of the Events Committee:-</u> Cllrs Lightning, Shackleton, Higgie, Williams and Whitehurst (in an advisory capacity) volunteered to sit on the Events Committee. Resolved:- The Council agreed for Cllrs Lightning, Shackleton, Higgie, Williams and Whitehurst (in an advisory capacity) to sit on the Events Committee. Proposed by Cllr Meredith and seconded by Cllr Schoene. 275.4 <u>Bank Account:-</u> The Council considered setting up a separate bank account for the Events Committee. Resolved:- The Council agreed to set up a separate bank account for the Events Committee. Proposed by Cllr Shackleton and seconded by Cllr Higgie. 275.5 <u>Underwriting:-</u> The Council considered whether to underwrite the Village Fair. Resolved:- The Council agreed to consider underwriting each event up to a maximum of £10k. Each event is to be considered on an individual basis. Proposed by Cllr Meredith and seconded by Cllr Barnett. Cllr Waddelove made a request for a named vote. For:- Cllrs Barnett, James Collins, Davies, Higgie, Lightning, Meredith, Schoene, Shackleton, Williams. Against:- Cllrs Waddelove, Whitehurst.
276.	WEBSITES 276.1 <u>Parish Council Website:-</u> The new Parish Council website - www.malpasparishcouncil.org.uk is to be promoted via social media, noticeboards and the Parish News. The Clerk is to obtain a quote for postcards with details of the new website and contact details for CWaC. 276.2 <u>Community Website:-</u> There was no consideration of this item.
277.	MALPAS JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE (MJBC) Cllr Williams and the Clerk met with the Trevor Parker (Chairman of MJBC), Jackie Clegg (Clerk of MJBC), and David Lithgow Smith (Chairman of No Mans Heath and District Parish Council) to discuss Malpas Joint Burial Committee. It was established that MJBC it is a Joint Committee made up of the parishes of Malpas, Hampton, Chorlton, Cuddington, Edge, Oldcastle, Newton, Stockton, Wigland, Overton,

	Bradley and Wychough. There have been changes as since then as Hampton and Edge are now part of No Man's Heath and District Parish Council; Oldcastle, Newton, Stockton, Overton and Wychough are now part of Malpas Parish Council. MJBC is in the process of drawing up a new constitution which will include representation of the parish councils and parish meetings on the Joint Committee. This is to be circulated to parish councils and parish meetings prior to its approval by MJBC. There are a number of legal issues that the Clerk needs to clarify regarding the financial matters.		
278.	TREES Cllr Higgie circulated a report and regarding planting trees in the village.		
279.	CHESHIRE RECORD OFFICE Cllr Whitehurst circulated a report regarding the GEM Project.		
280.	CLERK'S REPORT		
	No.	Item	Update
	280.1	S106 McCarthy Stone	CWaC has visited the site to check the final street light location for the VAS; it is due to be installed shortly.
	280.2	Precept	The precept request for the 2024 / 2025 financial year has been submitted to CWaC.
	280.3	Mosslands Ponds signage	Order placed and delivered for signage. The Allotments Association has put up the signage.
	280.4	CCTV Phase 2	This has been added to the insurance policy and asset schedule.
	280.5	Allotment Rental	A cheque in respect of rent has been returned by the bank; the plot holder has been contacted to request payment.
	280.6	Highways s106 requests	The Council made the following suggestions for the sums allocated towards Highways traffic management:- - Wrexham Road – extending the footpath to include the section that is missing. - St Oswalds Close – improvements to existing footpath which is in poor condition. Ward Cllr Williams has advised:- - CWaC to confirm if the s106 money can be used for the projects; it maybe that it might be tied to traffic management improvements and might not be available for maintenance projects. - CWaC advised that St Oswalds pavement is on the list for improvements but will only be done when resource is available.
280.7	Old Hall Street – Request for Pelican crossing	A request was made to CWaC for the proposed VAS on Old Hall Street to be swapped for a pelican crossing. CWaC has advised that he funding would not be transferable as the costs for a crossing are upwards of £50k.	
281.	EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING SUGGESTION BOX List previously circulated to Cllrs.		
282.	UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES There were no updates.		

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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