

# MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

(Leighton, Minshull Vernon and Woolstanwood)

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## NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Councillors are summoned to a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on –

**DATE: MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2012**

**NOTE TIME: 7.00 PM**

**VENUE: ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL  
MINSHULL VERNON**

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Signed



To: Members of the Parish Council  
[W Barnes, W T Beard (Vice-Chairman), D N Bebbington, I Chenery, B Evans,  
D Forrest (Chairman), K Halford, R Hollinshead, L Horne, Mrs L Horne, M McGlone,  
B Palin and M Wilson]

cc: Cheshire East Ward Councillors M Jones (Bunbury)  
M J Simon and M J Weatherill (Wistaston)  
D N Bebbington (Leighton)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING**

**NOTES:**

**1) Members of the Public**

The Parish Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend its meetings. You are requested to enter and leave quietly and to remain quiet during the meeting. Mobile phones and pagers should be switched off, and no food or drink should be brought into the meeting.

The Parish Council has a Public Question Time Procedure and members of the public are able to ask questions during the 10-minute slot in the early part of the meeting. In addition, if you feel there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council you may contact the Clerk, the Chairman, or any member of the Parish Council, and arrangements can be made to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting, if appropriate.

On occasions, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meetings when the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature; for example, dealing with individual people, contracts and financial affairs of other parties.

**2) Parish Councillors**

**A) Notice of items**

The Parish Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is statutory authority to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119*).

**B) Planning Grounds** The grounds on which comments can be made on planning applications are as follows –

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|---|--|----|---|
| 1 | Development Plan in all its aspects                                  | 8  | Appropriateness of use taking account of local area |
| 2 | Government legislation and guidance (PPG)                            | 9  | Effect on highway safety and parking                |
| 3 | Siting   | 10 | Landscape   |
| 4 | Design   | 11 | Listed buildings                                    |
| 5 | External appearance  | 12 | Conservation areas                                  |
| 6 | Compatibility with street-scene                                      | 13 | Land contamination                                  |
| 7 | Development effect on neighbouring properties, amenities and privacy | 14 | Flooding  |

**Non-Relevant Matters**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Matters controlled by other legislation | 6 | Business competition                    |
| 2 | Effects on private rights               | 7 | Personal circumstances – health/finance |
| 3 | Provisions in covenants/deeds           | 8 | Ownership                               |
| 4 | Effect on property values               | 9 | Moral issues                            |
| 5 | Private opinions                        |   |   |

Note: If the Parish Council agrees, in principle, with an application, but not in all aspects, suggestions for “development conditions” can be made, in line with relevant factors.

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# **A G E N D A**

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Please ensure that apologies for absence, where possible, are notified to the Clerk by noon on the day of the meeting.

## **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and, if necessary, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

Declarations are a personal matter for each Member to decide. Whilst the Clerk will advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the particular circumstances.

## **3 MINUTES [30 JANUARY 2012]**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2012.

## **4 MATTERS ARISING (not detailed elsewhere on the agenda)**

### **4.1 Fly-tipping: Response from Councillor R Menlove (Cheshire East Council Cabinet Member)**

Councillor Rod Menlove has responded to the issue of fly-tipping and enforcement action, as follows:

*“Firstly, the Streetscape team attends and removes the material. If any incriminating evidence is found it is given to the Community Wardens team which takes enforcement where possible.*

*As far as Moss Lane is concerned, it is recognised that the problem is persistent but there is inadequate evidence to proceed against transgressors.*

*Councillor Menlove has requested that the Parish Council be updated if there are any developments of significance over the coming months.”*

### **4.2 Planning Site Inspection Protocol**

To report any response from the Planning and Development Manager, Cheshire East Council.

### **4.3 CEC Shared Site for Parish Councils**

At the previous meeting it was reported that there is a shared site on the Cheshire East Council website. This is for town and parish councils only to access. The Clerk has been provided with her own log-in and password details. Any Member of the Parish Council wishing to access this site needs to have their own log-in and password.

## **5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 MINUTES)**

In accordance with the Parish Council’s Standing Orders, a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to ask questions.

## **6 POLICE MATTERS**

To receive an update in respect of any police matters within the parish.

**7 DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012 – JUNE 2012**

To note progress in respect of arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee.

Item	Current status	Notes
Footpath around war memorial	Planning application, together with drawing from Ben MacDonald has been submitted, but without a certificate of ownership which is a requirement of the application.	The Parish Council is asked to authorise payment of a cheque to CEC for an amount not exceeding £85.00 to cover the cost of the application.
Inscription for plaque	To be decided.	

Item	Current status	Notes
Venue/Date for Family Day Event	Transferred to Leighton Primary School, to be held on Saturday, 2 June.  Letter sent to school to confirm, and letter sent to Rev. P Goggin to advise change of venue.	The venue is larger and more central for local residents.
Hog Roast and Barbecue	To be provided by Grants the Butchers.  Quotation of £1,800 accepted for hog roast and £100 for drinks to be provided.	
Commemorative Mugs	Order for 1,000 mugs placed.	A photograph of the mug ordered will be available at the meeting.  Total cost £3,500 for 1,000
Marquee		Councillor D Bebbington to report.
Guests of Honour	An invitation has been issued to Messrs Bickerton.	
Nantwich & District Band	The band has been invited to perform. A response will be available at the meeting.	The Bandmaster has indicated that whilst some members of the band are available, it might not be the whole Band which is able to perform.

Other items which need consideration, either by the Working Group or the Parish Council:

- Sponsorship from local businesses
- Stall-holders (eg candy floss, ice cream)
- Advertising

- Outside bar (Royal Oak)
- Parking marshalls
- First Aid cover
- Town Crier
- Helium balloons
- Programme for the day (eg start and finish times, speech of welcome from the Chairman of the Parish Council including introduction of guests of honour).

**8 CASUAL VACANCY**

To report that Councillor D Preece has resigned as a parish councillor for personal reasons.

This has caused a casual vacancy which has now been advertised in accordance with electoral regulations. If no election is called, the Parish Council will be able to co-opt to the vacancy.

**9 PLANNING MATTERS**

There are no planning applications at the time of issue of the agenda. Any applications received after this date will be tabled at the meeting.

**10 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Parish Council is asked to authorise payment of up to £85.00 for the submission of the planning application in respect of the footpath around the war memorial.

There are no other payments for authorisation.

**11 SPEED WATCH SCHEME (Incorporating activities associated with the trailer-mounted vehicle display unit)**

To report on the Speed Watch Scheme and to provide an update regarding the new schemes at Leighton School/Mablins Lane School and Whalleys Green.

**12 SPECIAL EVENT TO CONFER HONORARY FREEMAN STATUS ON FORMER PARISH COUNCILLORS CHARLESWORTH AND WHITTINGHAM**

To update the Parish Council on arrangements for the Honorary Freeman ceremony.

The only date in April on which the community hall is available is Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>. Former councillors John Whittingham and Marshall Charlesworth have both indicated their availability on this occasion.

Both former members will be attending tonight's meeting as members of the public.

**13 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

This is an opportunity for any Borough Councillors in attendance to report on Cheshire East matters which may be of interest to the Parish Council (Councillors M Jones, M J Weatherill, M J Simon). Note: Borough Councillor D N Bebbington is also a parish councillor.

**14 CREWE AND NANTWICH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS**

Representatives to report on recent LAP meetings.

Crewe LAP: Two highways lists, provided by the Crewe LAP Manager, are attached.

List 1 All highway issues listed.

List 2 Lists the high priorities identified by Cheshire East Highways which has carried out some preliminary assessments: Officer comments are included. ■ ■ ■

The Parish Council is asked to review the list and indicate its own priorities for submission to the LAP Manager by 26 March. Members are asked to note that the budget is unlikely to exceed

£48,340 for the Crewe area. It is, therefore, likely that some schemes will not proceed owing to lack of funds.

## 15 CORRESPONDENCE

To report receipt of correspondence received since the last meeting and take any action as appropriate. (E-mailed to Members)

### Matters Requiring a Decision

- Letter from Clerk to Church Minshull Parish Council

A scheme has been “worked up” to provide a Monday-Friday circular bus service linking Nantwich - Leighton Hospital - Minshull Vernon - Church Minshull - Worleston - Nantwich with two journeys in each direction round the 'loop' each day.

Church Minshull PC is seeking the Parish Council's view on whether it could support such a facility in principle, an indication of the likely usage of such a service, and whether the Parish Council would be willing to provide financial support towards such a service.

In considering this, the Parish Council is reminded that it set its budget at the December 2011 meeting and there is no funding for such a scheme. However, dependent on the extent of funding required for the Diamond Jubilee, there may be some flexibility to transfer funds from this head of expenditure.

### For Information (e-mailed separately to Members)

- List of direct-dial numbers for Planning Officers (CEC).
- Members will be aware that the High Court recently ruled against Bideford Town Council which included “Prayers” as part of its formal agenda. Cheshire East Council's Borough Solicitor has sent a letter to all town and parish councils in Cheshire East outlining future arrangements for prayers at meetings of the Borough Council.
- CVS Cheshire East – February 2012 Bulletin
- CEC Letter notifying town and parish councils that they will each receive a grant for the financial year 2012-2013 to offset what it refers to as “double-taxation” of the parished areas.
- CEC has been contacted by Reaseheath College, Nantwich which is promoting a part of its landholding South of the Equine Unit, on the A51, as a possible site for a strategic urban extension. Reaseheath College is very keen to ensure that it has “*consulted widely and meaningfully with local leaders and communities regarding the proposed developments at Kingsley Fields. Garnering the views of local people is important to us, as we wish to make sure we take these on board and that, where possible, these influence our proposal so that we optimise the benefit to local communities and the College. The event will be advertised in the Nantwich Chronicle for three weeks prior to the date.*”

## 16 SHARED INFORMATION

Parish Councillors are invited to share information and/or request items for inclusion on the next agenda.

Pot-holes and other matters relating to highway maintenance can be reported direct by Members to Cheshire East Council through its website ([www.cheshireeasthighways.org](http://www.cheshireeasthighways.org)) or by phoning 0300 123 5000. **Note: decisions cannot be made under this item.**

## 17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Parish Council is invited to RESOLVE to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that the matters to be discussed are of a confidential nature and the public interest would not be served in disclosing the information.

**18 REVIEW OF INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Parish Council's annual premium is due for renewal on 1 April 2012. A schedule of costs from two other companies, together with the Parish Council's current provider, will be available for consideration. (To be provided under separate cover.)

It is suggested that the Parish Council give initial consideration to the schedule at this meeting, and may wish to ask for additional information. A final decision can be made at the March meeting at which time, authorisation for payment can be granted to ensure that insurance cover takes effect from 1 April 2012. ■ ■ ■

Reason for exclusion of press and public:

The matter involves the discussion of the business affairs of other than the Parish Council.

**19 DERELICT HOUSE**

To report the Borough Council's response to the Parish Council's request in respect of this matter.

Reason for exclusion of press and public:

The matter involves the naming of individuals and whilst one of the named individuals has disclaimed his right to remain anonymous, there are other individuals and companies which are likely to be named during discussion.