

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.

If you do attend, copies of the agenda and accompanying papers will usually be provided for you.

The Parish Council has a Public Question Time Procedure and members of the public are able to ask questions during the 15-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.

If you require any further information, please contact Carol Jones, the Clerk to the Parish Council (details on the front page).

2) Members of the Parish Council

Planning Grounds: Parish Councillors are reminded of the grounds on which comments can be made on planning applications, as follows –

- | | |
|--|---|
| 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 affect on neighbouring properties, amenities and privacy | 14 Flooding |

Non-Relevant Matters

- | | |
|---|---|
| 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.

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES FOR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE

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 OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (13 SEPTEMBER 2010)

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2010.

4 MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING ISSUES

To report on outstanding issues –

| Item | Action requested | Current situation |
|---|--|---|
| Bus Stop/Bus Shelter, Eardswick Lane | Creation of footpath to facilitate access to Minshull Nurseries which has replaced the former Grenson’s Garage as a “village shop”. | The cost of the work would be in the order of £15,000-17,000. The work can be programmed in, if the Parish Council wishes to fund the project. It is suggested that this be considered at the budget meeting in November as a potential item for next year’s budget. |
| Maintenance of bus shelter (annual contribution made by MVPC) | The Parish Council previously contributed to the maintenance of the bus shelter, to the former CCC. | The Clerk has contacted CEC to enquire if a continued contribution is required. |
| Drainage – Bradfield Green | Write to all householders in the vicinity requesting that ditches within the curtilage of their land, are cleared as soon as reasonably practicable. | Field grid references have not yet been provided. |
| Hedge-cutting – Minshull New Road | Write to CEC requesting hedging on both sides of road to be cut back to enable pedestrian access. | An e-mail has been sent to M McCuaig of Cheshire East Highways. |

| Item | Action requested | Current situation |
|---|---|---|
| Car parking on Minshull New Road | Ask Cheshire East Highways about the feasibility of building a lay-by on Minshull New Road, subject to the landowner being willing to sell a portion of his land. | E-mail sent to M McCuaig of Cheshire East Highways |
| Traffic-calming – A530 | Write to Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, with Police on copy. | Cheshire East Highways have marked this down for a surveyor's inspection and report back. |
| Removal of old notice-boards at Parkers Road and Coppenhall Lane | Ask CEC to remove at its own expense | Response awaited. |
| Branding of new notice-boards | | The Clerk is pursuing various options. |
| Possible retrospective contribution to cost of fixed vehicle display speed unit | Cheshire East Council requested to consider retrospective contribution. | The Head of Regeneration (Cheshire East Council) has confirmed that all such funding has been removed from the Local Transport Plan and is no longer available. Further to the above, an e-mail has been sent to M McCuaig to ask for his efforts in securing funding. |

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

7.1 Chris Shields, the Area Highways Manager, has written to Parish Councils regarding "Winter Resilience" matters. Cheshire East Council is considering increasing its resilience. An extract from his e-mail is given below and the Parish Council is invited to consider the matter:

"Rural Communities

We already have a number of local contractors in place we can call upon, we would be pleased to explore any further contractors or farmers who may feel they can assist in one or both of the following:

- *Additional local salt storage*
- *Additional contractors willing to assist in cleaning/treating local areas*

Should you be aware through your community contacts I would be grateful if you could inform me of potential contractors or members of the farming community.

Salt Bins - Self Help

During last winter season we had numerous requests for additional salt bins to be placed to allow residents to self help where possible. Attached is list of locations where we have previously placed bins.

We would like to explore where members would wish to see any additional grit bins, clearly there are practical and costs limitations to numbers.

As a trial to try to limit the impact on cost and resources we have purchased "tonne bags" (similar to those used by builders merchants) which we would look to deliver to more rural locations during prolonged conditions."

7.2 Pedestrian Safety Issues (Item requested by Mr W T Beard)

Mr W T Beard has requested the inclusion of this item on the agenda.

The item relates to pedestrian safety issues at Smithy Lane, adjacent to the Bradfield Road roundabout and also further around at Parkers Road. Cheshire East Highways has received correspondence from a local resident about safety concerns at this location.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are no planning applications for consultation.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 Receipts and Payments Statement for the period 1.April.10 – 30.Sept.10

To approve the Receipts and Payments Statement for the second quarter of the financial year.

9.2 Grant Application

To consider a request from the Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church for a contribution towards a shortfall in funding on the new community hall. The shortfall is £4,500 and the Parish Council is invited to consider if a contribution, either in whole or part, should be made.

9.3 Authorisation of Payments

The Parish Council is asked to ratify this payment. The invoice was received shortly after the last meeting. Whilst Members have previously approved this expenditure, in principle, the invoice was not available.

| | |
|---------|---|
| £600.00 | Tree-felling – payable to Green Valley |
| £141.00 | A Micklewright (£120.00 and £21.00 vat) – field work in June, July and September. |

10 PROJECTS/STANDING ITEMS

10.1 Street Sport

The Parish Council is invited to consider if the Street Sports programme should be extended for another year. A copy of the ### from Cheshire East Council is enclosed for consideration.

10.2 Notice-Boards

Whitehill Direct, the company which supplied the notice-boards, can provide headers to insert in each, at a cost of £75 per header. The Parish Council is invited to consider this.

10.3 Local Area Partnership (LAP) Meetings

To report on recent or forthcoming LAP meetings.

10.4 Speed Watch Scheme/Traffic Management

Mr Les Horne to report on recent activities under the Speed Watch scheme and the new Traffic Management Scheme.

11 LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY

To report on the meeting held on 7 October at the Civic Hall, Nantwich, when Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald, Leader of the Council, addressed representatives from town and parish councils in Cheshire East.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Bulbs: Each year, the Borough Council offers, free of charge, approximately 1000 Spring bulbs to each parish council willing to take them and plant them in their parishes. The Clerk has accepted the offer, on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Les Horne has collected the bulbs and these will be available to those Members who wish to participate in the planting around the parish.

13 SHARED ITEMS

To assist Members to report matters such as potential breaches of planning, pot-holes, damage to traffic signs, blocked grids and any other highway-related faults.

Members are invited to share information or request the inclusion of items on the next agenda.

14 2011 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

At the previous meeting, Members agreed dates for Parish Council meetings in 2011 (see Minute No. 313.2). However, there is a gap of 10 weeks between the 7th March meeting and the Annual Meetings on 16th May and it is suggested that a meeting be held on the 18th April. (For convenience, a calendar is attached.)

15 NEXT MEETING

15.1 Budget Meeting – 15 November 2010.