

DRAFT TO BE RATIFIED 17 MARCH 2020

CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at **CHURTON VILLAGE HALL**, on **TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020 AT 8PM.**

Present: Cllr A Thacker (Chair), Cllr R Crump, Cllr D Rudd, Cllr P Thacker, Cllr K Cundill.

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr Paul Roberts, 2 representatives from Grosvenor Estate, PCSO J Hurst and John Heselwood, Cheshire Community Action.

PART 1

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr P Kitchin and Cllr C Hayes.

2.GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

No members of the public present.

3.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

4.COMMUNITY SAFETY.

PCSO Hurst attended to give an update following the previously circulated news sheet early January.

Resolved: Noted.

5.NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

John Heselwood from Cheshire Community Action attended to speak to members about the making of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Resolved: Noted.

6.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr Roberts reported:

- (i) Flooding at Sibbersfield Lane still an issue.

Resolved: Clerk to forward CWAC Job reference number to Cllr Roberts and request flood alert signs. Clerk to re report to CWAC and liaise with police.

7. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2019.

Resolved: Agreed: Proposed Cllr Rudd Seconded Cllr P Thacker.

8. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Nothing not already discussed elsewhere on the agenda.

9. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

Cllr Cundill reported: A new user group had committed to using the hall and there had been various party bookings. The user group list had now been populated and would be updated again in time for the next newsletter.

10. PLANNING.

To note any recent decisions made by Cheshire West and Chester on planning applications in the parish, and to consider any new applications received/awaiting decision.

Application: 19/02479/FUL Land at Church House, Pump lane, Churton. Erection of one dwelling.

Application: 19/03433/FUL Pinewood, Stannage Lane, Churton, Chester CH3 6LE. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling.

Approved: 19/03585/FUL 4 The Knowl, Churton By Farndon. Two storey side and single storey rear extension.

Appeal: 19/00422/FUL APP/ W/1/3241408 Outbuildings At Monument Place, Stannage Lane, Churton, Chester. Conversion of barns to form one dwelling with detached garage
Appeal reference: 19/00104/REF.

11.FLOODING AT SIBBERSFIELD AND MARSH LANE.

The Parish Council (Clerk) had contacted CWAC and the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency had advised that funding was only available if flooding to property was established and that Aldford Brook did not attract funds for maintenance as no property was at risk. CWAC had advised that they had investigated at both sites and works were scheduled for Sibbersfield (gully jetting) and Marsh Lane was in progress/under review.

The Grosvenor Estate representative reported that their contractor had been out to Marsh Lane but that water levels needed to drop to investigate further and they would report back when conditions improved.

Resolved: Noted.

12. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

- (i) Footpath on Chester Road: Noted: the footpath had now been cleaned by CWAC.
- (ii) Electricity/power cuts: The Grosvenor Estate representative reported that the Estate were registering a complaint with Scottish Power regarding overhead cables where poles were unstable over marsh land occasioning power cuts.

Resolved: Noted.

13. TO RECEIVE / RESPOND TO ANY MATTERS RELATING TO CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL.

- i) Nothing received.

14. FINANCE MATTERS. Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

15. INSURANCE RENEWAL.

A renewal invitation from Came and Company for the year 2020/2021 was tabled.

Resolved: To accept the recommendation to insure through Pen Underwriting Ltd at a premium of £357.05.

16. THE WHITE HORSE.

Members stressed the need for continued support/patronage from residents. If the pub were to advertise, Members would be happy to assist with a leaflet drop. **Resolved:** Cllr P Thacker to liaise with WHAM.

A resident had suggested a village event to commemorate the VE Day 75th Anniversary and Members supported the initiative. **Resolved:** Cllr A Thacker to contact the resident and also speak to The White Horse to see if they would participate.

17. ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER.

Noted: Grosvenor Estate had forwarded an item to the Clerk for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Resolved: to include items on Village Hall events, a White Horse update, possible mains drainage in Stannage Lane and an item from Mrs Crump.

18. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ORGANISATION.

The responsibility for the future planning of the service was discussed.

Resolved: Parish Council happy to coordinate the service going forward.

19. CORRESPONDENCE AND INVITATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

- i) Letter received from resident regarding planning application 17/04749/FUL Springfield.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with CWAC Planning.

20. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: Tuesday 17 MARCH 2020.

