

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.00pm

Councillors: * Cllr R Brock (Chairman)

 * Cllr P Barber

 * Cllr M Bratherton

 * Cllr J Cooper

 * Cllr M Crook

 * Cllr M Thompson (Vice Chairman)

 * Cllr G Warburton

 * denotes attendance

Also in Attendance: T Noble (Clerk)
 Borough Cllr P Marshall
 Six Members of the Public

24/142. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no members absent.

24/143. **Declarations of Interest**

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

24/144. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/145. **Public Forum**

Members of the public were invited by the Chairman to address the Councillors with any concerns or issues they may have.

Items discussed were the removal of comments on a planning application through Warrington Borough Council, this is in line with advice from the Planning Advisory Service in relation to GDPR and planning applications.

Fibre installation in School Lane/Dark Lane (WA4 4QE) no installation can begin as the area at this time has been deemed uneconomical.

Greenhill Lane and the flooding continues to cause immense issues.

The Village Hall Wi-Fi has had a new wireless system installed.

24/146. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**

Borough Cllr L Gibbons and Borough Cllr N Wright sent apologies.

Borough Cllr P Marshall attended the meeting to give an update on local news.

Members budget will soon be available and if any projects were needed the application should be prepared within the next six weeks. Crowd funding will also be available for the Marbury ward and closes in June. Roads in Marbury, works have increased.

24/147. **Planning (0)**

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

24/148. **Correspondence**

Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.

24/149. **Finance**

April

The Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society

Subscription 2024-25

Bank Transfer £ 8.00

Whitley Village Hall

Room Hire x 3

Bank Transfer £ 45.00

Chalc

Subscription 2024-25

Bank Transfer £167.96

Resolved that payments listed were approved.

24/149.i. The Chair signed the Certificate of Exemption AGAR form (page 3), the Annual Governance Statement (page 5) and the Accounting Statement (page 6) for the Clerk to send to the internal auditors.

24/149.ii. Precept 2024/2025 of £11,130.00 had been received on the 05 April 2024.

24/149.iii The Clerk will be able to purchase a new laptop for the Parish Council and will be reimbursed.

24/149.iv The Clerk can join SLCC with a joint membership.

21/150. **Greenhill Lane**

Noted that Cllr R Brock will collate, with residents, as much information including photographs and how residents are being affected with the flood and send to Borough Cllr P Marshall.

More reports are to be made by ‘dropping pins’ on the CWAC website.

- 24/151. **Whitley Nature Reserve – Part Two**
Under the Public Bodies, admissions to meetings, Act 1960, the public and press to be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information of matters.

- 24/152. **Village Hall Internet Upgrade**
As discussed in the public forum.

- 24/153. **Whitley Boundary Map**
Cllr J Cooper has a copy of the Parish Map and will forward a copy to the Clerk to add to the website.

- 24/154. **To Note Matters Arising**
Cllr J Cooper informed the committee that a recent School Report emailed to the Parish Council stated that there were dangers from walking from the village hall car park to the school because there was no pavement. There has never been a pavement as it's a rural lane. A walking bus was in action previously and worked extremely well.

- 24/155. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The Annual Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 8.15pm in Whitley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed as a true record:

..... **Chairman**

Dated: 21st May 2024