

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.30pm

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)

 PCSO Diana Wiggins

 Eleven Members of the Public

24/095. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G Warburton.

24/096. **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.

24/097. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/098. **Public Forum**
Members of the public were invited by the Chairman to address the Councillors with any concerns or issues that they may have.

A number of residents will be affected by the proposed Golf Driving Range in Stretton and would be grateful for more information.

Greenhill Lane is nearly impossible to drive on. Cars are being damaged and emergency vehicles are struggling with the serious condition of the potholes and consistent flooding.

24/099. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
Apologies were sent and there were no Borough Councillors in attendance.

Borough Councillor L Gibbons sent a detailed written report which had been circulated to all the committee members.

- 24/100. **Planning (0)**
Appeals (0)
Notice of Decisions (0)
Appeal Decisions (0)

24/101. **Correspondence**
Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.

24/102. **Finance**
December

Microsoft 365
Renewal
Bank Trans £ 59.99

January

Whitley Village Hall
Room Rental
Bank Trans £ 30.00

Amazon
Stationery
Bank Trans £ 42.11

C Moseley - CWAC
WNR Stakes
Bank Trans £ 137.70

Resolved that payments listed were approved.

24/103. **Explanation of Apologies**
The Clerk reminded the committee on the apologies procedure. That all Cllrs have a duty to attend meetings and if unable to make it, the Clerk must be contacted with an apology and explanation, if failure to attend any meetings for six months, you must ask the Council to approve the reason for continued non-attendance. Without formal Council approval, disqualification will be applied and the position of Parish Councillor will cease.
Noted.

24/104. **D-Day 80th Anniversary – 6th June 2024**
To be incorporated with the Rose Queen Festival at the Village Hall on the 08th June 2024. Waiting to hear from Dutton Parish Council on deciding if they would like to join.
Resolved that the Clerk contact Dutton Parish Council for a decision.

24/105. **Bus Shelter – A49 Pilmoos Lane**
Correspondence had been received from a resident to enquire if the bus shelter could be demolished as trimming the hedges is proving difficult.
Noted that Cllr R Brock will contact the village maintenance team to provide a quote for tidying up and trimming the area. The bus shelter will remain as is used regularly.

24/106. **Greenhill Lane Potholes**
Cllr R Brock declared an interest as a resident of Greenhill Lane.
Residents are reporting the issues individually on the Cheshire West and Chester website ‘Report It’ function. A spokesperson for the residents will be sending an email to the Borough Council to explain the horrendous condition of the road.
Noted that Cllr M Thompson will compile a letter from the Parish Council also.

24/107. **Whitley Nature Reserve**
Cllr J Cooper attended a Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop in Chester. The remaining benches will be placed around the nature reserve at a future date.
Resolved that Cllr J Cooper will advise where the three new benches are to be positioned and Cllr M Crook will generously provide the concrete slabs that will be required. The Committee would like to thank Cllr M Crook for his very kind donation.

24/108. **To Note Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

24/109. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr R Brock
Chairman**

Dated: 20th February 2024