

MERE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2021, at 7:45PM

VENUE: THE MERE GOLF RESORT AND SPA

1 **PRESENT**

Cllr J Duncalf, Cllr R Finch, Cllr A Newnes, Cllr L Reynolds, Cllr P Sands and Cllr J Wright (In the Chair)

2 **APOLOGIES**

*Cllr D Norcott and Cllr D Walker
Cllr K Parkinson, Cheshire East Councillor*

3 **MINUTES**

i The minutes of the Mere Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th September, 2021 were proposed by Cllr Duncalf and seconded by Cllr Newnes to be a true record. All agreed.

4 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

*Cllr Wright declared a **Personal Interest** for **Hoo Green Lane**.
Cllr Wright declared a **Disclosable Pecuniary** interest regarding **HS2**.*

5 **MATTERS ARISING**

It was agreed all matters arising from the previous minutes are covered under the agenda headings.

6 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Emma Darroch and PC Lawrence Price had been invited to attend this meeting or, if unable to attend to forward a report. No response has been received from either.

7 **HS2**

Nothing to report.

8 **B5569**

Cllr Newnes gave a report after having attended a site meeting with Esther McVey MP and her secretary on the 24th September. As a result of this meeting Esther McVey will be writing to Cheshire East Council again, to chase up items which have still not been completed. In particular the where about of the 'pot of money' Mr Skates said is set aside for the B5569?

An e-mail has been received from Erin Cherneski who lives on Chester Road voicing concern that it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs on the B5569.

The Clerk to reply stating Mere Parish Council has asked Cheshire East Council for two-way signs at either end of the B5569/Chester Road. This is one of the items Esther McVey will be following up.

ACTION: KJ Whitlow (Clerk)

9 **MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

Cllr Reynolds gave a report after attended a zoom meeting on the 15th October:

- *From 22nd October two Covid tests will be lateral flow with a charging cap of £25.*
- *The airports climate change aim is for net zero by 2050. This to be achieved by various means for example, sustainable airline fuels in three to four years, aircraft to be more fuel efficient by 15%., the use of hydrogen powered aircraft. There will be a global agreement with IATA to try and achieve this.*
- *A government body is to be established known as The Jet Zero Council.*
- *Airspace = Iccan is discontinued but CAP1616 is continuing. Now at stage two of the seven stage, fourteen steps.*

Cllr Walker will be attending a session with the airport on the 17th November at 18hrs to 19.30hrs. The Clerk to book this.

ACTION: KJ Whitlow (Clerk)

Cllr Reynolds to let the Clerk know if she also wishes to attend.

10 **WINTERBOTTOM LANE AND HOO GREEN LANE**

Cllr Parkinson had forwarded an e-mail to the Clerk which she had received from Josh Holden, Cheshire East Council Highways Team. It stated he has raised two dig up jobs. One for Winterbottom Lane and one for Hoo Green Lane. He also states that he was not aware there were any issues until Cllr Parkinson submitted two enquiries on line. He also states that the jetting has identified further works to be done. In both cases the area needs to be dug for the repair to take place. He has given them a score and they will be placed onto the future scheme list. No time scale has been given for this work.

11 **LITTER BINS**

Two bins have appeared within the parish. One sited by the Mere Golf Club and Spa and the other opposite the BP garage on the B5569.

Cllr Finch informed the council Cllr Parkinson had telephoned him asking where within the parish Mere Parish Council wished the bins to be sited. Cllr Finch suggested the above two sites.

The Clerk to contact Cllr Parkinson asking her to confirm that the two bins are the ones she spoke to Cllr Finch about and also is it possible to have a third bin located near the junction of the A50 and Mereside Road?

ACTION: KJ Whitlow (Clerk)

12 **LITTLE MERE**

An e-mail has been received from Graham Pike at Meller Speakman Limited stating he does not know who owns or is responsible for the Little Mere. He comments that he always assumed it was either Mere Golf Resort and Spa or one of the properties adjoining it.

Cllr Sands volunteered to ask someone living in the Circle if they know who owns it.

ACTION: Cllr P Sands

13 **SPEEDING**

An e-mail has been received from Jackie Weaver asking if Mere Parish Council wishes to participate in the suggested scheme explained within the e-mail? If yes how much are we prepared to contribute annually? It was agreed to concentrate on our own efforts to monitor speed and not to participate in the scheme.

Cllr Newnes will be talking with Cllr Walker about purchasing a speed gun and high viz clothing.

ACTION: Cllr Newnes

14 **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS – 2ND JUNE 2022**

Cllr Wright will have a word with Mr Bloor about possibly using his land to site a beacon.

ACTION: Cllr J Wright

15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk to ask Jackie Weaver from Cheshire Association Of Local Council if a Neighbourhood Plan is going to be made compulsory and also to ask her for information about how to go about creating one.

ACTION: KJ Whitlow (Clerk)

16 **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Cllr Duncalf to ask Mr Fenton which are the trees he is asking about to be cut back so that he can mow the grass beneath.

ACTION: Cllr J Duncalf

17 **NOISE POLLUTION**

Cllr Reynolds proposed that Mere Parish Council write to The Mere Golf Resort and Spa asking if fireworks are to be part of an event can they please ensure it is within reasonable hours. We have had numerous complaints from residents and wish to prevent it being reported to Cheshire East Council Environmental Health Department. Seconded by Cllr Newnes. All Agreed

ACTION: KJ Whitlow (Clerk)

18 **NOVELTY TOYS – FROM PREVIOUS BONFIRE EVENTS**

Mr Stott has asked if someone from the council can collect and store the novelty toys left over from previous bonfire events. The Clerk will ask how many there are. Once this information is known it can be decided at the next meeting who has space to store them.

ACTION: KJ Whitlow (Clerk)

19 **MERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING VENUE**

We have been asked by a resident to consider moving the council meeting venue to The Mere and Tabley Community Club. After a discussion it was agreed to remain at The Mere Golf Resort and Spa.

20 **PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS**

*Cllr Sands read out the details for the **two new planning applications, one decision notice and one notification that an Appeal** has been made to the Secretary Of State, all received since the previous meeting.*

Details are recorded in the Planning Book.

Cllr Newnes commented that the cycle way is being used for parking cars/vans etc. belonging to builders.

21 **RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT**

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| i. | <i>The total in the cheque account at the beginning of this meeting is of which £170.43 belongs to the Archive Fund and £220.86 is the Neighbourhood portion CIL from the development at Highfield, Mereside Road.</i> | £6910.12 |
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22 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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| i. | <i>The Clerk for hours worked during July, August and September Cheque made payable to “Kathryn J Whitlow”. Cheque No: 100848</i> | £812.34 |
| ii. | <i>PAYE Cheque made payable to “HM Revenue & Customs Only – 120PD00337552” Cheque No: 100849</i> | £285.12 |

- iii. Invoice from Town and Parish Council Websites £360.00
Annual website hosting and maintenance (01/11/21 to 01/11/22)
Cheque made payable to "Parish Council Websites".
Cheque No: 100850
- iv. We have now registered with ICO (Information Commission's Office) £040.00
and received a certificate reference number ZB226301.
The Clerk has already paid therefore a cheque to be made payable to
"Kathryn J Whitlow".
Cheque No: 100851
- v. Invoice from ChALC for the Role and Responsibilities training session £050.00
attended by Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Finch
Cheque made payable to "Cheshire Association Of Local Councils"
Cheque No: 100852

Cllr Wright **proposed** that the above invoices be paid. **Seconded** by Cllr Duncalf.
All agreed.

23 BUDGET UPDATE

- After the cheques has been paid this evening there will be £5362.66 in the cheque account.
- Expected payments to be made at the next Mere Parish Council meeting are:

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| Remembrance Dar Wreath | £20.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>£20.00</u> |

This would leave approximately **£5342.66** in the account after the December meeting.

24 NEW BUSINESS

- i. **Remembrance Sunday – 14th November** – The Clerk will purchase a poppy wreath from the Royal British Legion. Cllr Wright will lay the wreath at the Mere Cenotaph. Councillors and residents to gather at the Cenotaph for 10:45am in preparation for the laying of the wreath.

An invitation has been received from Knutsford Town Council inviting Mere Parish Council to join the Knutsford town's services starting at 10:30am at Crosstown War Memorial, War Memorial Cottage Hospital and Tatton Park followed by refreshments at the Council Offices.

- ii. **Rostherne Parish Council – Highways Meeting** – Rostherne Parish Council will be arranging a day time meeting with Cheshire East Highways. They propose to incorporate all the surrounding parishes, Highway Officers, Ward Councillors and Deputy Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council to attend and have a 'walk round' all the area of concern in all the parishes. Rostherne Parish Council wishes to know if Mere Parish Council is interested in participating in the meeting.

All councillors present agreed it was a good idea and wish to participate in the meeting.
The Clerk will reply to Rostherne Parish Council.

ACTION: KJ Whitlow (Clerk)

- iii. **Code Of Conduct Proposed Change** – Information received from Jackie Weaver and forwarded to all the councillors for information.

25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th December starting at 7:45pm. Venue The Mere Golf Resort and Spa, Mere. The proposed dates for 2022 are as follows: 17th January, 21st March, 16th May, 11th July, 12th September, 17th October and 5th December.

26 **ITEMS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS**

- i. *Cllr Finch commented on an incident (not in Mere) where a cyclist had an altercation with a Car. After which the cyclist followed the car to the drivers home.*
- ii. *Cllr Finch commented that he had read in the Knutsford Guardian about an incident in August which took place in Clamhunger Lane, Mere. Police had stopped a car and the occupants were in possession of weapons. If PCSO Darroch or PC Price had attended this evenings meeting we could have asked for more details.*
- iii. *Cllr Newns commented that there are currently fifty four Afghanistan families staying at the Kilton.*

The meeting closed at approximately 9:25pm

Signed: Date: