

**MERE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016**  
**AT 8.00PM, THE MERE**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Duncalf  
Cllr RBM Fawcett  
Cllr D Norcott  
Cllr J Patterson (In The Chair)  
Cllr J Wright

Cllr O Hunter (Cheshire East)  
PCSO L Whitehead  
Two members of the public

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr B Reynolds  
Cllr L Reynolds

**ACTIONS**

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Mere PC meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were proposed by Cllr Norcott and seconded by Cllr Duncalf to be a true and correct record. All agreed.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

3 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Lindsey Whitehead reported that very little had occurred in Mere since the last Mere PC meeting. She did comment that it has been noted that cars are still parking on the roadside outside the VIP Garage on Mereside Road.

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

i **Knutsford to Bowden By-pass**

Mr Burrows gave an update on the by-pass progress.

- There has been a break in to one of the cabins.
- Liming has now been completed.
- There will be a lot of traffic management during the next few months but hopefully no road closures.
- The artificial badgers set now has three badger cubs.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm to allow a member of the public to speak.

The meeting was re-opened at 8:40pm.

With regards the naming of the new by-pass mentioned at the previous meeting the Clerk has received a reply from Knutsford Town Clerk stating as follows:

“It was Cheshire East Council we applied to, as the street naming authority for the area. However, we have since been informed of the decision not to name the road. Anyone is able to make a road name application which if it had progressed would have been subject to a consultation with the Parish Councils through which the road runs.”

ii **Winterbottom Lane/Hoogreen Lane**

A letter has been sent to Simon Skates dated the 11<sup>th</sup> April. No response received therefore a reminder message was sent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The result being a copy of a message has been forwarded to Trish Moore who in turn has asked Cheshire East Traffic to respond to us. We are waiting a response.

The decision was agreed that the Clerk continue to chase this issue until we receive a reply.

KJW

A copy of all the relating correspondence to be forwarded to Cllr Hunter, Cheshire East who kindly offered to look into this issue.

iii **Condition Of Footpaths In Mere**

A reply has been received from Andy Wilson stating all sweeping and cleaning of footpaths are carried out by a company called Ansa. He also comments that he has looked at the footway on Mereside Road outside Little Mere and states the general condition is good with no actionable defects. He also states all roads on the network within the authority's control are regularly inspected under a scheduled safety inspection regime and all defects that are considered to present a danger to highway users, including potholes, will be dealt with.

The Clerk also reported the condition of the footpaths to the following e-mail address: [Cheshireeastcouncilcustomerservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:Cheshireeastcouncilcustomerservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk). A reply e-mail has been received dated 19<sup>th</sup> April stating our comments have been passed onto Streetscape Department who will contact us directly.

A reply dated 20<sup>th</sup> April has been received from Caroline Griffies, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd stating as follows;

- "From the petrol station to the service road on A556 little is picked every week.
- The laybys are litter picked three times per week when the litter bins are emptied.
- We monitor the litter on all roads in the parish and where we can safely gain access to clear will do so, including Mereside Road and Clamhunger Lane.
- We work with our colleagues in East Cheshire Highways and share traffic management where it is required for cleansing activities"

Cllr Norcott thanked Cllr Duncalf and Sue for all the hard work they do with regards litter picking in Mere.

iv **Kilton Inn – Overhanging Hedge**

In reply to the letter we sent asking the Kilton to cut the hedge back, Cllr Duncalf received a telephone call from the Kilton on the 4<sup>th</sup> April stating it will be cut back as soon as possible. As it was not sure if the hedge had been cut back it was agreed to keep this item on the July Parish Council meeting agenda.

v **Cenotaph**

As agreed at the previous council meeting a letter has been sent to Mr Costello asking if he has plans to continue planting a laurel hedge all the way round his garden perimeter?

No reply has been received but it was reported that he has in fact done so.

vi **Manchester Airport – Airspace Changes**

*Cllr Patterson had sent a report to all the Mere councillors prior to this evenings Meeting, to read through. Cllr Patterson commented that it is important to make ourselves aware of any flight changes especially as they may affect Mere.*

*Cllr Patterson attended a workshop meeting run by Manchester Airport to discuss the start of the consultation process on the proposed changes under 7000 feet. As Manchester airport is asking the council to help with the design/consultation process Cllr Wright proposed that Cllr Patterson puts a submission in which will then mean Mere PC is included in the design consultation. Seconded by Cllr Duncalf, all agreed.*

**JP**

vii **Operation Shield**

*A message has been received from PC Jim Day asking Mere PC to make a cheque payable to “Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner” for the eighteen Select DNA kits we have requested. It was agreed to ask each resident who had requested a kit to send a cheque for the sum of £10 to the Clerk who in turn will then forward it on to the Police.*

**KJW**

viii **Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

*Cllr Duncalf stated that the Mere and Tabley Community Club have invited everyone to join them on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm when they will be hosting St Pauls Church Annual Garden Fete. At the same event they will be incorporating a celebration to mark the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday which will include a free tea. The event is being co-ordinated by Mr Alan Greenway.*

ix **MereCorner Junction – Pot Hole**

*The pot hole, on the A50 as it meets with Merecorner, has been reported and allocated the enquiry number 3252524. On the 20<sup>th</sup> April the Clerk received an e-mail stating the enquiry had been resolved. However, a second message was received on the same day stating that the work has now been programmed in accordance with current priorities and will be completed in due course. Cllr Duncalf commented that the hole had not been repaired yet. This item will be carried over to the next Mere PC meeting in July.*

5 **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

*Everyone agreed that Dominic Fenton should be asked to cut the grass in Mere Parish for the next twelve months. He has done an excellent job during the past two years.*

**KJW**

6 **CHESHIRE GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT**

*A message has been received from Mike Reed, Parish Clerk to Little Bollington asking for our support to stop the Cheshire Gateway Development. Cllr Wright proposed that Mere PC reply stating we fully support Little Bollington. Seconded by Cllr Norcott. All agreed.*

**JD/KJW**

7 **TATTON PARK TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING**

*Cllr Duncalf had forwarded a report about items discussed at the meeting to all councillors prior to this evenings meeting.*

8 **CO-OPTING ON TO THE COUNCIL**

*With the resignation of Cllr Fawcett this evening there is a vacancy on the council. The Clerk will notify the Returning Officer of Cllr Fawcett’s resignation and place a notice on the Mere Parish Notice Board for fourteen days after which if ten electors from the parish submit in writing to the Returning Officer for a Poll then there will have to be an election. If no Poll is claimed then the council may fill the vacancy by co-option. Cllr Reynolds has suggested Deborah Walker from Clamhunger Lane be considered for co-opting if no poll is claimed.*

**9 PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS**

- i There has been one new planning application and one notice of a planning application being withdrawn since the last Mere PC meeting. Details are recorded in the Planning Book.
- ii **Field off Hulse Heath Lane** – The Clerk reported that Cllr Reynolds has been asked by a resident to enquire about an agricultural building which has appeared in a field off Hulse Heath Lane and if planning permission is required. With the help of Cllr Hunter an e-mail has been received from Mr Hooley, Planning and Enforcement Officer at Cheshire East stating as follows.  
 “Certain agricultural buildings benefit from permitted development rights, but still require approval from the local planning authority. Many buildings depending on scale, position, use and the size of the agricultural holding also require full planning permission.”  
 It was agreed to carry this issue over to the next Mere Parish Council meeting.

**10 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT**

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| i   | The sum total in the cheque account at the beginning of this meeting is of which £530.20 belongs to the Archive Fund. | £5616.14 |
| ii  | Paid into the cheque account on the 1 <sup>st</sup> April, the half yearly precept.                                   | £3450.00 |
| iii | Paid into the cheque account on the 1 <sup>st</sup> April the Tax Support Grant received from Cheshire East Council   | £0053.00 |
| iv  | The accounts are to be submitted to the Internal Auditor after this meeting.  |          |

**11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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| i   | The Clerk for 75 hours and 30 minutes worked in January, February and March.<br>Cheque made payable to<br>“Kathryn J Whitlow”<br>Cheque No: 100677<br>The meeting was informed the Chairman has recommended that the Clerk’s salary goes up a grade to SPC 27 to take effect from the start of this financial year. | £0743.91 <b>Agreed</b> |
| ii  | PAYE to be paid. Cheque made payable to<br>“HM Revenue and Customs Only 120PD003375521612”<br>Cheque No: 100678   | £0186.00 <b>Agreed</b> |
| iii | Clerk end of year expenses for the year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016<br>Cheque made payable to<br>“Kathryn J Whitlow”<br>Cheque No: 100679  | £0498.98 <b>Agreed</b> |
| iv  | CHALC affiliation fee<br>Cheque made payable to<br>“Cheshire Association Of Local Councils”<br>Cheque No: 100680  | £0174.65 <b>Agreed</b> |

- v *Invoice from Prism Design and Print for printing the spring edition of the newsletter* **£0101.73 Agreed**  
*Cheque made payable to  
"PrismStudio Ltd"  
Cheque No: 100681*
  
- vi *Invoice from Jean Duncalf for the stamps bought to post the newsletter* **£0206.25 Agreed**  
*Cheque made payable to  
"Jean Duncalf"  
Cheque No: 100682*
  
- vii *Council Insurance renewal – At the Mere PC meeting last year the council agreed to the long term agreement which means the renewal for the next two years will be on the same rates as those used for last year's quotation. It also will include a 5% discount.* **£0385.25 Agreed**  
*Cheque made payable to  
"Aon UK Limited"  
Cheque No: 100683*

*The above invoices were proposed to be paid by Cllr Duncalf and seconded by Cllr Norcott.*

**12 NEW BUSINESS**

- i **RHS Flower Show – 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
*An invitation has been received from Tatton Park asking for a representative to attend a consultation meeting at Tatton Park on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 11am in the Lord Egerton's Apartments.  
Cllr Duncalf will represent Mere PC.*

**JD**

*13 The date of the next Mere PC meeting will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July starting at 7:30pm.  
Venue The Mere, Chester Road, Mere.*

**14 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS**

- i *Cllr Norcott voiced concern as to whether Mere Parish Club will be open and available for our bonfire night event in November considering that the extension work is due to start soon.  
Cllr Duncalf will speak with Mr Greenway.*
  
- ii *Cllr Norcott on behalf of the council thanked Cllr Fawcett for the past fourteen years he has served as a councillor to the parish of Mere. Especially for the work he has done in keeping the council informed about Manchester Airport and representing the council at the airport meetings.*

*The meeting closed at approximately 9:50pm*

*Signed: ..... Date: .....*