

MERE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 24th OCTOBER, 2016
AT 7.30PM, THE MERE

PRESENT

Cllr J Duncalf
Cllr J McGuire
Cllr D Norcott
Cllr J Patterson (In The Chair)
Cllr B Reynolds
Cllr L Reynolds
Cllr D Walker
Cllr J Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr O Hunter, Cheshire East Council
Mr C Burrows, Costain
Five members of the public

ACTION

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Mere Parish Council meeting held on the 5th September 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**

No police present.

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

All issues are listed in the agenda.

5 **KNUTSFORD TO BOWDEN BY-PASS**

Mr Burrows from Costain gave a report on the progress of the by-pass:

- It is hoped that everything will be open at Bowden by Christmas time.
- The green bridge, hopefully will be complete in 2 to 3 weeks.
- Chapel Lane will be open in January 2017 if not before.
- The Wellie Walk on the 30th October is sold out (all 600 tickets).
- There will be a meeting on the 19th November at the Costain compound for the residents living on the Chester Road to discuss the de-trunking of the A556.

Cllr Norcott raised concern about the high kerb on the A50 round-a-bout and also asked for an update on the planting scheme.

Mr Burrows replied he will find out about the planting scheme and forward the information to the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Mr Burrows for attending the meeting. Mr Burrows left the meeting.

CB

6 **DE-TRUNKING A556**

On the 2nd November, 6 – 6:30pm there is to be a meeting at the Costain compound for residents on the Chester Road.

7 **WINTERBOTTOM LANE/HOO GREEN LANE**

As agreed at the previous Mere PC meeting a letter has been sent to Cheshire East Council asking that the three passing places identified at the site visit, be included in the priority of capital expenditure meeting. We are still waiting a reply.

The Clerk will follow this up.

KJW

8 ARCHIVE MATERIAL

Mr Neil Stott has had twenty copies made of the 1897 map of Mere all placed in a cardboard tube. A copy has been given to each Mere Parish Councillor. The remainder to be sold at the Bonfire Event at £20 each. The money from the sale of the maps will go towards paying for the Bonfire Event. A copy of the map to be displayed at Mere and Tabley Community Club. Cllr Patterson has had the map of Mere, found by Mr Fawcett, framed. This too will be displayed at Mere and Tabley Community Club.

9 BONFIRE EVENT – 5TH NOVEMBER

The company Lightech have sent an estimate of £2350 for the firework display. This is £400 more than last year and is rather a shock as the ticket price has been worked out on the basis that the charge for the firework display would be the same as last year.

With thanks to Neil Stott speaking to Lightech they have agreed to keep the prize the same as last year (£1950). However we must be prepared for an increase next year and remember to factor this in when deciding the ticket price.

- *The advertising banner is now on display at the entrance to Mere and Tabley Community Club.*
- *Neil Stott has booked the music man.*
- *Neil Stott has ordered the glow sticks, fibre optic sticks and flashing wands. He has ordered 72 of each in order to get a significant discount.*
- *The Hog Roast man, Cameron has been booked by Neil Stott.*
- *Neil Stott will speak with Mr Greenway and David Norcott about collecting timber from Winterbottom House for the fire.*
- *Neil will make signs for the gate and wands stating how much they are.*
- *Neil Stott has arranged the extra insurance cover which Mere and Tabley Community Club insist we take out (£155.29)*

Cllr Walker and Cllr Duncalf will purchase the raffle prizes.

Mr Mark Boler from The Mere has kindly donated a round of golf and two buggies plus two day passes for the Spa.

Oli Barnes (The Mere teaching pro) has offered a 1 hour session and Willy Morgan has offered a signed copy of his book. Thanks go to Cllr Reynolds for obtaining these great raffle prizes. Cllr Patterson suggested that Costain be approached and asked if they can donate toys as raffle prizes for the children.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Manchester Airport has offered two tickets for Tuesday 13th December, The Choir of Kings College Cambridge.

10 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Wendy Sinfield was originally booked to speak this evening and talk about the airspace review. However, this has been cancelled as Wendy Sinfield has not received the final expected details on the Consultation and so is not permitted to speak about it.

Cllr Patterson and Cllr McGuire attended a meeting at the airport a few weeks ago and it was commented that the design was being worked on but that they are behind. It may not be until February next year before Wendy Sinfield will be allowed to speak to us about it.

11 OPERATION SHIELD

The Clerk has forwarded all the cheques to PC Day at Knutsford Police Station and is waiting To hear from him as to when the Select DNA kits can be delivered.

The Clerk will follow this up.

KJW

12 CHESHIRE GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Duncalf represented Mere PC at a meeting held on the 5th October organised by the Tatton Estate Management and has sent a report to all Mere Parish Councillors containing the following:

- There has been a change of mind by the Inspectorate of the Local Plan with regards to Eastern side of the development. This area had previously been 'safe guarded' for development as a science park but the Inspectorate have now decided that it should remain in the green belt.*
- Objections had been received from Tatton, Dunham and English Heritage. After further discussions with TEM the Inspectorate are now re-considering the proposals and their decision should be reached during November. If they decide to recommend the proposal this will be submitted to Cheshire East Council for their approval.*
- TEM stressed that no Planning Application has been made or prepared yet as the proposal is only part of the Draft Local Plan.*

13 TOWN RANGER SERVICE

The latest update received from Knutsford Town Clerk is as follows:

"We have not yet made a decision on this. It will be on our next Assets and Ops Committee agenda on the 24th October so I should know more then."

The Clerk will follow this up.

KJW

14 MERE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk has contacted three companies with a view to them looking after the Mere PC website. Estimates from each are as follows:

Clarke Website Design

For a new website the charge will be £950.

For a makeover of the current website it will be £350 and to maintain it £45.

Town and Parish Council Website

Setting up fee £360. Reliable secure web hosting with 99% uptime, weekly backups and a domain name is £10 per month. An hour each month to update the website £30.

Vennweb

They have never done a council website before and so the clerk will have to speak with them to inform them what we need.

After a brief discussion Cllr Reynolds proposed that the council choose the Town and Parish Council web site provider as it sounds to suite our needs best. Seconded by Cllr Duncalf.

All agreed.

The Clerk will try to negotiate a good deal.

KJW

15 TATTON PARK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Clerk has written to Brendan Flannagan with the council's suggestion of closing Clamhunger Lane to through traffic when events are being held in the park.

No response has been received. The Clerk will follow this up.

KJW

16 MALBER

It was reported that the Clerk has sent an e-mail to Bidar Almozaffar expressing local residents concern about the condition of the property known as Malber and asking what are the future plans for the property. No response has been received.

The comment was made that there is also a rumour the house is to have a two storey extension and then be sold once the by-pass has been finished.

It was agreed that the Clerk will e-mail Bidar Almozaffar asking for a response to the first e-mail and also informing him of the rumour and ask if there is any truth in it.

KJW

17 CHESHIRE BLACK AND WHITE RAILINGS AT JUNCTION OF CLAMHUNGER LANE WITH WARRINGTON ROAD

A second letter dated the 10th October has been sent to Mr Harlow asking him to trim the vegetation back so that the Cheshire Black and White railings can be seen. We are still waiting a reply. The suggestion was put forward to speak with Mr Harlow at the bonfire event assuming he will be attending.

18 PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS

There have been five new planning applications and four decision notices plus one application withdrawal notice received since the last Mere PC meeting. Details are recorded in the Planning Book.

19 RISK ASSESSMENT

A copy of the risk assessment had been sent out to all Mere Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Duncalf proposed that it be accepted by the council. Seconded by Cllr Norcott. All agreed.

20 REMEMBRANCE DAY

Cllr Patterson will lay a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

21 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT

i The sum total in the cheque account at the beginning of this meeting is £5554.50 of which £530.20 belongs to the Archive Fund.

22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYEMENT

- i The Clerk for hours worked in July, August and September £808.59 Agreed
Cheque made payable to
"Kathryn J Whitlow"
Cheque No: 100690*
- ii PAYE to be paid £202.20 Agreed
Cheque made payable to
"HM Revenue & Customs Only 120PD003375521702"
Cheque No: 100691*
- iii Receipt for stamps bought to post the newsletter £150.00 Agreed
Cheque made payable to
"Jean Duncalf"
Cheque No: 100692*
- iv Invoice from Prism Design and Print for printing the Autumn Newsletter £116.58 Agreed
Cheque made payable to
"PrismStudios Ltd"
Cheque No: 100693*
- v Invoice from Cheshire East CVS who provide the payroll service £096.00 Agreed
Cheque made payable to
"CVS Cheshire East"
Cheque No: 100694*

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| vi | <p><i>Invoice for the extra insurance cover taken out for the Bonfire Event</i></p> <p><i>Neil Stott has already paid the invoice therefore the council to repay Neil.</i></p> <p><i>Cheque made payable to</i></p> <p><i>“Neil Stott”</i></p> <p><i>Cheque No: 100695</i></p> | <p>£155.29 Agreed</p> |
| vii | <p><i>Invoice for the glowstick etc bought to be sold at the Bonfire Event</i></p> <p><i>Neil Stott has already paid the invoice therefore the council pay Neil the sum</i></p> <p><i>Cheque made payable to</i></p> <p><i>“Neil Stott”</i></p> <p><i>Cheque No: 100696</i></p> | <p>£362.80 Agreed</p> |
| viii | <p><i>Invoice from Lightech Sound and Light for the firework display</i></p> <p><i>Cheque made payable to</i></p> <p><i>“Lightech Sound and Light”</i></p> <p><i>Cheque No: 100697</i></p> | <p>£1950.00 Agreed</p> |
| ix | <p><i>Cheque to be paid to Mere Cricket Club for the hire of their ground</i></p> <p><i>to hold the bonfire event on.</i></p> <p><i>Cheque made payable to</i></p> <p><i>“Mere Cricket Club”</i></p> <p><i>Cheque No: 100698.</i></p> | <p>£050.00 Agreed</p> |
| x | <p><i>Invoice from Neil Stott for printing 22 x A2 maps in card board tubes (£241.51)</i></p> <p><i>Also another invoice for printing posters advertising bonfire and printing</i></p> <p><i>the Bonfire tickets (£126.34)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p> <p><i>Cheque made payable to</i></p> <p><i>“Neil Stott”</i></p> <p><i>Cheque No: 100701</i></p> | <p>£367.85 Agreed</p> |
| xi | <p><i>Invoice from Cheshire Association Of Local Councils for two training</i></p> <p><i>sessions to be attended by Cllr Walker</i></p> <p><i>Cheque made payable to</i></p> <p><i>“Cheshire Association Of Local Councils”</i></p> <p><i>Cheque No: 100700</i></p> | <p>£070.00 Agreed</p> |

Cllr Duncalf proposed that the above cheques be made out. Seconded by Cllr Norcott. All agreed.

23 NEW BUSINESS

- i Police and Crime Commissioner**
- An invite from David Keane, Police and Crime Commissioner for Mere PC to attend a meeting to be held on 8th November at Bridestones Suite, Town Hall, High Street, Congleton, CW12 1BN.*
- No action required.*
- ii Newsletter**
- An e-mail has been received in response to a comment referring to the new by-pass. However as it is not clear who the person is the Clerk will e-mail them asking For identification.*

KJW

iii **Training**

Cllr Walker has been booked on to the following training sessions being run by ChALC.

Clerk and Councillor Induction – 25th January 2017

Power, Duties and Precept – 24th April 2017.

iv **Street Lighting**

A letter from Cheshire East Highways stating it is investing to improve the authority's street lighting by upgrading it to a light emitting diode (LED) technology over the next three years.

24 The date of the next Mere PC meeting is Monday 5th December starting at 7:30pm. Venue The Mere, Chester Road.

25 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

i *Cllr Norcott reported a hole in the road (A50) as you approach Mere traffic lights. Cllr Patterson said he will mention it to Costains at the de-trunking meeting.*

ii *Cllr Walker reported that the footpath between Moss View on the Warrington Road and the junction of Mereside Road with the A50 is very overgrown. Cllr Walker will let the Clerk know as to which property the vegetation is growing from.*

iii *Cllr McGuire commented that the area between the last house on Mereside Road and the garage is very untidy. Cllr Duncalf said she would speak with Dominic Fenton.*

The Chairman closed the meeting at approximately 8:55pm.

Signed:

Date: