

MERE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 8TH MAY, 2017
AT 8.00PM, THE MERE

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr J McGuire

Mr Chris Burrows, Costain
Mrs Wendy Sinfield, Manchester Airport
Two Members of the public

ACTIONS

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Mere Parish Council meeting held on the 20th March, 2017 were proposed by Cllr Duncalf and seconded by Cllr L Reynolds as a true record. All agreed.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

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

4 **POLICE REPORT**

No more information has been received since last month's report.

5 **KNUTSFORD TO BOWDEN BY PASS**

Mr Burrows went through the future road closures. A copy of which has been forwarded to all the residents in Mere.

Since the new road has opened it has become apparent that some of the signs need to be changed. This will be done soon.

Cllr L Reynolds expressed concerns about the RHS Flower Show traffic. Mr Burrows replied that most of the work will have been completed by then but, they will be having a meeting with the RHS organiser to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible.

The Clerk has received an e-mail from Stewart McLaughlin who lives at Fairways, Mereside Road, asking if anyone is monitoring the large increase of traffic along Mereside Road (especially in the morning) travelling towards Knutsford since the opening of the new road?

Mr Burrows replied no the traffic is not been monitored and he is surprised to hear there is a problem of more traffic along Mereside Road.

Comment was made that the recent increased traffic may be the result of issues on the motorway. Although this is not a Costain issue they will be flagging it up with the Balfour Beatty people.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow Mr McLaughlin to speak and the re-opened the meeting.

6 **DE TRUNKING B5569 (INCLUDING THE FOOTPATH FROM THE CENOTAPH TO IN FRONT OF THE MERE AND TABLEY COMMUNITY CLUB)**

An e-mail had been received from Carol Griffies dated the 26th April stating she has arranged for the newly appointed Street Cleaning Team Leader, Wayne Mottershead, to meet with a representative from Costain to discuss the possibility of Ansa gaining access to the B5569 in order to carry out litter picking whilst the traffic management is in place. Cllr Duncalf has been approached by Pip Dunkerley with regards the appalling state which the footpath is in from the Cenotaph to as far as in front of Mere and Tabley Community Club.

Mere Parish Council has complained about this area in the past. Cllr Norcott suggested the council waits until all the de-trunking works is complete and then reassess the situation at a later date. The council agreed to review this issue at the Autumn Mere PC meeting.

7 **POLLUTION MONITORING**

Cllr L Reynolds would like to know when Cheshire East Council will be removing the pollution monitoring equipment currently located on the B5569 and also the speed cameras. Cllr Duncalf proposed the Clerk contact Phil Mason at Cheshire East Council about the pollution monitoring equipment and Chris Burrows about the speed cameras. Seconded by Cllr Patterson. All agreed.

KJW

8 **MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

Wendy Sinfield gave a presentation describing the future of the airport which included the following points.

- There is to be a billion pound project to double the size of Terminal 2 and it will take about 10 years to complete.
- The airport will be redesigned in a way that there will be more efficient departures and arrivals.

Cllr Patterson voiced concern that Mere PC is getting more than their fair share of flights over Mere.

Mrs Sinfield replied that now is the time to submit our concerns.

Mrs Sinfield explained that the airport will write to the Clerk and thus start the process of consultation.

Mrs Sinfield left the meeting at approximately 9:15pm.

9 **BONFIRE EVENT – 4TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Mr Neil Stott is still negotiating with Lightech Sound and Light for a reduced price. If he succeeds we will request it in writing.

10 **ARCHIVE**

This has been carried over from the previous Mere PC meeting to be discussed this evening. Does Mere PC wish to place an engraved plaque on the map of Mere which is to be displayed in Mere and Tabley Community Club?

It was agreed to wait and see where it will be displayed within the club. Cllr Duncalf will speak with Mr Alan Greenway, Chairman of the Club.

JD

11 **THE REPAIR SHOP – NEW BBC2 SHOW**

Both Cllr Duncalf and the Clerk contacted Ryan Leigh asking if the programme would be interested in repairing the AA box at Mere? However no reply has been received.

Cllr L Reynolds proposed that the Clerk contact the AA about the box to establish whose responsibility it is to repair the box. Seconded by Cllr Norcott. All agreed.

KJW

12 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Wright has been approached by a resident asking if a defibrillator is accessible to the people of Mere?

It was agreed that Cllr Duncalf will ask Alan Greenway if the Mere and Tabley Community Club has one?

JD

Cllr Wright requested this be one of the items on the next Mere Parish Council meetings agenda for further discussion. All agreed.

13 PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS

There have been three new planning applications and three decision notices received from Cheshire East Council Planning Department since the last Mere PC meeting. The details are recorded in the Planning Book.

14 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT

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| i | <i>The sum total in the cheque account at the beginning of this meeting is
Of which £194.42 belongs to the Archive Fund.</i> | £4961.79 | |
| ii | <i>Paid into the cheque account on the 7th April the precept of</i> | £3850.00 | |
| iii | <i>Pension - having looked at three pension providers (NEST, The Peoples Pension and NOW Pension) it was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Patterson to go with the company called NEST. All agreed.</i> | | |
| iv | <i>The council has received a credit note for £35 from ChALC due to the fact Cllr Walker had to cancel a work shop.</i> | | |
| v | <i>The accounts will be sent to JDH Business Services after this meeting for the Internal Audit and then to the external auditors in July.</i> | | |

15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| i | <i>The Clerk for 72 hours worked during January, February and March 2017.
Cheque made payable to
"Kathryn J Whitlow"
Cheque No: 100713</i> | £776.15 | Agreed |
| ii | <i>PAYE relating to the Clerk
Cheque made payable to
"HM Revenue and Customs Only 120PD00337552"
Cheque No: 100714</i> | £194.20 | Agreed |
| iii | <i>The Clerk for the end of year expenses year ending 31/03/17
Cheque to be made payable to
"Kathryn J Whitlow"
Cheque No: 100715</i> | £345.06 | Agreed |
| iv | <i>ChALC Affiliation fee
Cheque made payable to
"Cheshire Association of Local Councils"
Cheque No: 100716</i> | £174.65 | Agreed |
| v | <i>Council Insurance renewal
We are in a three year long term arrangement which lasts until the
1st June 2018
Cheque made payable to
"Aon UK Limited"
Cheque No: 100717</i> | £394.05 | Agreed |

vi	<i>Invoice from Prism Design and Print for printing the Spring Newsletter Cheque made payable to "PrismStudios Ltd" Cheque No: 100718</i>	£105.14	Agreed
vii	<i>A receipt from Cllr Duncalf for stamps bought to post the Spring Newsletter Cheque made payable to "Jean Duncalf" Cheque No: 100719</i>	£190.00	Agreed
viii	<i>Pay the Clerk for the Remembrance Day wreath bought from the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day 2016 Cheque made payable to "Kathryn J Whitlow" Cheque No: 100720</i>	£020.00	Agreed
ix	<i>Invoice from Shires Pay Services Limited This is for three months at £8 a month Cheque made payable to "Shires Pay Services Limited" Cheque No: 100721</i>	£024.00	Agreed
x	<i>Invoice from A and G Blackburn for cutting the grass at Tabley Church on two occasions Cheque made payable to "A and G Blackburn" Cheque No: 100722</i>	£116.00	Agreed

Cllr Wright proposed that the above be paid. Seconded by Cllr Patterson. All agreed.

16 NEW BUSINESS

- i Village Gateways – A letter advertising Village Gateways which are made from white, low maintenance self-coloured recycled plastic. The gates can help to reduce traffic speed by about 4-5mph.
After discussion it was agreed to carry this item over to the next council meeting in July.*
- ii Cheshire East – Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document – Two e-mails referring to the above had been forwarded to the Mere Parish Councillors prior to this evenings meeting.
It was agreed no action be taken.*
- iii RHS Flower Show – 19 – 23rd July at Tatton Park - The council has been invited to send a representative to a consultation meeting at Tatton Park on Friday 12th May, 2pm in the Lord Egerton Apartment.
Cllr Duncalf will attend. The Clerk will inform Tatton Park.*

KJW

17 The date of the next Mere PC meeting will be the 3rd July, 7:30pm at The Mere, Chester Road.

18 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

i Cllr Duncalf voiced concern about which areas in the parish are to be mowed whilst the de trunking work is being carried out of the old A556.
The Clerk informed the council that when Mr Fenton was asked to continue the grass maintenance in Mere for 2017 it was stated in the letter that due to the de trunking work certain areas will not require cutting. Also once the de-trunking work is completed the list of areas to maintain with Mere will be reviewed.
It was agreed that Cllr Duncalf will have a word with Dominic Fenton.

JD

ii Cllr Wright asked that the banner advertising the bonfire event be placed on the next council meetings agenda.

iii Cllr Reynolds stated that Norma Aidley has asked what will happen with the bus service along Chapel Lane (Bus No: 289).
The Clerk will make enquiries.

The meeting closed at approximately 10pm.

Signed:

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