

MERE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 2018
AT 7.30PM, THE MERE

PRESENT

*Cllr J Duncalf
Cllr A Newnes
Cllr D Norcott
Cllr L Reynolds
Cllr D Walker (In the chair)
Cllr J Wright*

APOLOGIES

*Cllr J Patterson
Cllr J McGuire*

Cllr O Hunter (Cheshire East Councillor)

Two members of the public

ACTION

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 17th September were proposed by Cllr Duncalf and seconded by Cllr Norcott to be a true and correct record. All agreed.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Wright and Cllr Norcott declared an interest with regards to HS2 listed on the agenda. Cllr Wright also declared an interest to item 12 on the agenda (Remembering a past Mere Parish Councillor)

3 POLICE REPORT

No representative from the police present.

4 B5569

Having forwarded to the Rt Hon Esther McVey all Mere Parish Council recent correspondence to Simon Skates (Cheshire East Council) a reply has been received from her secretary Angela McPake. It states that Esther raised our issues and concerns with Rachel Bailey and Kath O'Dwyer at a recent meeting. Cllr Bailey was clearly aware of the issues and knew there were a number of outstanding points that still needed to be addressed. Angela McPake concludes by stating she will try to get a timescale for the work and will be in touch soon.

The Clerk has written to Simon Skates several times inviting him to attend this meeting but no acknowledgement has been received. It was agreed that the Clerk will write again to The Rt Hon Esther McVey providing a copy of our recent correspondence to Simon Skates and also copy in the Head of Cheshire East Council (Cllr Rachel Bailey).

KJW

The Clerk has also written to Simon Skates reminding him that he promised Mere PC daffodil bulbs for the council to plant along the B5569. Again no response has been received. Cllr Reynolds commented that Brenda McNulty has planted some of her own bulbs on the B5569 bund.

5 **A50**

Broken Barrier On the Roundabout

An e-mail has been sent to Simon Skates referring to the broken barrier and also the road camber. No response has been received. The Clerk will notify Esther McVey MP of this.

KJW

Speed Limit

An e-mail has been received from Lynne Abbotts voicing concern about the speed limit on the A50 as it passes Cottons Hotel towards the junction of Mereside Road and Moss Lane.

The council agreed that this is a police matter. The Clerk will contact PCSO Emma Darroch and ask for her thoughts.

The Clerk will update Mrs Abbotts.

KJW

KJW

6 **MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

Cllr Newnes gave a report of the airport meeting he attended on the 18th September.

As a result it was agreed to invite Wendy Sinfield to the Mere Parish Council meeting in January 2019 to talk about airspace.

Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Walker who are representatives on the Airport Consultative Committee gave a report of a recent meeting they had attended.

KJW

7 **HS2**

An e-mail has been received from Stephen Cunningham stating that the Secretary of State for Transport has announced the launch of two HS2 consultations for the section of the route from Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds.

An e-mail has been received from Knutsford Library stating there are some public events planned to discuss the consultation. The nearest one to us is High Legh Village Hall on the 30th November, 2-8pm.

Cllr Newnes proposed that Mere PC organise a public meeting to give the people of Mere the opportunity to ask questions about HS2. Seconded by Cllr Reynolds. All agreed.

The date to be one of the following depending when Mere and Tabley Community Club is available.

Tuesday 20th November, Wednesday 21st November or Thursday 22nd November. Meeting to start at 7:30pm.

Cllr Duncalf to contact Mere and Tabley Community Club to book a date.

The Clerk to then send a letter out to all residents in Mere inviting them to the meeting.

The Clerk to ask HS2 if they have any literature which can be handed out on the night.

JD

KJW

KJW

8 **BONFIRE EVENT – 3RD NOVEMBER 2018**

The event has been advertised on the Mere PC website and also the Knutsford Knutty Mums website.

Mr Stott to place a notice in the Knutsford Guardian.

NS

A quote has been received from Lightech Sound and Light for the firework display at a total of £2580. Cllr Reynolds proposed the quote be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Duncalf. All agreed.

KJW

Mr Stott confirmed that the music man has been booked and he will confirm before the event the price he will charge.

NS

Allocated jobs on the night:

Gate - Cllr Reynolds and Mr Reynolds

Raffle - Cllr Duncalf and Kathryn Whitlow

Parking - Cllr Newnes

Selling Toys - Cllr Patterson

Cllr Duncalf to buy raffle prizes.

It was agreed to have a tub of sweets on the table for the children who do not win a prize them to help themselves from.

Mr Stott informed the council that he will arrange the one off extra insurance cover, as requested by Mere and Tabley Community Club and forward the invoice to the Clerk

NS

Mr Stott to print two large advertising posters which Cllr Wright will put up within the parish.

NS/JW

9 WINTERBOTOM LANE

At the September council meeting Cllr Wright volunteered to reply to Cllr Bailey's letter dated the 6th August. This item to be carried over to the next council meeting.

JW**10 M56 SMART MOTORWAYS**

Cllr McGuire has sent a report to Mere Parish councillors referring to the Highways Agency presentation he attended on the forthcoming M56 roadworks.

It was agreed to invite the Highways to speak at the December council meeting.

KJW**11 DERELICT/UNOCCUPIED HOUSES IN MERE**

The Clerk sent Cheshire East Council a message via their web site asking if council tax is being paid on the six properties we informed them of, and if not what legal obligations does the council have? A reply has been received stating that Cheshire East Council has looked into our query including our query about the house built with no planning permission and state that a new dwelling application has been received for the property which we believe to have no planning application. With regards to the cars parked on the drive in a bad state of repair Cheshire East Council state there is nothing they can do as the cars are parked on private land. The reply from Cheshire East Council does not answer Mere PC question about the other unoccupied houses in Mere or council tax therefore the Clerk wrote again on the 18th October. We are still waiting a reply. This item to be carried over to the next meeting.

12 REMEMBERING A PAST MERE PARISH COUNCILOR

Cllr J Wright left the room.

As a way of commemorating the life of Cllr George Walter Wright (14/04/1931 to 27/08/2018) and all the work he did for the people with in the parish of Mere a suggestion has been put forward to place an engraved bench behind the cenotaph. Cllr Duncalf will measure to see if there is sufficient room to place a bench and report back to the council at the next meeting.

JD**13 PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS**

There have been three new planning applications, two decision notices and one withdrawal notice since the last Mere PC meeting. The details are recorded in the Planning Book.

14 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT

i	<i>The sum total in the cheque account at the beginning of this meeting is of which £170.43 belongs to the Archive Fund.</i>	£5818.64
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15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i	<i>The Clerk for hours worked during July, August and September Cheque made payable to "Kathryn J Whitlow" Cheque No: 100763</i>	£786.46 Agreed
ii	<i>PAYE Cheque made payable to "HM Revenue and Customs Only – 120PD00337552" Cheque No: 100764</i>	£291.67 Agreed
iii	<i>Invoice from Chain and Conveyor for printing and laminating posters to advertise the bonfire event. Cheque made payable to "Chain and Conveyor Ltd" Cheque No: 100765</i>	£69.05 Agreed

- iv *Payment for the use of the Mere Cricket Club ground to host the bonfire* £50.00 **Agreed**
Cheque made payable to
“Mere Cricket Club”
Cheque No: 100766

Cllr Walker proposed that the above be paid. Seconded by Cllr Duncalf. All agreed.

16 NEW BUSINESS

- i ***RHS Traffic Along Mereside Road.***
The Chairman has received an e-mail from Wendy Walsh voicing concern about traffic chaos on Mereside Road during the RHS show earlier in the year.
It was agreed that Cllr Duncalf will raise the issue at the Council Liaison meeting with the RHS next year. Clerk to update Mrs Walsh with this information. **KJW**
- ii ***Tree On Mereside Road***
A report about an unsafe tree outside Little Mere on Mereside Road has been received via Knutsford Town Council from a Mr Oldham.
The Chairman has had a look for the tree and reports it is on Cheshire East Council land.
The Clerk to advice Mr Oldham to report it to Cheshire East Council via their web site. **KJW**
- iii ***Independent Group Call For Change At Cheshire East Council***
An e-mail from James Nicholas with a leaflet and petition for Cheshire East Independent Group’s campaign to change the way Cheshire East Council is run.
- iv ***WWI – Wreath***
Mere PC will be laying a wreath at the cenotaph on Sunday 11th November. This is to be advertised at the Bonfire event.

17 The date of the next Mere Parish Council meeting is Monday 10th December, 7:30pm at The Mere, Chester Road.

18 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

- i *Cllr Norcott put the idea forward to place a draft copy of the minutes on the web site to be replaced with the approved copy once it has been signed off. The idea being to get the minutes on to the web site earlier.*
This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at approximately 9:25pm

Signed: Date: