

MERE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 2018
AT 7.30PM, THE MERE

PRESENT

Cllr J Duncalf
Cllr J McGuire
Cllr A Newnes
Cllr D Norcott
Cllr J Patterson (In The Chair)
Cllr L Reynolds
Cllr J Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr D Walker
Mr S Skates, CEC

Cllr O Hunter (Cheshire East Councillor)
Mr Ahmed, Local Resident
Mr Paul Sands, GAP Roofing Specialist
One member of the public

ACTION

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 22nd October were proposed by Cllr Reynolds and seconded by Cllr Duncalf to be a true and correct record. All agreed.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Wright and Cllr Norcott declared an interest regarding the item HS2 listed on the agenda. Cllr Wright also declared an interest regarding item 12 on the agenda.

3 **POLICE REPORT**

No report.

4 **B5569**

A message has been received from the Rt. Hon McVey which included a response from Cheshire East Council. Mere PC response is that it does not consider the list of issues raised with Cheshire East Council have been addressed. In particular the 2-way signs we requested. Although Mr Skates had implied at a previous meeting that the signs would be put in place, nothing has happened. Mere PC consider it is only a matter of time before a head on collision occurs. Cllr Newnes proposed and Cllr Patterson seconded a letter be sent to the Rt. Hon McVey and copy in Simon Skates and Cllr Hunter, stating that whilst we are encouraged by the letter from Cheshire East Council there is still a list of outstanding issues which have not been addressed. Cllr Newnes to provide the Clerk with the list of outstanding issues to be included in the letter. Enforces to be placed on the two way signs.

AN

The Clerk to send PCSO Emma Darroch a message voicing our concern about the lack of two-way signs and ask her for any advice.

KJW

Gateway feature – Reply to Simon Skates stating Mere Parish Council does not consider it necessary to have a gateway feature.

KJW

5 **A50**

Broken Barrier - on the roundabout between MereCorner traffic lights and the Kilton Inn.
An e-mail has been received from Simon Skates in which he confirms that the broken barrier has now been repaired.

Road Camber – Mr Skates has replied stating that as he has not been involved in the design he will take advice from the designers and Auditors. He also states that a problem with the camber was not identified as a problem during the design check review. He has the stage three report but he is waiting the final document which needs to be commented upon by the designer. Once he has this he will be able to ascertain if a safety issue had been identified. As soon as this is available he will inform Mere PC if a safety exists which needs to be addressed.

SS

Speed Limit – PCSO Darroch has confirmed she does use the true cam on the A50 as it approaches the junction of Mereside Road and Moss Lane. She states she will happily take it to this location again however, this is a busy time of year as we approach Christmas for the Police.

The Clerk has forwarded PCSO Darroch response to Mrs Lynne Abbotts, (who originally raised the issue) and Mrs Abbotts replied as follows. “Thank you for the update. The point though is not that the unrestricted speed limit is being exceeded but that in that vicinity an unrestricted speed limit has proved and is dangerous and should be lower.”

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will contact Knutsford Town Council and ask if they are doing anything to try and reduce the speed limit on the A50.

KJW

The meeting also agreed that the Clerk write to Cheshire Police and ask if PCSO Darroch will attend our January council meeting.

KJW

6 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

As agreed at the previous Mere PC meeting the Clerk asked Wendy Sinfield if she will be willing to attend this evenings meeting to talk about the proposed airspace changes. Wendy has replied stating she has already been to one of our meetings to discuss the airspace so it would be a repeat of her earlier visit. Wendy also states that they are not yet ready to start their airspace change but will be able to give us an update later in the year.

Review of S106 Legal Agreement With Manchester Airport – An e-mail from Sean Hannaby, Director of Planning and Environment of Cheshire East Council stating that Cheshire East Council is currently undertaking a review of the S106 legal agreement in relations to Manchester Airport.

Bridgewater Hall Concert Tickets – The council has received a letter from Wendy Sinfield offering complimentary tickets to a concert at Bridgewater Hall. It was agreed to offer them to Neil Stott as way of a thank you for all the hard work he put into the bonfire event.

7 HS2

The Clerk will submit a response from Mere PC referring to the HS2 2b consultation. It will also be copied to the Rt. Hon Esther McVey and High Legh Parish Council. A copy of the response to be placed on our website.

KJW

The Clerk to invite Stephen Cunningham to the March Mere PC meeting.

KJW

8 BONFIRE EVENT 2018

A copy of the balance sheet was handed out illustrating that once the VAT has been claimed back a surplus of £210.78 has been created. It is estimated that 349 people attended plus children. The date for next year’s event is to be Saturday 2nd November 2019.

All agreed to book Lightech Sound and Light again to provide the firework display.

KJW

The Clerk will book the Mere and Tabley Community Club.

KJW

9 WINTERBOTTOM LANE

Cllr Wright to draft a reply to Cllr Bailey’s letter dated the 6th August. This item to be carried over to the January 2019 Mere Parish Council meeting.

JW

10 M56 SMART MOTORWAYS

Bonny Pailing, the Highways England stakeholder lead has been invited to attend this evenings meeting. However the Clerk has not received any response from her. The Clerk will follow this up and invite her to attend the January 2019 Mere Parish Council meeting.

KJW

Highways England – A letter from Clare Bond, Project Manager informing Mere PC that some advance works for the M56 Smart Motorway will be carried out in December 2018. It will include some vegetation clearance in small locations between junction 6 and 8. The main construction work for the scheme is planned to start Spring 2019.

11 DERELICT/UNOCCUPIED HOUSE IN MERE

Mere PC is still waiting a reply from Cheshire East Council to our e-mail dated 13th November, Despite reminders on the 18th October, 13th November and 2nd December.

Cllr Newnes voiced great concern regarding the safety of a derelict house by the name of Malber on the Chester Road, Mere. A roofing company owned by Paul Sands, (present at this meeting), confirmed that the building is structurally unsafe. There is also a seven year old tree growing through the roof and compared to the previous year parts of the building has moved by as much as one and half meters. Mr Ahmed, a neighbour has children and he is concerned for their safety. Not only with regards to the unsafe building but also the rats present.

Cllr Hunter will speak with Cheshire East Council and report back to the Clerk.

OH

Cllr Newnes proposed that Mere PC write to Cheshire East Council and include a structural survey which will be provided by GAP Roofing Specialist. Seconded by Cllr Reynolds and all Agreed. Mr Sands and Mr Ahmed then left the meeting.

KJW

12 REMEMBERING A PAST MERE PARISH CUNCILLOR

This item to be carried over to the January 2019 meeting for discussion and a report from Cllr Duncalf as to whether there is sufficient room behind the Cenotaph for a bench.

JD

13 DRAFT MINUTES/MERE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Cllr Norcott proposed that a copy of the draft minutes be placed on the web site to be replaced by the signed copy once the minutes have been approved. Cllr Reynolds seconded and all agreed.

KJW

14 RISK ASSESSMENT

The Mere Parish Council Risk Assessment is due to be reviewed. The Clerk pointed out that under the Web Site section there is no current password used as the web site provider updates the web site under instruction from the Clerk.

Cllr Duncalf proposed that the Risk Assessment is adequate and should be signed off this evening. Seconded by Cllr Reynolds. All agreed.

15 PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS

There has been one new planning application and six Decision Notices since the last Mere PC meeting. The details are recorded in the Planning Book.

16 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT

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| <i>i</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> | <i>£4546.46</i> |
| <i>ii</i> | <i>A cheque was made out to Mere and Tabley Community Club on the 22nd November for the hire of the room to host the HS2 Open Meeting. Cheque made payable to "Mere and Tabley Community Club" Cheque No: 100767</i> | <i>£75.00</i> |

- iii Budget and Precept setting for 2019/20. The Clerk handed out a copy of the budget illustrated below:

MERE PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET FOR 2019/20

PRECEPT

Precept is paid in two parts, half in April and half in September
Estimate we will have approx £1925.97 in the bank March 31st, 2019

ITEM	COST IN PREVIOUS FINANCE YEAR	BUDGET FOR FINANCE YEAR MARCH 2018 - APRIL 2019
Clerk	£3,262.38	£3,500.00
HMRC	£1,252.00	£1,500.00
Clerk Expenses	£500.50	£500.00
Insurance cover	£513.06	£520.00
External/Internal Audits	£200.00	£320.00
Parish Maintenance	£1,300.00	£1,300.00
Tabley Church	£116.00	£116.00
Wreaths	£20.00	£20.00
Seminars training	£0.00	£70.00
CATPC Subs	£179.64	£180.00
Website	£330.00	£330.00
CVS - Pay Roll	£122.00	£122.00
TOTAL REQUIRED	£7,795.58	£8,478.00
2018-2019		2019-2020
PRECEPT	£7,700.00	7700.00
ESTIMATED IN BANK 1st April	£678.07	£1,925.97
VAT TO CLAIM BACK	£536.33	£714.84
TOTAL FOR YEAR	£8,914.40	£10,340.81
PROPOSE PRECEPT	£7,700.00	£7,700.00

NOTES

After Cheques paid tonight £1,278.97
Add Bonfire money £3,047.00
Gives total **£4,325.97**

Money to be paid at Jan 19 meeting

Clerk £800.00
HMRC £300.00
Parish Maintenance £1,300.00
TOTAL **£2,400.00**

£4,325.97

£2,400.00

Leaves total in account at end of year **£1,925.97**

The Responsible Financial officer suggested that the precept stays the same at £7700.00
Cllr Patterson proposed the precept remains the same for 2019/20 at £7700.00. Seconded
By Cllr Duncalf. All agreed
The Clerk will inform Cheshire East Council.

KJW

17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i	<i>Invoice from Lightech Sound and Light for the firework display Cheque made payable to "Lightech Sound and Light Limited" Cheque No: 100768</i>	<i>£2580.00</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
ii	<i>Invoice from Parish Council Websites for web hosting and updates between 1/11/18 to 31/10/19 Cheque made payable to "Parish Council Websites" Cheque No: 100769</i>	<i>£330.00</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
iii	<i>Invoice from Shires Pay Services for the payroll service cost for the third quarter of 2018/19 Cheque made payable to "Shires Pay Services Limited" Cheque No: 100770</i>	<i>£25.50</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
iv	<i>Invoice from Chain and Conveyor for two colour advertising posters for the bonfire event. Cheque made payable to "Chain and Conveyor" Cheque No: 100771</i>	<i>£19.99</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
v	<i>Invoice from Chain and Conveyor for printing the HS2 maps Cheque made payable to "Chain and Conveyor" Cheque No: 100772</i>	<i>£59.98</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
vi	<i>Receipt presented by the Clerk for the purchase of raffle ticket books used at the bonfire event. Cheque made payable to "Kathryn J Whitlow" Cheque No: 100773</i>	<i>£13.50</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
vii	<i>Receipts from Jean Duncalf for the raffle prizes bought for the Bonfire Event raffle. Cheque made payable to "Jean Duncalf" Cheque No: 100774</i>	<i>£50.59</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
viii	<i>Receipt from The Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Day Wreath paid for at the time by Kathryn Whitlow. Cheque made payable to "Kathryn J Whitlow" Cheque No: 100775</i>	<i>£20.00</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
ix	<i>Invoice from Barnett Jones and Cooke Ltd for the extra insurance cover taken out for the Bonfire Event. This has already been paid for by Neil Stott so Mere PC owe Neil. Cheque made payable to "Neil Stott" Cheque No: 100776</i>	<i>£167.93</i>	<i>Agreed</i>

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

18 NEW BUSINESS

- i **Cheshire East Council Waste Collection Service Reorganisation Consultation**
*The proposal is for the future collection of household waste to be extended and hours and days of collection will facilitate new routes and rotas for recycling and waste kerbside collection services from Autumn 2019.
There is a questionnaire to complete on line.*

- ii **Council To Consult On Pre-Budget Consultation Report 2019-2022**
Agreed no action to be taken by Mere PC.

19 *The date of the next Mere PC meeting is to be 28th January 2019 starting at 7:30pm at The Mere Golf Resort and Spa. The meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows: 25th March, 13th May, 8th July, 16th September, 21st October and the 9th December.*

20 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

- i *Cllr Newnes raised the question when will United Utilities finish working on Mereside Road?*

- ii *Cllr Reynolds suggested that the telephone number to report excessive aircraft noise be placed on the Mere PC web site.*

The meeting closed at approximately 9:35pm.

Signed: Date: