

MERE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY, 2019
AT 8.00PM, THE MERE

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

INVITED GUESTS

Mr S Cunningham, Senior Engagement Advisor, HS2
Mr J Atkinson, HS2

ACTIONS

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 25th March were proposed by Cllr Norcott and seconded by Cllr Newnes to be a true and correct record. All agreed.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Norcott and Cllr Wright declared an interest regarding HS2 on the agenda.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

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

4 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Emma Darroch had been invited to attend this evenings meeting but declined as her shift finished at 4pm.

Cllr Duncalf proposed and Cllr Reynolds seconded that the council invite her and a PC to meet with a couple of members of the council at their convenience as we do not appear to be having much success inviting the police to the council meetings. All agreed.

KJW

5 **HS2**

Mr Stephen Cunningham and John Atkinson gave an update on the progress of HS2 within Mere. Ground investigation work is about to start within Mere so residents will be receiving letters. There will be no bore hole work until planning approval for a compound has been agreed. There will be another round of consultation starting in June which will be focused within Mere.

Cllr Norcott requested a hard copy to be sent to the Clerk.

6 **B5569**

Mrs McNulty forwarded to the Chairman an e-mail she sent to PCSO Emma Darroch reporting speeding and asked about flashing 30mph signs to be positioned either end of the B5569 in Mere.

The Clerk has e-mailed PCSO Darroch asking for her opinion upon the effectiveness of such signs but has not received any reply.

The above plus many other issues relating to the B5569 in Mere have been put to Mr Simon Skates, Cheshire East Council but no progress is being made. Cllr Wright proposed and Cllr Norcott seconded that Mere PC write to the newly elected Cheshire East Council leader and send a copy to Esther McVey MP stating that Mere PC is very disappointed with the way in which it operates. Emails are not replied to and when we are successful in speaking to someone they do not follow through things they say they will do.

KJW

The Clerk to inform Mrs McNulty that we did invite PCSO Darroch to this meeting but that she was not available to attend and also that we will be writing to Cheshire East's newly elected leader and copying in Esther McVey MP.

KJW

7 **A50**

The Clerk has sent several e-mails to Cllr Gardiner asking if he managed to raise the speeding issue at the local Cheshire East Council biannual meeting with the highways officer on the 14th March? No response has been received.

Another e-mail has been received from Mrs Abbots dated the 2nd May informing Mere PC of yet another car crash at the junction of the A50 and Mereside Road.

Cllr Duncalf proposed Mere PC write to the newly elected ward councillor, Cllr Kate Parkinson asking for her support to reduce the speed. Seconded by Cllr Wright. All agreed.

KJW

8 **MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

Cllr Reynolds gave a report of the meeting she recently attended at the airport.

9 **WINTERBOTTOM LANE**

Cllr Wright proposed that this item be removed from future agendas. It is believed nothing more will be achieved now that the chippings have been delivered.

The meeting seconded this.

10 **MERECORNER TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

At a previous Mere PC meeting Cllr Duncalf stated that on approaching from Knutsford the lights are changing to red when nothing is approaching from Tabley.

Cllr Duncalf reported that the lights now appear to be working okay.

No action needed.

11 **FENCING AT THE END OF THE MERE**

The Manager Mr Johnson, at The Mere has offered to look into who owns the land and fence situated at the end of the mere.

The Clerk to write to Mr Johnson confirming that Mere Parish Council will be very grateful for his help

KJW

12 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT THE MERE**

Cllr Walker, Cllr Wright and Cllr Reynolds attended a meeting held at The Mere with the architects and planners to discuss the development.

Mere PC main concern is as to whether there will be adequate car parking spaces for all the extra people?

Cllr Reynolds proposed Mere PC write to Louisa Fielden, Planner at Avison Young and Gary Johnson, Manager at The Mere expressing Mere PC concern. Also asking if they have made any provision to inform local residents about the planning proposal?

KJW

13 REMEMBERING A PAST COUNCILLOR

After speaking with Jason Costello Cllr Duncalf has chosen a cherry tree to be planted behind the flag pole at MereCorner in memory of Cllr Walter Wright.

The next thing will be to arrange for a plaque to be engraved and positioned in front of the tree.

14 PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS

There have been four new planning applications and no Decision Notices received since the last Mere PC meeting. The details are recorded in the Planning Book.

15 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 £170.43 belongs to the Archive Fund.</i> | <i>£5109.79</i> |
| ii | <i>Paid into the current account on the 10th April the half yearly precept</i> | <i>£3850.00</i> |

16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| i | <i>The Clerk for hours worked during January, February and March 2019
Cheque made payable to
"Kathryn J Whitlow"
Cheque No: 100783</i> | <i>£680.62 Agreed</i> |
| ii | <i>PAYE – A cheque was made payable on the 10th April and signed by the Chairman.
Reason being if we had waited until this evenings meeting the council would have
been charged interest on a late payment.
Cheque made payable to
"HM Revenue & Customs Only – 120PD00337552"
Cheque No: 100782</i> | <i>£220.55 Agreed</i> |
| iii | <i>Council Insurance is due on the 1st June 2019.
Cheque made payable to
"BHIB Ltd"
Cheque No: 100784</i> | <i>£358.53 Agreed</i> |
| iv | <i>CHALC Affiliation Fee 2019-20
Cheque made payable to
"Cheshire Association Of Local Councils"
Cheque No: 100785</i> | <i>£191.52 Agreed</i> |
| v | <i>The Clerks End Of Year Expenses year ending 31st March 2019
Cheque made payable to
"Kathryn J Whitlow"
Cheque No: 100786</i> | <i>£551.01 Agreed</i> |
| vi | <i>Invoice from Shire Pay Roll Service for the first quarter plus the GDPR
software fee.
Cheque made payable to
"Shires Pay Services Limited"
Cheque No: 100787</i> | <i>£034.50 Agreed</i> |

*Cllr Duncalf proposed that the above invoices be paid. Seconded by Cllr Finch.
All agreed.*

17 NEW BUSINESS

- i St Pauls Church, Over Tabley – An e-mail has been received from Judy Hancock, Treasurer at St Pauls Church thanking Mere PC for paying to have the churchyard grass cut twice a year.*

18 The date of the next Mere PC meeting is Monday 8th July starting at 7:30pm. Venue is The Mere, Chester Road.

19 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

- i Cllr Norcott reported that the fence on the A556 which a car went through over six months ago has not been repaired.*
- ii Cllr Newnes informed the council the sad news that Mrs Cadman, wife of a former Mere Parish Councillor had died. A sympathy card will be sent from Mere PC.*
- iii The Chairman welcomed Cllr Richard Finch as the newly elected Mere Parish Councillor. He replaces John Patterson after he did not stand for re-election in May. A letter to be sent to John Patterson from the council thanking him for all his hard work during the years he served as a Mere Parish Councillor.*
- iv Cllr Walker wished it to be recorded in the minutes how disappointed and frustrated she is with Cheshire East Council. It is almost impossible to contact Cheshire East Councillors and when you do they rarely carry out actions they say they will do.*

The meeting closed at approximately 9:30pm

Signed: Date: