

# CHOLMONDELEY & CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Councillors are summoned to

## A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**DATE:** TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2017  
**TIME:** 7.30 PM  
**VENUE:** SCHOOL FARM, CHOLMONDELEY  
(Adjacent to Cholmondeley Bowling Pavilion)

Signed:



Date of Issue: 14 September 2017

## A G E N D A

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence should be notified to the Clerk by noon on the day of the meeting, if possible.

### 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

Whilst the Clerk can advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the particular circumstances.

### 3 MINUTES

#### 3.1 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 July 2017

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July 2017. ☆

#### 3.2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2017

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting are submitted for information and will be submitted for approval at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

To follow

To: Councillors C Crossley (Chair), A Fennell (Vice-Chair), C Hopley, J Moody, P Probin, R Probin, D Sweetman, G Willis and P Winward

Copy: Borough Councillor W S Davies

#### 4 CASUAL VACANCY

There is one Parish Council vacancy, but at the time of publication of the agenda, there are no candidates.

There are currently no candidates for co-option. In the event of no candidates expressing interest, the vacancy can be advertised in the newsletter which is usually produced in December.

Enclosed is Legal Topic Note L15-08 produced by the National Association of Local Councils and updated in May 2015. The document suggests that any potential candidates should prepare a statement setting out how they comply with the criteria for co-option. The Topic Note also provides an appendix with a suggested person specification for consideration when co-opting; however, Members might take the view that some of the requirements are stringent and also could be limiting where very young candidates are unlikely to have some of the qualifications/experience suggested.



#### 5 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor W S Davies to report on Cheshire East Council matters.

#### 6 FINANCIAL MATTERS

##### 6.1 Authorisation of Payments

£tba HM Revenue & Customs – Tax on Clerk's salary

£160.00 Mrs C M Jones – salary for the period 1 July – 30 September 2017.

##### 6.2 Accounts 2016-2017

The audit has now been concluded by BDO LLP and its report is enclosed. There were a number of issues raised, but these were satisfactorily resolved.

##### 6.3 Budget 2018-2019

A draft budget for 2018-2019 will be presented to the meeting in November. In the meantime, Members might wish to give early consideration to projects which could be included.

##### 6.4 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council is invited to RESOLVE that in accordance with Paragraph 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

##### 6.5 Payroll Service

Rather than produce a separate report, the Clerk has detailed these quotations on the agenda, but they will not be publicly available. The public version of the agenda will not specify the figures quoted.

The Parish Council is invited to consider if any of these quotations should be accepted.

#### 7 DRAINAGE PROBLEMS – VICINITY OF A49

Over the last few months, Members have commented on highways work being carried out in the vicinity of the A49, but with no apparent progress.

The Clerk made enquiries and at one stage was advised that it was BT work; subsequently, it was understood to be drainage work.

The Clerk contact the CEC Drainage Team which has reviewed its street register to try to identify any permits relating to drainage works, but there are none listed within the last few weeks/months which match the Clerk's description of the works at this location. The Engineer has made a site visit and has observed a number of barriers and cones on the verge down Bickerton Road, but nothing related to CEC work.

**8 CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – ANNUAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2017 (MIDDLEWICH) – 7.00 PM**

The Cheshire Association of Local Councils is holding its Annual Meeting in Middlewich. The meeting commences at 7.00 pm but there is a free buffet available from 6.00 pm.

Members are invited to propose a motion to the meeting. In addition, the Annual Meeting will be making four appointments of Executive Board Members.

This is an opportunity for parish councillors to put themselves forward for membership of the Executive Board. The nomination can be made directly to ChALC and does not require the support of the Parish Council as it is a personal appointment. Any Member interested should provide a brief outline about themselves and the skills they could contribute. The Clerk will bring a form to the meeting.

**9 CONSULTATION – CEC LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Parish Council is invited to comment on CEC's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Comments are requested by 27 September 2017.

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**10 PLANNING MATTERS**

**10.1 Planning Applications**

At the time of publication of the agenda, there are no planning applications for consultation.

**10.2 Challenge to the Local Plan**

Under separate cover, the Clerk notified Members that Muller Property Group Ltd. has challenged the Local Plan Strategy.

The grounds of challenge allege that the Council failed to take into account the issue relating to incorrect air quality data when adopting the Local Plan. A full and robust response has been sent to Muller Properties by the Borough Council, addressing the points the company raised. CEC's position is very firmly that the incorrect air quality data would not have resulted in any changes to the Local Plan.

The lodging of the legal challenge does not change the legal status of the Local Plan Strategy and it will continue to be applied in decision-making as the adopted Development Plan. It also continues to provide the strategic planning context for the preparation of neighbourhood plans.

**11 PARISH NEWSLETTER**

The last newsletter was produced in April 2017. The Council is invited to consider if a Christmas edition should be published.

**13 SHARED ITEMS**

Members are invited to share information, or request items to be included on the next agenda. This is also an opportunity for Members to report on attendance at any recent meetings of outside bodies, including Police Cluster meetings.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**21 November 2017**