

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHOLMONDELEY & CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22 MARCH 2022  
IN CHOLMONDELEY BOWLING PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C Hopley Chairman  
Councillor S Aspinall  
Councillor A D Fennell  
Councillor M Furse  
Councillor R Keys  
Councillor S Langton

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors I Cundy, A Gresty and P Probin

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**68 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary prejudicial interest which they had 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.

No declarations were made.

**69 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**70 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders (i.e. its Constitution) members of the public were able to ask a question or make a statement, both of which must relate to matters which fell within the remit of the Parish Council.

There were no questions from members of the public.

**71 REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR W S DAVIES**

Councillor Davies was not in attendance on this occasion.

**72 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE – UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

The Parish Council received a letter from Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services and Governance, providing an update on progress in respect of the Community Governance Review of Town and Parish Council Governance.

There were a number of decision-making Committees and Sub-Committees meeting during April, and members of the public were entitled to attend. Members noted that Mr Reed had suggested that if town and parish councils wish to be represented at these meetings, only one representative should attend.

- Community Governance Review Sub-Committee: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022-2.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall
- Corporate Policy Committee: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022-1.00pm at Sandbach Town Hall
- Council meeting: Macclesfield Leisure Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022, commencing at 11.00am.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council decline to nominate any Member to attend the meetings.

### 73 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – GRANT

The Clerk had received an email from Groundwork UK requesting completion of the End-of-Grant report.

Members noted from the Clerk's brief report that if all the work funded by the grant, had not been completed, the grant must be returned, either in whole or in part.

The email only arrived on 17 March 2022, and the Clerk was contacting Groundwork UK for further information and would make enquiries of Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Cheshire Community Action to establish if there was any outstanding work required.

### 74 FINANCIAL MATTERS

**74.1 RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:

£320.00 C M Jones – Net salary for the period 1 January – 31 March 2022

£40.00 HMRC – Tax on Clerk's salary (for the period July – Dec 2021)

#### 74.2 Ratification of Payments

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be ratified, both of which had been made by the Clerk in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

£2,050.00 Cheshire Wildlife Trust (£1,170.00 net and £234.00 VAT)

£2,280.00 Cheshire Community Action – 6 days support from the Neighbourhood Plan Support Officer.

#### 74.3 Financial Statement

The Parish Council received a partial statement to 26 January 2022, but which was not balanced.

#### 74.4 Accounts – 2022-2023 Exemption from External Audit

Members were reminded that as a Parish Council with a turnover less than £25,000, it was able to opt out of external audit.

The Parish Council had opted out of external audit in the previous three years (known as exemption from a limited assurance review under S.9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015).

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council, as an appropriate authority in accordance with the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, opt out of the requirement for a limited assurance review under S.9 of the Regulations, for 2021-2022.

### 75 RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT

The Parish Council was required to review its risk management arrangements before the end of the financial year. A copy of the current risk management schedule was submitted and the Parish Council was asked to approve it, subject to any required amendments.

**RESOLVED:** That the risk assessment/management schedule be approved.

### 76 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consultation.

**77 QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE – 2-5 JUNE 2022**

It was reported that Cholmondeley Castle was planning to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee by lighting beacons on 2 June 2022.

There was no other detailed information and the Chairman undertook to contact James Hall at the Estate Office.

**78 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**17 May 2022<sup>1</sup>**

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 8.05 pm and concluded at 8.35 pm

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequently changed to 24 May 2022