

CHOLMONDELEY & CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Parish Councillors are summoned to a
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2022

TIME: 7.30 PM

**VENUE: CHOLMONDELEY BOWLING PAVILION
CHOLMONDELEY**

Enquiries to: Clerk: Carol Jones

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Issue date: 13 January 2022

Signed *C M Jones*

To: Councillors C Hopley (Chairman), A D Fennell, S Aspinall, I Cundy, M Furse,
A Gresty, R Keys, S Langton and P Probin

Copy: Borough Councillor W S Davies

Notes for Members of the Public

Please note that this is a face-to-face meeting and the number of attendees is limited owing to Covid-19 guidance, especially in view of the recent increase in cases.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question or make a statement under the Public Question Time slot, are asked to submit them in writing to the Clerk (carol.jones@cholmondeley-chorley.co.uk) by 3.00 pm on the day of the meeting. These will be read out at the meeting and written responses will be provided.

A G E N D A

Note for Councillors:

The Clerk is currently isolating and will attend remotely via phone access.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 November 2021. (To follow)

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Period not exceeding 20 minutes)

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

5 PRESENTATION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL (Period not exceeding 10 minutes)

Clive Leworthy (Community Liaison Executive) from Airband Community Internet Ltd. has requested the opportunity to attend the meeting on 18 January 2022, to make a 10-minute presentation in respect of Broadband. He will present an overview of the project and the benefits of full fibre broadband.

He reports that the Cholmondeley and Chorley community is 'earmarked' for Airband's rollout of essential broadband infrastructure. This is part of a new Ultrafast fibre to the premises (FTTP) broadband network Airband is providing across a large part of rural Cheshire in partnership with the Digital Cheshire project which is represented by Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester, Halton Borough and Warrington Borough Councils' to roll-out ultrafast full-fibre broadband to over 4,000 properties across rural and hard-to-reach areas of Cheshire

As part of this new FTTP Broadband network, a number of premises in the parish within this contract are to benefit directly.

The section of the new network that will service the parish is due and surveying is imminent which will raise interest within the community. Airband proposes to address this in advance where possible.

6 REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR W S DAVIES (Guide time: 15 minutes)

Councillor Davies to report on Cheshire East Council matters of interest and in particular any issues relating to the Parish Council.

7 DRAFT BUDGET – 2022-23

Decision required: To approve a budget for 2022-2023.

The following documents will be submitted to enable the Parish Council to approve its budget for 2022-23.

- Clerk’s report on budget proposals.
- Second draft of the detailed proposals which shows the up-to-date financial position.

To follow

The precept request must be submitted to Cheshire East Council on 19 January 2022.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 The Parish Council is asked to authorise the following payments:

£640.00	C M Jones – Net salary for the period 1 July – 31 Dec 2021
£80.00	HMRC – Tax on Clerk’s salary (for the period July – Dec 2021)

8.2 Ratification of Payments

To report that the fees for recent meetings organised by the Parish Council are as follows, and the Clerk has now forwarded a cheque to Councillor Fennell for signature and posting.

The fee for the July meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was £50. Subsequent to that, a reduction in fee was agreed as £25 per meeting as follows:

July 2021 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (£50)

Parish Council meetings

27 July 2021

5 October 2021

23 November 2021

18 January 2022

Total: £150.00

Members are asked to note that although a sum of £60 was approved at the November 2021 meeting, the payment was withheld pending clarification of the correct fees.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council is invited to comment on the following planning application by 26 January 2022. The application can be viewed on Cheshire East Council’s website [By Clicking Here](#)

21/6339N Firtree Farm, Firtree Lane, Chorley, CW5 8JX
Barn conversion to form two dwellings and construction of new garage building with partial demolition of modern farm buildings

10 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION – 17-20 JANUARY 2022 (6 PM VIA TEAMS)

Decision required: To nominate two Members to attend the remote sessions on this consultation.

The Parish Council has received an invitation from the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, on behalf of Cheshire East Council. The invitation is to a consultation session on the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for Cheshire East Council.

The Council is asking for feedback on its spending plans for the next four years.

The link to the webpage below summarises the process and links to the consultation document itself.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/budget-engagement.aspx

There will be two sessions, each an hour long on the 17 and 20 January 2022 at 6.00 pm. Two representatives from each town and parish council may attend. A copy of the Power Point presentation is enclosed.

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11 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – 2-5 JUNE 2022

To receive a letter in respect of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To update the Council in respect of Neighbourhood Plan matters.

Dr Rachel Giles from Cheshire Wildlife Trust has confirmed that she is proceeding with the survey and has made a start. It is expected that this will be completed by the end of March 2022, but in the event that it is not, she can issue an invoice for the work to ensure that this is paid before 31 March 2022 and will not, therefore, jeopardise the rules regarding the grant.

Lucy Hughes from Cheshire Community Action will be commencing work on reviewing the draft Plan and hopes to complete it before the end of March 2022, but if not, it might be necessary to earmark funding from this year's budget for 2022-23 to ensure that the grant already paid does not have to be returned to Groundwork UK.

Parish Council members of the Steering Group will be able to update the Parish Council.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22 March 2022