

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
CHOLMONDELEY & CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2022
IN SCHOOL FARM, CHOLMONDELEY**

PRESENT:	Councillor C Hopley	Chairman
	Councillor I Cundy	
	Councillor A D Fennell	
	Councillor R Keys	
	Councillor M Furse	
	Councillor P Probin	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Borough Councillor W S Davies	
	C Crossley – candidate for co-option	
	C Farquharson – Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	
APOLOGIES:	Councillor A Gresty	

43 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

44 MINUTES – 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

45 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public are able to address the Parish Council or ask a question.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

46 CO-OPTION TO VACANCY

As Members were aware, there were two vacancies on the Parish Council. Former councillor Christine Crossley had expressed interest in re-joining the Council.

Ms Crossley was in attendance and, for the benefit of newer members who may not know her, she explained her reasons for wishing to re-join the Council as a Member representing Cholmondeley parish.

The co-option of Ms Crossley was put to the vote, and it was -

RESOLVED: That Christine Crossley be co-opted onto the Parish Council representing the Cholmondeley parish.

Ms Crossley signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Officer, following which she was able to participate fully in the meeting.

47 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Claire Farquharson, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was in attendance and introduced the consultation draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, copies of which were available at the meeting.

The Clerk was in the process of applying for another grant from Locality UK for 2022-23, spend to be completed by 31 March 2023.

The Chairman undertook to hand-deliver a copy of the Draft Plan to the Cholmondeley Estate Office.

Members expressed their appreciation to Ms Farquharson, and the Steering Group Members for their work on producing a high quality Draft Plan. The next stage would be the statutory Regulation 14 Consultation.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Parish Council approve the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, for consultation purposes, subject to any amendments which may be suggested by Lucy Hughes (Planning Consultant) Cheshire Community Action; and

(b) That the Parish Council record its thanks to Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, and in particular Claire Farquharson, Chair of the Group, who had overseen its progress.

48 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Councillor W S Davies reported on Cheshire East Council matters of interest.

Arising out of discussion, Councillor Davies undertook to raise the issue of the bridge on the main road to Nantwich, under the Members' Enquiry Form procedure.

49 FINANCIAL MATTERS

49.1 Financial Statement

The Parish Council received a Receipts and Payments Statement for the period 1 April – 31 October 2022.

49.2 Authorisation of Payments

There were no payments on this occasion.

49.3 Budget Proposals – 2023-24

The Parish Council considered the Clerk's budget report for 2023-24. No provision had been made for an item to mark the coronation of King Charles III. This would be discussed at the next meeting at which time the budget would be finalised.

49.4 Complaint from Member of the Public

It was reported that a member of the public had sent a detailed complaint commenting that the Parish Council's governance and transparency arrangements were inadequate. A copy of his email and his compliance statement was submitted.

The Clerk had prepared a suggested response which was forwarded to Members under separate cover.

The Clerk was asked to invite the complainant to the next meeting

50 PLANNING APPLICATION

The Parish Council was asked to comment on the following planning application by 14 December 2022.

22/4290N Parkside Farm, Wrenbury Road, Chorley, CW5 8JT
Partial removal of hedgerow to create new opening with gate, and
installation of new driveway entrance to home.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised in respect of planning application No. 22/4290N.

51 NEWSLETTER

At the previous meeting, Members made some suggestions for articles to be included in a newsletter with the intention that this be published and distributed before Christmas.

A draft newsletter was to be sent under separate cover to include the following items:

- The outcome of the Community Governance Review
- Outlook Festival
- Progress on the Neighbourhood Plan
- Christmas events, for example Carol services
- Christmas events at the Cholmondeley Arms
- Article on the Parish Council's link with the Czech Republic (Councillor C Hopley)
- Calendar of Meetings 2023-24
- Articles from local sports clubs – tennis, cricket and bowling
- Budget headlines 2023-24

52 NOTICE-BOARD

At the previous meeting, the Parish Council considered options for the provision of a notice-board to replace the one in Chorley.

It was reported that a local carpenter (Chris Jones) had kindly agreed to make a notice-board free of charge and this would be located at the Cholmondeley shop site.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council record its grateful thanks to Mr Jones for his kind offer.

53 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2023

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.20 pm