



Marbury and District Parish Council

7.30pm Monday 8th March 2021 Virtual Online Meeting

Present: Cllr R Perry (Chair), Cllr P Shakeshaft, Cllr M Turnbull, Cllr J Makin, Cllr P Chapman, Cllr C Wheeler, Cllr F Wilson, Cllr J Gibbins, Cllr J David and Cllr A Ashton.

1. Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Joe Briggs.

3. Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The Clerk shared the draft Minutes via email to the Councillors prior to the Meeting and the Clerk updated the recommended changes.

The Councillors discussed the Minutes. The Councillors AGREED that the Minutes of the meetings on 03/11/2020 be signed as a correct record. Amendments were received for the Minutes below from Councillor J Makin and will be updated by the Clerk.

- 01/06/2020
- 11/01/2021

5. Dates of next meetings

The Councillors agreed the following meeting dates:

- 10/05/2021
- 12/07/2021
- 13/09/2021

6. Vice-chair position.

Councillors discussed the Vice-Chair position. Councillor Janet Makin offered to be the Vice Chair on a temporary basis. The Vice-Chair position will be pursued further.

7. Public speaking time

There were no comments from the Members of the Public.

8. Matters arising

a) Badgers on Wirswall Road.

Councillor Joe Briggs has continued to pursue the issues around funding for the Badgers on Wirswall Road. Seven Council representatives were down at Wirswall Road the previous week and after locating the Officer responsible it was established that unless there was a lot of deterioration nothing would be done about it.

b) Recently, there was an A49 closure.

Councillors also discussed the issues around the road closure:

- Clarifications regarding insurance.
- The options for lobbying with the MP for Cheshire East.
- If there was a Traffic regulation order - check if there was one in place.
- There were no proper diversion signs.
- The Ward Borough Councillor would look into the issue.

c) Play area

- The Sport England application form has been signed where appropriate by the Chair. The bank section needed to be finalised by Councillor John David the Project Manager.
- Councillor John David and the Clerk have been working on the Parish Borrowing and will be providing the extra evidence to them so as to finalise the application. The Clerk had a few financial queries and will seek the relevant advice.
- The Clerk sought advice on how to deal with fly tipping on the playground.

d) Neighbourhood plan.

Councillor Chris Wheeler updated Councillors about the Neighbourhood Plan

- The Neighbourhood plan Survey has been analysed.
- Volunteers were required to assist with the Survey for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- There had been 68 responses in total.
- The Councillors thanked Councillor Chris Wheeler for his work.

e) Updates on the properties where the complaints have been made about stones on the verges:

The Clerk contacted the Cheshire East Council regarding the complaints about the stones on the verges for the following properties:

- Hollyhurst Cottages, Hollyhurst Road, Marbury, SY13 4LY.
The reference number for this incident was: 3422477.
- Horsegreen Farm, Norbury, SY13 4HU.
The reference number for this incident was 342281

The issues around the stones on the verges will be assessed as part of Cheshire Easts programmed safety inspections.

f) Speeding Limit

Councillor Janet Makin has been in touch with the Borough Councillor that was proposing a 20mph speed limit in rural limits and has asked for advice.

- Councillors discussed how to progress with the driving restrictions in the village.
- The Ward Councillor will be looking into this further.

g) Internet Access

The Councillors discussed the issues around the poor internet connection. Especially for those who have had to work from home. Councillors were informed about Norbury where they have set up a company to look into obtaining the internet for 16 homes. Councillors were informed that residents will be given a voucher to set up the internet (£1500 given for residential homes). The cost for the residents to pay for internet connection would equate to approximately £300 but residents would have to sign a contract with BT.

h) Defibrillator purchase for Wirswall, please?

Councillor Janet Makin discussed installation of another defibrillator. Feedback from the residents was required. Hill Valley was an option however it may be considered to be too far.

i) Policies/Procedures/Protocols

The Clerk contacted Cheshire Association of Local Councils about recommended Policies to be adopted by Marbury District and Parish Council. The following Policies were proposed:-

- ***Absence***
- ***Allotments***
- ***Bullying***
- ***Community Engagement***
- ***Complaints***
- ***Equality and Diversity***
- ***Grievance and Disciplinary***
- ***Grounds Maintenance***
- ***Learning and Development***
- ***Planning***
- ***Safeguarding (Adults and Children)***

- **Whistleblowing**

The Clerk will contact CHALC for the relevant Policies so that they can be adopted accordingly.

10. Planning

a) New applications - None

b) Planning decisions - Councillors discussed the access to Wrenbury Road from build adjacent to Swan Road had been refused. There was no demonstrable need.

11. Correspondence and clerks report

The Clerk has received correspondence that related to Marbury District and Parish Council. All relevant correspondence has been forwarded onto the Councillors for consideration. Examples of correspondence comprised of:

- From: Chris Hinchliff, CPRE - Sign the petition for a reliable bus service for every community.
- Operations Manager at London Hearts, a heart charity (Charity Number 1180901) - where London Hearts could provide a lifesaving defibrillator via a £200 council grant per AED. CPR/Defibrillator training would be provided for the community for free.
- Cheshire East prepared a draft contaminated Land Strategy 2021 and shared it with Parish Councils for consultation.

12. Borough Councillors Report

The Borough Councillor provided an update on the following:

- Badgers on Wirswall Road.
- Highways issue and highlighted that there needed to be leadership.

13. Police Report:

Councillor M Turnbull updated the Councillors on the following:-

- There had been no cluster meetings during the pandemic.
- Councillor M Turnbull attended a question and answers meeting with the Chief Constable.

- Councillors were sent an email that confirmed the priorities e.g Rural crime.

14. Financial Affairs

a) Review and approve financial transactions

The Councillors approved the transactions below:

Cheque wrote	Chq No.	Payee	Details	VAT	Total
12/1/2021	68	Cheshire Community Action	Neighbourhood Plan		190.00
12/1/2021	69	Lisa Tiplady	Wages October 2020		83.04
12/1/2021	70	HMRC	PAYE		20.80
12/1/2021	71	Deborah Foulkes	Wages Nov & Dec		332.56
12/1/2021	72	HMRC	PAYE		83.00
4/2/2021	73	Deborah Foulkes	Wages & postage Jan		181.72
4/2/2021	74	HMRC	PAYE		41.60
1/3/2021	75	Chester Solutions	Web & email	14.40	86.40
1/3/2021	76	Deborah Foulkes	Wages		166.28
	77		Cancelled		0
01/03/2021	78	HMRC	PAYE		41.40

The new Clerk informed the Councillors that a TSB form had been completed so that the bank statements and cheque books could be sent to the Clerk. The Clerk hand delivered the form to the bank on 04/01/2021. However, when the Clerk contacted

the bank to enquire if all the information had been updated TSB had no record. In result TSB offered to compensate the Parish Council for the inconvenience. The Clerk will complete another form and will closely monitor the bank to ensure that the changes are made.

15. Any other Business

The Councillors discussed the following:

- Councillor C Wheeler enquired about the Zoho email addresses
- A49 another road incident during January 2021. There had been an accident and a claim. There had also been a massive flood on the road. The road was closed at the moment. The Hedge in the fence had been damaged. The incident occurred due to the black ice.

Meeting finished at :8.34pm