

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on****Thursday 24th August 2017 at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley at 7:00pm****Present:**

Councillors: G. White, (Chairman, part), D. Barnish, Mrs. A. Bourne, A. Rowley, Mrs D Rowley, Mrs. B. Ruscoe, Mrs. A. Newton, Mrs. J Whitmore.
 RFO-Mrs C Withington. (part)
 Clerk-Mrs J Simpson

Chairman Cllr G White had been delayed so Council elected Mrs A Bourne to chair items 180-182.08/17

180.08/17 To receive apologies for absence.

Councillors, A. Davenport, A. Jones, S, White, D, Whitmore, Mrs H Wilde

181.08/17 To receive Councillors declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the agenda.

None were declared.

182.08/17 Public Participation:

There were nine parishioners present from Madeley Heath who had attended the meeting to explain their opposition to the proposed entertainment licence for The Crewe Arms. The proposed licensee was also present at the Parish Council meeting as a member of the public.

There had been a history of well documented issues comprising fighting, anti-social behavior, fireworks etc. Noise monitoring equipment had been installed in nearby properties in the past. The entertainment licence had been removed. The Parishioners stated that the building was not fit for building purpose for live music. They were also concerned that if an extension to operating hours was to be granted, there would be further patrons who would come from nearby public houses, causing further opportunity for antisocial behavior. They viewed the Crewe Arms as an excellent venue for a country restaurant with bed and breakfast and not a city centre public house. They were further concerned that the application for the licence had been made by Punch Taverns and not the current licensee. The licensee present stated that the application for the licence would be in his name and a 3-year agreement was now in place. He also stated that he would not allow anti social behavior to take place on his premises.

It was noted that the time for consultations had now passed and the decision was to be made by the licencing sub-committee of Newcastle Borough Council on 4th September.

The members of the public were thanked for their attendance and they then left the meeting.

Cllr G White arrived at 7:25pm

183.08/17 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the last regular meeting held on 27th July 2017.

The minutes from 27th July were confirmed as a true record and signed.

184.08/17 To consider matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda

The matter of the requested CCTV had been followed up by the Clerk with the police. There were too many issues re covert CCTV. The information had been fed back to the parishioner who had also emphasized to the Clerk the excess litter at Greyhound Way-this was confirmed by Mrs. A Bourne. Mrs. Withington informed the meeting that Audley PC had suffered similar problems and had been successful in installing overt CCTV in a problem area.

Clerk to find out further details.

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185.08/17 Neighbourhood Plan for Madeley Parish.

There was to be a 3-day consultation event on 2nd, 3rd and 4th September at The Madeley Centre. The Clerk asked for volunteers from the Parish Council to cover the stand. The Conservation Newsletter had been delivered to all households advertising the event. It was agreed that the next meeting of the committee would be held on 12th September as the original date of 11th September had clashed with a HS2 meeting. The results of the questionnaire would then be analysed and presented.

It was resolved to note the information as presented.

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186.08/17 To Receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and the Community Support Worker

- **CSW**-report had been previously circulated.
- **Borough Councillors**-Mainly involved with HS2 issues-attended 4 residents properties and also public meetings in Woore and Madeley. Also involved in 2 planning related matters-there was some doubt as to the legality of the appeal for the properties on the Offley Arms as the local residents were not notified of the appeal-neither had borough councillors nor the Parish Council. There had been issues on College Fields re dog attack. There would also be a meeting with a person with disabilities who was experiencing issues with access to services due to poor pavements and lack of dropped kerbs.
- **County Councillor**- Cllr Northcott apologized for not attending in the past; He intended to attend on a bi-monthly basis. The Community Fund was now open for applications and closes in November. An application had been received from the local scouts for an arts based project. Potholes had been repaired in various locations. £5m had been set aside. However, £22bn would be needed to complete all repairs; MPC reiterated their concerns about the A525/A51 junction. Pavements were still an issue and no work had commenced. Cllr Northcott asked for the information to be passed to him again. Cll Whitmore had reported poor pavement by the Church. Re-surfacing work had been carried out in Hillwood Road. MPC stated again that the work on Bevan Place had been substandard and that Cllr Loades had been investigating the issue. Cllr Northcott advised the meeting

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that the Staffordshire Road Safety fund was open but the form was not very straight forward. The Health Watch Service was subject to a recommissioning process. Cllr Northcott had an “improvement role” in the new cabinet and was seeking input from a Parish Council perspective on the “My Staffs” App-what could be improved and what worked well. He had also attended a meeting in Whitmore about HS2 where they would be supporting an application for a long deep tunnel. **PN**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the information.

187.08/17 To consider Financial Matters

- a) The balance of £2,500 MPC Grant programme was noted- no applications were received.
- b) Application for funding from Madeley and District Community Association. (£1500) budgeted) the matter had been deferred from the last meeting for running costs to be identified prior approving the grant. The information had been previously circulated.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the application.

- c) Purchase of 5 GB external hard drive at a cost of £35.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of the hard drive.

- d) Payments, orders, receipts and transfers.

It was resolved to approve the payment schedule, orders, receipts and transfers as per Appendix A.

It was **further resolved** to allow the RFO to pay any grass cutting invoices from NBC for the usual amount that may be received in between meetings as there were several invoices outstanding from NBC.

- e) Bank Reconciliation Statement Appendix B and note the budget update.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the above information as previously circulated.

188.08/17 To note the delegated action taken by the Clerk re authorization of purchase of equipment for debribulator.

Replacement pads were needed for the equipment and the request to place an order from a 1st Responder responsible for its upkeep had been agreed with the Clerk and Chairman under delegated powers.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the delegated action.

189.08/17 Update on youth provision and activities.

- A plan and cost had been received from Hag for both Heath Row and Birch Dale play areas. A further quotation had been received from another company. However, no other company had submitted a quotation. It was agreed to formally present the proposal at the next meeting for agreement. The Clerk would need to seek permission from Aspire re installation of equipment

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in Birch Dale.

- Bower End Land for BMX-it was agreed that following consultation with young people and the fact that the ground conditions were unsuitable without extensive investment, that the Clerk needed to notify NBC that the land was no longer required for use as a BMX venue.

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RESOLVED to no longer pursue the land at Bower End Lane as a venue for a BMX site.

(Mrs. A Newman left the meeting at 8:15pm)

190.08/17 To consider a response to the PCC proposals re shared facilities with Staffordshire FARs.

The proposals had been circulated.

It was **RESOLVED** to reply that Madeley Parish Council would support any sharing of back office functions of the two services to protect frontline services.

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191.08/17 To consider a response the NBCs proposed additional measures re dogs and Public Protection Order.

The proposals had been previously circulated. Two changes were proposed; all dog owners had to carry waste disposal bags when walking their dogs; there would be a limit of six dogs per one walker.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the proposed changes.

192.08/17 To formally approve the response to the options appraisal re Joint Plan.

The draft had been previously circulated for comments. The final version had been submitted prior to the deadline of 22nd August.

It was **RESOLVED** to note and approve the submitted response.

193.08/17 To consider the response to the proposed cuts in subsidised bus travel by Staffordshire County Council.

(This item was tabled during County Councillor report.)

It was noted that some areas had started petitions to protect any cuts to subsidies. Reviews of all routes had been undertaken. The average cost per person is £19 and could no longer be sustained. It was noted that subsidies to D and G buses on Sundays, Bank Holidays and all buses after 18:10pm would lose the current subsidy. This could have implications for a continued service.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the option proposed by SCC to maintain as many subsidised routes across the county that could be resourced.

194.08/17 Heath Row and Birch Dale Play areas.

It was noted that the handyman had installed wooden strips to prevent finger traps on the climbing frame in Heath Row playing area as recommended by the playgrounds inspector.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the information.

195.08/17 Canadian Geese and proposed action plan for 2018.

Two proposals to reduce the numbers, with costs had been circulated by the Clerk. The RFO was asked to provide a projected increase for band D properties at the £6k per annum needed to progress the project.

RFO

It was resolved to proceed to a public meeting in mid- September to ask the public if they wished to control the numbers of Canadian Geese and if so, whether they would be happy with an increase in the precept to cover the costs.

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196.08/17 To consider speeding issues in the village.

- The statistics for Community speedwatch had been circulated by the Clerk and the Council confirmed that they wished to see all the statistics as they were issued.
- A public meeting had been held to look at proposals to reduce the speed of vehicles through the village. The Clerk had written to the PCC to ask for his support in principle to the proposals. A reply had been received. However, it only referred to funding streams the PC were already aware of.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve in principle any applications for external funding to tackle excessive speeding in the parish.

197.08/17 HS2 Update.

- There had been a number of information days and an extra had been accommodated in Madeley on 23rd August. Approximately 160 people had attended. The following information had been noted:
- Trucks will not now be going through School Lane, Onneley.
- There would be major disruption at Barr Hill. The A525 at Manor Road would be raised by 5 metres,
- There would be 24/7 work on the tunneling for 18 months.
- There would be a Burrow Pit near to Nethersett farm.
- No traffic would come through the village south of Barr Hill and use would be made of the old Silverdale rail line.
- The Longer tunnel option (LTO) starting at Whitmore and extending under Barr Hill was a preferred option to limit disruption. Petitioning was underway and the deadline was 30th September 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the Long Tunnel Option to limit the damage to the village as much as possible.

There had been an approach from a group in Yarnfield who were seeking to move the proposed railhead at Yarnfield to Madeley. The group had asked to come to MPC, Keele Borough Councillors and specific members of the HS2 action group committee, to explain their case. It was agreed this would be a sensible approach and a meeting had been set for Monday 11th September at 7:00pm.

198.08/17 Village Green Status-Heath Row Play area and fields.

The Clerk had circulated a briefing sheet re the process of the above .SCC had been asked whether 2 applications had to be submitted or one, as the land had two owners.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk apply to SCC to have the above land **Clerk** listed as a Village Green.

199.08/17 Madeley Rural Community Charity Trustees Report.

A report had been previously circulated.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the information.

200.08/17 Police Matters

No report was available.

201.08/17 Parish Appearances

- There still had been no update from Shelutions re aluminum **Clerk** sheets on Bevan Place bus shelter. Clerk to chase.
- Ownership of trees at 71 and 54 Hillwood was still unclear-Clerk investigating.
- Damaged stiles on public footpaths-a number had been reported and were still outstanding.
- Tree in culvert by Heath Wood-the response from NBC had been previously circulated to all councilors.

202.08/17 Councillors specific responsibilities.

- A report from Cllr A Davenport re Madeley Pool had been circulated. It was noted that there had been 137 Canadian Geese on the pool the previous week.
- Cllrs D Whitmore and Mrs. J Whitmore had attended an event at the Arboretum and a report had been circulated. It was noted that everything was been done to care for Madeleys War memorial but would perhaps benefit from an annual inspection.

203.08/17 Planning Applications

- 17/00639/FUL-15, Woodland Hills, Madeley-front replacement porch and garage conversion including alterations to front elevation.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/17/00639/>

- Madeley Parish Council had no objections to this application.

17/00635/FUL-Bar Hill Farm, Bar Hill-erection of new farm managers dwelling h

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/17/00635/>

Madeley Parish Council could find no material planning reasons to object to this application. However, it wished to note that they did have concerns about the increasing development and traffic movements in the Barr Hill area.

- 16/01034/FUL-Cricket Club, Station Rd, Onneley-retention of 3 storage containers large maintenance equipment

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/16/01034/>

Madeley Parish Council had no objections to this application.

- 17/00597/FUL-Hungerford House Farm, Hungerford Lane,-erection of cattle fee buildings.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle.staffs.gov.uk/onlineapplications/PLAN/1700597/FI>

Madeley Parish Council had no objections to this application.

204.08/17 Town and Country Planning

A report had been circulated by the Clerk.

Various updates had been received since the report had been circulated.

- A planning appeal had been lodged for 11, Woodside. The appeal was conducted by the Householder Appeals Service so no further comments could be submitted.
- 42, The Bridle Path had been approved.
- Hazeley Paddocks had been approved.

It was resolved that the information be received.

Two further matters were discussed under Town and Country planning.

a) Proposed Street Name-land off Station Road.

The proposed name was Redbrick Place.”

It was **RESOLVED** to support the name as proposed.

b) Notices (3) of Disposal of Community Asset-Offley Arms Public House.

Notice had been served from NBC re the above and an invitation to submit an expression of interest if MPC wished to do so. There was a six week deadline to express an interest. If placed, would introduce a six month moratorium on the disposal of the land.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit an expression of interest for all 3 sections of the land

205.08/17 Clerks Report

The majority of points had been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

It was resolved to receive the information.

206.08/17 Race, Equality and Crime and Disorder Statement for the meeting.

Councillors appreciated no decisions had been taken during the Meeting which were affected either by Race and Equality legislation, or by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

207.08/17 Councillors Planned Absences.

The clerk was informed of planned absences.

208.08/17 Next Regular Meeting.

THE NEXT MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON **Thursday 28th September 2017 at 7:00pm** at The Madeley Centre.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance, and there being no further business, closed the Meeting at 9:35pm.

Approved Payment Schedule

BACS/CHQ	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
bacs 75	Madeley and District Comm Asso	Donation	1500.00
bacs 76	Mrs C Withington	August salary inc 3.5hrs overtime FOI	294.37
bacs 77	Mrs C Withington	Office expenses Aug	23.68
bacs 78	Mrs J Simpson	Aug salary inc overtime	770.32
bacs 79	Mrs J Simpson	Office expenses Aug	167.55
bacs 80	Mrs D Burns	CSW invoice 19hrs	195.13
bacs 81	HMRC	Tax and NI Aug (99.88 less overpayment in July of £8)	91.88
bacs 82	Amy Taylor	Aug play area duties (July to August)	70.04
bacs 83	Lisa Pickerill	Aug play area duties (July to August)	70.04
bacs 84	JD Quick	Bus shelters cleaning August	175.00
bacs 85	Created Academy	Summer Holiday coaching	2700.00
bacs 86	Urban Vision	NP joint cost	132.30
bacs 87	Leycett Cricket Club	Summer Holiday venue	600.00
bacs 88	Steve Hough	Birchdale Play Fencing and gate	825.00
bacs 89	SPCA	Gd Cllr x 15	62.50
bacs 90	Nick Speakman	NP Website	60.00
		Monthly Total	7747.81

Signature

Date