

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on****Thursday 26th October 2017 at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley at 7:00pm****Present:**

Councillors: G. White, (Chairman,), D. Barnish, Mrs. A. Bourne, A. Davenport (part) A. Jones, (part) A. Rowley, Mrs D Rowley, Mrs. B. Ruscoe, Mrs. A. Newton, Mr. D Whitmore, Mrs. J Whitmore, Mrs H Wilde.

County Councillor P Northcott (part)

RFO-Mrs C Withington. (part)

Clerk-Mrs J Simpson

236.10/17 To receive apologies for absence.

Councillors, S. White

237.10/17 To receive Councillors declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the agenda.

None were declared.

238.10/17 Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

239.10/17 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the last regular meeting held on 28th September 2017.

The minutes from 28th September 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

240.10/17 To consider matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

241.10/17 Neighbourhood Plan for Madeley Parish.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2017 were noted.

242.10/17 To Receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and the Community Support Worker

- **CSW-** report had been previously circulated
- **Borough Councillors-**main work had focussed on engagement with enforcement officer at NBC re. damp conditions in privately rented accommodation. There had been some work with Highways-some work done on the pavement opposite the old post office and 2 dropped kerbs has been installed. A meeting had been held with an officer from NBC re installation of dog waste bins in Station Road, Moss Lane of damaged bin by Madeley Pool. NBC had agreed to install if they were purchased by MPC. The damaged litter bin by Madeley Pool also to be replaced. Small soil samples were required in Madeley Heath close to the recreation ground-this was due to Health and Safety obligations to check the condition of the old Marl hole. Cllr G White to forward e-mail to A Barnish for information.
- **County Councillor-**this item was taken at point 255.10/17 in the agenda when County Cllr Paul Northcott attended at 8:15pm

GW

The Baldwins Gate primary school consultation was noted.

A consultation re Library service would be launched in The New Year,

There had been approximately 249 highways carriageway complaints. Repairs had been carried out prior to the Winter weather,

There had been a proactive project with Trading Standards in a clamp down on illegal cigarettes.

Cllr Northcott had approved MPCs application for £1000 from the Community Fund and it was currently going through the internal processes.

There will be a draft pharmaceutical service assessment by NHS England. The aim was to scrutinize private provision that may be under performing and recognize any gaps in provision.

Move to Newcastle House delayed again.

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

243.10/17 To consider Financial Matters

a) The balance of £2,500 MPC Grant programme was noted-no applications received

b) Budget priorities for 2018-19

A draft budget had been circulated by the RFO for comment. There was discussion re cost of printing and circulating the newsletter. It was agreed to investigate potential of either combining newsletters and or distribution with another community group in the village.

There was a great deal of discussion re funding for youth activities as there was a projected underspend this financial year.

It was noted that it had been resolved earlier in the year to replace the slide in Birch Dale in 2018/19 financial year.

It was noted that underspends this financial year and an increase in income generation through external funding and donations, the reserves were in a healthy financial position and it would therefore be difficult to justify any increase in the precept in 2018/19

It was resolved that the RFO would circulate a further draft budget proposal for consideration and final approval at the November meeting to take to public consultation.

It was further resolved that consultation with the public would take place prior to the 7th December regular meeting so the final budget could be agreed at the meeting directly afterwards.

c) Payments, orders, receipts and transfers.

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

244.10/17 Highways and Rights of Way

The Council noted that there were 2 aspects to recent correspondence from SCC.

The first related to the launch of a website outlining the potential for Parish Councils to and volunteers to take on more of a role in lower level Parish appearance matters that SCC were unable to do in the future due to limited resources. This included grass cutting, footpath clearance, road sign cleaning etc. It was noted that more and more services would be expected from Parish Councils but with no corresponding funding resource.

The second related to a consultation re public footpaths. It was proposed to categorize paths in ABC status and SCC resources allocated accordingly. SCC were seeking local knowledge re categorization of footpaths within the local area. Madeley Parish footpaths were all proposed at B and C level.

It was resolved to note the information on the web site.

It was further resolved to consult with local walking groups re Clerk categorization of Madeley Parish Footpaths.

245.10/17 Baldwins Gate Primary School

It was noted that the proposed extension to the school and increase in pupil numbers was directly related to the housing developments in the Baldwins Gate/Whitmore area.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond to the consultation supporting Clerk the expansion of provision.

246.10/17 Youth Related Activities

There had been a previous discussion re planned activities in the budget agenda. The possibility of boxing sessions was raised. There was an enquiry as to whether any funding was available to support individuals. Cllr White to check with NBC. **GW**

The Clerk had e-mailed all councillors prior to the meeting re legal representation for the lease agreement with Aspire.

The Clerk had also submitted an application for funding from Community Fund to help towards the installation of the gym equipment at Heath Row.

It was resolved to confirm the delegated action of the Clerk re appointment of SCC to represent MPC re lease agreement with Aspire.

247.10/17 Heath Row and Birch Dale Play areas

It was noted that the damaged balance bar in Heath Row had been replaced.

249.10/17 Arrangements for Remembrance Day 2017

Mrs J Whitmore had sourced a bugler for 2017. It was noted that as it would be 100 years of the cessation of World War One in 2018, any arrangements would be needed to be planned early on.

It was resolved to agree the sum of £30 for a bugler.

249.10/17 Arrangements for Christmas 2017

The tree could be relocated from the Clerks garden but no cost had yet been forthcoming. The costs for the new lights would also have to be sought.

It was resolved to delegate the action to the Clerk and Chairman with a maximum budget of £1000 as outlined in delegated authority in the financial regulations.

**GW/
Clerk**

(Cllr A Davenport and RFO Mrs Withington left the meeting at 8:00pm)

250.10/17 Canadian Geese and proposed action plan for 2018.

The public meeting on 18th October had been attended by approximately 23 people. They had unanimously approved the control of the Canadian Geese. The Clerk had circulated a draft specification so a contractor could be appointed. It was agreed that the egg pricking and cull should take place but not to install the low level railing aimed at discouraging geese to leave the pool. It was also noted. That a 3rd quotation should be sought. Clerk to also ask whether it was feasible to have an earlier cull due to excessive numbers of geese returning to the pool at present.

The timeline was to tender the work; agreement of contractor at either November or December meeting. Appointment straight afterwards as egg lying commences March time.

It was resolved to approve the specification and timeline as proposed by the Clerk.

Clerk

251.10/17 HS2 Update.

Consultation had finished. Both NBC and SCC had responded and supported the Longer Deeper Tunnel (LDT) proposal.

Whitmore and Madeley action groups now formally merged. Cllr G White and Mr F Smith were joint chairmen.

The action group had requested a meeting with Bill Cash MP to ascertain his views on the LDT.

252.10/17 Madeley Rural Community Charity Trustees Report.

No meeting had been held. The AGM would take place once the accounts had been ratified.

253.10/17 Police matters

No report was available.

254.10/17 Parish Appearances

The earlier matter re dog waste bin in Station Road was considered.

It was resolved to purchase a dog waste bin in this location.

The poor state of All Saints Church car park was noted. Owned by NBC. Clerk to write to enquire if and when any resurfacing was likely to happen.

Clerk

The trees opposite The Old Swan were still causing issues. Clerk to chase the owners again for an update.

Clerk

Pavement from The Meadows School to the Monument was overgrown by a hedge and access difficult for people with buggies etc. Clerk to write to request that the obstruction is cleared.

Clerk

255.10/17 Councillor's specific responsibilities.

Madeley Pool-a report had been previously circulated.

Residents Association-100 children were expected at the Halloween party on 28th October at The Madeley centre. Also working with a vulnerable young man. The RA would be collecting cans of dog food for Christmas at Bucknall Dogs home. Also chasing Tesco to donate the now withdrawn baby beds as they make excellent dog baskets.

A. Jones left the meeting at 8:40pm

257.10/17 Town and Country Planning

- a) 17/00798/FUL-Offley Arms, Poolside, Madeley-erection of 3 dwellings and conversion of outbuilding to form 1 apartment.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/17/00798/FUL>

The Council originally objected to the application for the construction of three dwellings on this site. The application was also refused by Newcastle Borough Council. However, an appeal was upheld by the Planning Inspector. With that in mind, Madeley Parish Council are unable to object on any material planning grounds i.e. access to and from the proposed development. However, the Council would like to ensure that due consideration be given to vehicle access and movements and its close proximity to a building listed on the Community Asset register.

- b) 17/00821/FUL-The Old Swan, Swan bank-demolition of existing conservatory dining room-extension to form larger dining area.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/17/00821/FUL>

The Council had no objections to this application.

- c) 17/00840/FUL- Ridgehill Cottage Honeywall Lane Newcastle-under-Lyme- Demolition of the existing single storey rear extensions and proposed single and two storey rear extension.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/17/00840/FUL>

The Council had no objections to this application.

- d) 17/00838/FUL- Monument House Crewe Road Madeley Heath, Conversion of disused shop into a two bedroom flat

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/17/00838/FUL>

The Council had no objections to this application.

- 258.10/17** A report had been previously circulated by The Clerk.
The contents were noted and approval for annual leave granted.

Remembrance Day Parade, Newcastle 12th November-Cllrs G and S White will be attending.

Data protection briefing 21st November-Clerk to attend.

AGM National allotment and Leisure Gardeners 11th November-no one attending.

SPCA AGM 4th December-no one attending.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received.

261.10/17 Councillors Planned Absences.

The clerk was informed of planned absences.

Approved Payment Schedule October 2017

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
bacs 108	Grant Thornton	Audit fee (External)	360.00
bacs 110	Onneley Golf Club Junior	Grant (Celebration event Sept 18)	400.00
bacs 111	SLCC	RFO Conference costs October 2017 SLCC - add inv	7.50
bacs 112	Mrs C Withington	Oct salary	246.89
bacs 113	Mrs C Withington	Office expenses Oct	30.88
bacs 114	Mrs J Simpson	Oct salary inc overtime	770.32
bacs 115	Mrs J Simpson	Office expenses Oct	147.75
bacs 116	Mrs D Burns	CSW invoice (8 hours)	82.16
bacs 117	HMRC	Tax and NI Oct	88.08
bacs 118	Amy Taylor	Oct play area duties (Sept to Oct)	70.04
bacs 119	Lisa Pickerill	Oct play area duties (Sept to Oct)	70.04
bacs 120	JD Quick	Bus shelters cleaning Oct	175.00
bacs 121	Staffordshire County Council	Legal services Madeley Pool May June	216.00
bacs 122	Staffordshire County Council	Legal services Madeley Pool Aug Sept	93.60
		Monthly Total	2758.26

Signature

Date