

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on****Thursday 25th January 2018 at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley at 7:00pm****Present:**

Councillors: D. Whitmore, (Chairman) D. Barnish Mrs. A. Bourne, A. Davenport, A. Rowley, Mrs D Rowley, Mrs. B. Ruscoe, Mrs. J Whitmore,
 County Councillor P Northcott (part)
 Clerk-Mrs J Simpson
 RFO-Mrs C Withington (part)

- 01.01/18 To receive apologies for absence.**
 Councillors, A. Newton, G. White, S. White, H Wilde.
- 02.01/18 To receive Councillors declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the agenda.**
 None were declared.
- 03.01/18 Public Participation:**
 There were no members of the public present.
- 04.01/18 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the last regular meeting held on 7th December 2017.**
 The minutes from 7th December 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed.
- 05.01/18 To consider matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda**
 There were no matters arising.
- 06.01/18 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the EGM held on 4th January 2018**
 The minutes from 4th January 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed
- 07.01/18 To consider matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda.**
 There were no matters arising.
- 08.01/18 Neighbourhood Plan for Madeley Parish.**
 The closing date for questionnaires will be 31st January 2018 and the next committee meeting was scheduled for 5th March 2018.
- 09.01/18 To Receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and the Community Support Worker**
- **CSW-** report had been previously circulated
 - **Borough Councillors-**apologies had been received from Cllrs G and S White. However, Cllr Northcott informed the meeting there had been a change of administration in December 2017. An emergency Council meeting had been held to put in an investigative process for the suspended Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer. There would be a public consultation re draft joint plan of NBC and SOT from 1st February-1st March 2018. It had been noted that little notice had been taken of the emerging Neighbourhood Plans. NBC had set a draft budget for approval of

an increase of 2.7% in the Council Tax. The move to Castle House was now planned for April 2018 as Merrial Street needed to be vacated by May 2018.

Planning application for land adjacent to Rowley House would be heard at full planning committee.

- **County Councillor**-the Community Fund allocated to Cllr Northcott for 2017-18 had all been allocated. Madeley projects were Madeley White Star, Madeley and District Scouts and contribution to the installation of outdoor gym at Heath Row.

Work on the alleviation of flooding in Manor Road was scheduled to commence on 30th January 2018.

There was further consultation of the proposed extension of pupil numbers at Baldwins Gate primary school.

MPC asked Cllr Northcott if any work was likely to commence on the flooding outside of the One Stop. It was requested that it was reported again to SCC. It was also suggested that drains could be installed in the area and flow into Madeley Pool.

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

10.01/18 To consider Financial Matters

- a) The balance of £2,500 MPC Grant programme was noted and an application to support Onneley Village Hall with a contribution to the repair of the chimney stack was considered. There were no objections to the principle of funding support. However, the treasurer was asked to investigate the feasibility of an insurance claim as an alternative.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the sum of £300 for Onneley Village Hall if it was not possible for the committee to claim from the insurance company.

- b) Internal Auditor

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mrs. C Heelis as the internal auditor for year ending March 2018.

- c) External auditor

The change of auditor to Mazzars LLP was duly noted.

- d) HS2 Public notice.

A notice needed to be placed 10 clear days prior to any meeting of MPC that was scheduled to resolve to petition Parliament re HS2. A cost had been obtained from The Sentinel.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment for the advertisement.

It was **further RESOLVED** to reimburse the Clerk for payment £182.40 as soon as she had paid via credit card as MPC did not have the facility to pay by that method.

- e) Madeley Centre funding for landscaping.

The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

f) Deposit for Panto company.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve £120 deposit for the Panto company for Christmas 2018

g) External Inspection of Play areas.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of the annual inspection of the two playgrounds.

h) Payments, orders, receipts and transfers.

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

i) Bank reconciliation statement.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the bank reconciliation and budget update as in appendix B.

11.01/18 Youth Activities

An application for funding had been made by detached youth worker, SCC to support the work with young people in the Madeley Centre and provide activities during February half term. The funding would provide suitable room hire and also a trip to a trampolining session at Stone. The target age range is 11-17yrs. Support had come from the JOG in the past. MPC asked for an update of progress.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the sum of £600 to support youth activities as requested.

Birch Dale Gym equipment-an issue had occurred re the lease with Aspire for the area. SCC, legal had proposed certain land and utility searches that were expensive. It was recommended that the Clerk ask Legal what risks would be present if the searches were not carried out and what the priority was re paid searches.

Clerk

12.01/18 Review of Christmas 2017

The party of older people had been rescheduled to 25th March 2018. Disappointment had been expressed re the vandalism of the Christmas trees and lights and there was the possibility that MPC would have to consider whether to hold future Christmas events due to the issues. Article to be put into next Parish Council magazine.

13.01/18 Grass Cutting Contract 2018

There had been issues securing a contractor for the cutting of grass verges in 2018. Four contractors had been approached and only one quotation submitted, Which was way in excess of the proposed budget for 2018.

Cllr Mrs Bourne had another potential contractor that could be approached. It was agreed to pass it on to the Clerk.

AB

It was also agreed that the Clerk contact Glendales for a quotation.

Clerk

- 14.01/18 Response to Staffordshire County Council consultation re Library Service.**
Deferred to next meeting.
- 15.01/18 Rural Runabout**
Following the e-mail that Rural Runabout was to be discontinued. Cllr D Whitmore and the Clerk had met with the Chairman of Trustees. They were informed that finance was not the issue but a lack of usage by the local community was an issue. If this was to increase the service would continue. It was agreed to put an advert in the next Newsletter to raise awareness. It was noted that the local community did have problems booking the service due to there only being one contact and the need for a competent driver.
- 16.01/18 HS2**
A meeting had been held with representatives of, .MPC and the action group re petitioning process.
The bill was likely to be read in the House of Commons on 30th January and petitioning would then commence. The anticipated deadline would be 23rd-25th February. Clerk would prepare a draft petition and circulate prior to the next meeting in February for final approval and submission. **Clerk**
- 17.01/18 Madeley Rural Community Charity.**
The AGM of the charity was scheduled for the following Saturday
- 18.01/18 Police matters**
CI P Owen had been expected at the meeting. However, he did not attend.
There were now parking issues on Hillwood Drive and Morningside where double parking was making potential access for emergency vehicles very difficult. Clerk to ask police to investigate **Clerk**
- 19.10/18 Parish Appearances**
The trees opposite The Old Swan were proving to be a contentious issue for the owner and a TPO had been placed on the trees.
Hedges from the war memorial to The Meadows were still encroaching on the pavement as were the hedges from the Meadows to the public footpath. Clerk to write to owners. **Clerk**
The wall on the A53 after the motorway bridge heading towards Betley was looking unsafe. Clerk to report to dangerous structures. **Clerk**
Road outside the One Stop was still in very poor condition and needed repairing properly.
The trees from The Old Hall through to the Offley Arms were in need of inspection. Clerk to report to NBC **Clerk**
- 20.01/18 Madeley Pool**
A report had been previously circulated. The yellow grit bin was still in place. D Whitmore to ask Aspire if they will move it. **DW**
The dog waste bin was still in place but had no bottom in it. Clerk to report again. There was evidence that the gales had blown bins over and leaves **Clerk**

everywhere.

It was also noted that at the LAP meeting comments had been made about the development of the pool.

It was agreed that all stakeholders needed to be involved in improving the pool and an action plan to be put into place.

Agreed to include on the next agenda.

21.01/18 Planning Applications.

- a) . 17/01018/adv-One Stop Stores-2 X fascia signs, 2 X window graphics, 1 x Direct print sign, 1 x PETG frame and 3 x Poster frames.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/1701018/ADV>

The Council had no objections to the change in advertising to the front of the building. However, it objected to the extension of posters on the side of the building in Furnace Lane as it is not in keeping with the surrounding leafy environment and objects to the urbanisation of this lane.

- b) 17/01004/REM-Land adjacent to Rowley House, Moss Lane- Application for approval of reserved matters for Appearance, Layout and scale for the erection of 42 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/1701004/REM>

Council objected to the application on the following grounds:

1. The amount of 5 and 4 bedroom houses is disproportionately higher than affordable houses and bungalows, namely 28 of the 42 houses and with only 2 bungalows stated.
2. The larger 4 bedroom and 5 bedroom houses are planned along the boundary with properties on the Bridal Path and given the size and height of these this will cause a disruption to the outlook of the already existing properties on the Bridal Path. In particular plot number 29 and plots 23 to 28.
3. Tree screening, the developers are still vague about what trees might be planted and where. Given the proximity of the Bridle Path and other existing dwellings it is important the detail is given and found to be the most effective to mitigate the effects of the development.
4. Sewage and surface water disposal - there still remains considerable concern over the ability to effectively remove both the above given the nature and flow of the ground and standing water/drainage issues. This needs to be effectively mitigated to a professional's satisfaction by the developer and proposer. It is

relevant that the proposed development area was part of “The Moss” in medieval times and not used as agricultural or settlement land.

Whilst recognising that outline permission has already been granted, Madeley Parish Council still have grave concerns re the lack of sustainability for such a major development in Madeley i.e.

Increase in traffic on already narrow country roads also causing an increase in air pollution in the locale

Capacity in the local schools, and health providers.

- c) 17/01028/FUL-Lower Stoney House, Three Mile Lane-Application for a proposed Orangery/Roof terrace, external and internal alterations and essential conservation fabric repairs.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/1701028/FUL>

The Council had no objections to this application

- d) 17/01028/FUL-Lower Stoney House, Three Mile Lane-Application for a proposed Orangery/Roof terrace, external and internal alterations and essential conservation fabric repairs.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/1701029/LBC>

The Council had no objections to this application

22.01/18 Planning Matters

The Clerk had received 2 requests for consultation just prior to the meeting. Clerk to ask for an extension for comments and circulate to all councillors for comments.

Clerk

23.01/18 Clerks Report

This had been previously circulated. The application for leave was approved.

.A request had been made from the Community Council re Britain in Bloom 2018.

It was **RESOLVED** not to take part in 2018 but to concentrate on the Pool action plan.

24.01/18 Race, Equality and Crime Statement

The Council recognized that it had discussed matters of crime and disorder.

25.01/18 Councillors Planned absence.

To be notified to the Clerk

26.01/18 Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of the Parish Council

The Clerk advised the Council that as it was an election year the AGM meeting of the Parish Council would need to be changed to comply with legislation. The April annual Parish meeting will be held in April.

27.01/18 Date, place and time of next meeting

The next regular meeting of Madeley Parish Council will be held on Thursday 22nd February 2018, 7:00pm, Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance, and there being no further business, closed the Meeting at 8:55pm

Approved Payments Schedule Jan 2018

| Council Powers | BACS/CHEQUE | TO WHOM PAID | DETAILS | Total inc VAT |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------|
| PHA 1875 s 164 and | bacs 156 | Elmside Garden | Rock garden maintenance PAID | 450.00 |
| s145 LGA 1972 | bacs 160 | Tree Brothers | Xmas tree removal and delivery PAID corrected fig to include vat | 516.00 |
| s145 LGA 1972 | bacs 163 | Jill Whitmore | Selection boxes etc - Kids party PAID | 171.00 |
| Localism Act 11 | bacs 164 | Keele Students Union | NP Envelopes and questionnaires printing | 1523.14 |
| Localism Act 11 | bacs 165 | Urban Vision | NP consultancy | 3600.00 |
| Localism Act 11 | bacs 166 | Nick Speakman | Banners PAID | 80.99 |
| Localism Act 11 | bacs 167 | Groundworks UK | Refunded Nplan Grant PAID | 493.50 |
| s4(1) LG(MP)A 1953 | bacs 168 | JD Quick | Bus shelter second clean due to ASB PAID | 175.00 |
| S151/S112 LGA 1972 | bacs 169 | Mrs C Withington | Jan salary | 246.69 |
| S111/133 LGA 72 | bacs 170 | Mrs C Withington | Office expenses Jan | 38.08 |
| S112 LGA 1972 | bacs 171 | Mrs J Simpson | Jan salary | 770.32 |
| S111/133 LGA 72 | bacs 172 | Mrs J Simpson | Office expenses Jan | 127.95 |
| Local Government (Fi | bacs 173 | HMRC | Tax and NI Jan | 88.28 |
| PHA 1875 s 164 and | bacs 174 | Amy Taylor | Jan play area duties (Dec to Jan) | 70.04 |
| PHA 1875 s 164 and | bacs 175 | Lisa Pickerill | Jan play area duties (Dec to Jan) | 70.04 |
| s4(1) LG(MP)A 1953 | bacs 176 | JD Quick | Bus shelters cleaning Jan | 175.00 |
| S111/133 LGA 72 | bacs 177 | AM Leafleting & Distribution Ltd | Delivery of newsletter | 125.00 |
| s137 LGA | bacs 178 | Elmside Garden | Cenotaph Memorial garden planting | 150.00 |
| S111/133 LGA 72 | bacs 179 | Mrs D Burns | CSW 13 hours | 133.51 |
| S111/133 LGA 72 | bacs 180 | Eurooffice | toner JS | 71.93 |
| S111/133 LGA 72 | bacs 181 | stoke Sentinel | HS2 advert | 182.40 |
| s145 LGA 1972 | bacs 182 | NBC | Fishing Licence for Madeley Pool | 231.60 |
| | | | Monthly Total | 9490.47 |

Signature

Date