

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on
Thursday 22nd February 2018 at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley at
7:00pm

Present:

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

28.02/18 To receive apologies for absence.
 Councillors, H Wilde.

29.02/18 To receive Councillors declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the agenda.

None were declared.

30.02/18 Public Participation:

There were two members of the public present from Lea Court who raised the following concerns:

- The pavement when exiting The Madeley centre and turning right into New Road had a dangerous camber for those who used mobility scooters. It meant that they were forced over the pavement towards the road and oncoming traffic. The parishioners did not feel safe and as a result one no longer accessed the shops in the village. It was agreed that the clerk report the issue and request a pavement inspection.
- The grit bins in the vicinity had not been filled. Clerk to request the refilling.

Clerk

Clerk

31.02/18 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the last regular meeting held on 25th January 2018

The minutes from 25th January 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

32.02/18 To consider matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

33.02/18 Neighbourhood Plan for Madeley Parish.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for 5th March 2018.

There had been over 600 completed returns to the NP questionnaire.

33.02/18 To Receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and the Community Support Worker

- **CSW-** no report had been received.
- **Borough Councillors-**working on a Community Clear up-scheduled for 16th and 17th March. The Friday would see Madeley High, Streetscene and cleansing vehicle involved. The Saturday comprised Community Payback teams, scouts, beavers, cubs,

police and dog wardens present. The base would be The Old Hall and the events would happen between 11am-4pm.

There have been further issues with some landlords and damp in properties. Still chasing action on Manor Road that should have commenced 29th January.

It was noted that NBC would now be submitting a petition to Parliament re HS2. Clerk to send Cllr Northcott MPCs submission. **Clerk**

- **County Councillor**-(this item was taken agenda item 41.02/18)
Cllr Northcott was also chasing SCC who were chasing British Rail re the work on Manor Road and why it had not commenced.

County Council budget was under immense pressure due to responsibility for Looked After Children as well as the Social Care budget been under great strain. The County Council were looking at a 5.99% increase in the precept.

Connect Staffordshire was looking at more effective methods of communicating with partners. Also looking at VFM and how items are procured as there was a disparity between the costs for different customers for the same product.

The scrutiny panel for health would also be looking to scrutinise mental health services.

It was noted that a date needed to be set for Cllr P Northcott to meet with members of the public affected by the loss of the D and G bus routes. **PN/GW**

34.02/18 To consider Financial Matters

a) The balance of £1800 MPC Grant programme was noted. Following the last meeting, the treasurer of Onneley Village Hall investigated the feasibility of using insurance to claim for the repair of the chimney as an alternative to grant funding. This proved to be negative. It was therefore noted that following approval in principle at the last meeting the grant had been issued to Onneley Village Hall.

b) Madeley Centre application funding for landscaping.

The matter had been deferred from the last next meeting. The manager had given her apologies and also supplied a breakdown of expenditure re landscaping cost.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant of £4,000 for landscaping and maintenance of the Madeley centre grounds.

c) HS2 petition cost.

There was a cost of £20 that needed to be sent to Parliament on submission of the petition from Madeley Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of £20 for the HS2 petitioning process.

d) Room hire costs for the Carers Hub.

The support of carers and how that tied in with the agreed action plan for MPC and its role in supporting Madeley as a Dementia Friendly village was discussed.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of room hire for the

monthly meetings of the carer's hub at The Madeley centre.

e). Payment of professional legal services for the HS2 petitioning process-reserves had been set aside for HS2 action group and it was considered more cost effective for the Parish Council to pay the legal costs directly.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of professional legal services for the HS2 petitioning process.

e) Payments, orders, receipts and transfers.

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

f) Bank reconciliation statement.

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

35.02/18 **Grass Cutting Contract 2018.**

The Clerk reviewed the returned contracts to date and had circulated the information prior to the meeting.

The Clerk had confirmed that the contract was for cut and collect and not cut and drop.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Glendales as the grass cutting contractor for 2018.

36.02/18 **Review of Swing Security Supervisor Rates.**

The Council reviewed the current payment.

It was **RESOLVED** to keep the rates of payment for 2018 the same as in 2017.

37.02/18 **GDPR Service Level Agreement.**

Information on the proposed SLA with Staffordshire County Council had been previously sent to the Clerk from SPCA and circulated to all councillors. It was agreed that at present the most appropriate tier of agreement for MPC was tier 2. However this could be reviewed in 12 months time. It was further noted that a Gap Analysis was mandatory prior to signing up to the process.

It was **RESOLVED** to enter into a service level agreement through SPCA and approve the cost of both the Gap Analysis and membership of tier 2.

38.02/18 **Youth Activities**

Legal Search Fee Costs-Birch Dale play area.

After the last meeting the Clerk had returned to SCC legal section and enquired what the consequences of not carrying out the searches were prior to entering into a lease agreement with Aspire. The advice had been circulated to all councilors prior to the meeting. It was also the view of the Clerk that it would be an unacceptable risk not to carry out the searches because if something was to happen and due care had not been taken it was unlikely to be subject to an

insurance payout.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment for the searches associated with the lease with Aspire.

Heath Row Issues.

It was noted that the land on which the play area was located belonged to NBC and not MPC. As a result the portfolio holder at NBC had approved the siting of the outdoor gym equipment and as such, the layout would not be as cramped together as originally envisaged.

Installation to commence shortly.

39.02/18 Proposed Installation of CCTV in Greyhound Court.

Following the increase in ASB in the area Cllr G White and S White had been working with NBC and partners to try and resolve the issue. One solution could be the installation of CCTV to cover the Greyhound Court/New Road bus shelter area. The same security company also supplies all of the equipment on the ASB van that goes to hotspots to tackle ASB. Cllr G White asked whether the Council would like further information on the potential installation of 4 cameras that could have information downloaded onto a PC via a sim card. It was noted that the quality of footage was essential and that perhaps the local businesses in Greyhound Court may wish to make a contribution. There was also the possibility of funding from PCCO.

It was agreed that further information was needed and that it would be brought to the March meeting for further consideration. **GW**

40.02/18 Response to Staffordshire County Council consultation re Library Service.

Deferred to March meeting. Clerk to formulate a draft letter response for approval and submission. **Clerk**

41.02/18 HS2.

It was agreed that Madeley Parish Council would submit a petition to Parliament at this stage as per legislative timetable.

- a.) It was **RESOLVED** that in the judgement of Madeley Parish Council it is expedient for it to oppose the High Speed Rail (West Midlands-Crewe) Bill introduced in the 2017-19 session of parliament.
- b.) It was further **RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Council takes all the necessary steps to carry the above resolution into effect.
- c.) It was further **RESOLVED** that the primary petitioning matters be endorsed:
 - The sheer number and size of the massive infrastructures currently planned for our Parish, which will wreak total devastation upon it.
 - The very high level of construction vehicle movements which the construction will generate, swamping our local network, which is totally inadequate to deal with it during a period of several years.
- d.) It was further **RESOLVED** that the Chairman of Madeley Parish Council appear before the Parliamentary Select Committee to petition on the Councils behalf.
- e.) The draft wording of the petition had been previously circulated

and it was read out by the Chairman at the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the wording of the petition for submission to Parliament by the Clerk.

All of the above resolutions were voted for unanimously by all 11 councillors present at the meeting. Thus the percentage vote in favour of the whole council equates to 84.62%

42.02/18 Madeley Rural Community Charity.

- a.) Nominations were requested for a representative of the Parish Council to be a trustee on the above charity as a major stakeholder. No nominations were forthcoming. Everyone to investigate potential volunteers for this role. **All**
- b.) The AGM of the charity had been held on the previous Saturday and a new board was now in place.

43.02/18 Police matters

Following the ASB and damage to the bus shelter over the Christmas period, Cllrs G and S White had attended the Joint Operations Group (JOG) and as a result Madeley was noted as a hot spot for ASB. There had been more activity within the village from youth workers.

44.02/18 Parish Appearances

The Clerk had approached the handyman with a view to him cleaning highways directional signs and street signs. He estimated 3 days work. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the handyman to carry out the notice works.

The pavement from the Evening Spice going towards the Old Hall was a trip hazard and needed to be reported. **Clerk**

It was noted that the mileage signs also needed to be repainted.

The hedges from The Meadows to the public footpath needed to be cut back as there had been complaints from pedestrians using the pavements. **Clerk**

Two benches in Madeley Heath were in need of repair/replacement. Clerk to ask handyman if he could carry out the work. **Clerk**

Concern had been expressed that there were speeding issues on Hillwood Road. Clerk to contact PCSO Hodgkinson **Clerk**

(Cllr D Barnish left at 9:00pm)

(Cllr A Rowley left the meeting at 9:05pm)

45.02/18 Madeley Pool

A report had been previously circulated. The yellow grit bin had been removed following the request from Cllr D Whitmore to Aspire.

There were issues with trees by the river Lea. However, it was noted that this was to be tackled on the Community clean up day.

It was confirmed that the only people with the power to ask members to show their fishing permit was bailiffs nominated by Madeley Fishing Club.

It was agreed that a working party was needed to be re energise the Madeley pool project and prepare a list of priorities with associated action plan.

It was **RESOLVED** that a working group of Cllrs D. Whitmore, A. Davenport and A. Rowley be formed to take the project further. **DW/AD /AR**

Residents Association.

The RA were supporting the cleanup day and forthcoming health awareness day

46.02/18 Planning Applications.

- 18/0042/FUL-Sandon, New Road, Madeley-erection of 2 two-storey semi detached dwellings.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/1800042/FUL>

No objections.

- 18/00113/FUL-Highfield Watering Trough Bank-erection of 2-storey side extension.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/1800113/FUL>

No objections

- 18/00136/counot-Hungerford House Farm-change of use of agricultural building to residential

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/1800136/COUNOT>

no objections.

47.02/18 .Response to Joint Local Plan Preferred Options Proposals.

A draft response had been prepared by some of the members the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee and had been circulated.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the response as previously circulated.

48.02/18 Clerks Report

This had been previously circulated and no further comments were noted.

49.02/18 Race, Equality and Crime Statement

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

50.02/18 Councillors Planned absence.

To be notified to the Clerk

51.02/18 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to hold the annual parish meeting immediately prior to the regular meeting in April on 26th to commence at 6:30pm.

52.02/18 Date, place and time of next meeting

The next regular meeting of Madeley Parish Council will be held on Thursday 22nd March 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 9:15pm

Payment Schedule February 2018

BACS/CHQ	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
bacs 183	Onneley Village Hall	Grant towards chimney repair PAID	300.00
bacs 184	Mrs C Withington	Feb salary	246.89
bacs 185	Mrs C Withington	Office expenses Feb	16.48
bacs 186	Mrs J Simpson	Feb salary	770.32
bacs 187	Mrs J Simpson	Office expenses Feb	157.65
bacs 188	HMRC	Tax and NI Feb	88.08
bacs 189	Amy Taylor	Feb play area duties (Jan to Feb)	70.04
bacs 190	Lisa Pickerill	Feb play area duties (Jan to Feb)	70.04
bacs 191	JD Quick	Bus shelters cleaning Feb	175.00
bacs 192a	The Madeley Centre	Room hire 7th Nov and 23rd Nov	54.00
bacs 192	The Madeley Centre	Grant towards maintenance	4000.00
bacs 193	The Madeley Centre	Room hire invoices July to Oct 17	281.50
bacs 194	The Madeley Centre	Carers Hub 6th Dec room hire	24.00
bacs 195	The Madeley Centre	Carers Hub 1st Nov room hire	24.00
bacs 196	The Madeley Centre	Music for mems July Sept Oct	108.00
bacs 197	The Madeley Centre	Carers Hub July Aug Sept	72.00
bacs 198	The Madeley Centre	Room Hire Invoices Dec (inc Panto)	112.00
bacs 196	Trustees of Crewe Monument	Rent for Manor Road	25.00
bacs 199	The Panto company UK Ltd	Deposit for Xmas 2018 PAID	120.00
			0.00
		Monthly Total	6715.00

Signature

Date