

**MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on****Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley at 7:00pm****Present:****Councillors:** G. White (Chairman), D. Barnish, Mrs. A. Bourne, A. Davenport, , Mrs D Rowley, Mrs. B. Ruscoe, D. Whitmore.

County Councillor P Northcott (part)

Clerk-Mrs J Simpson

RFO-Mrs C Withington (part)

**53.03/18 To receive apologies for absence.**

Councillors, A. Newton, A. Rowley S. White, Mrs. J Whitmore H Wilde.

**54.03/18 To receive Councillors declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the agenda.**

None were declared.

**55.03/18 Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present.

**56.03/18 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the last regular meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.**The minutes from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed.**57.03/18 To consider matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda**

Hedges Newcastle Road-the Clerk had spoken with the owner of the Holly Hedge and she had agreed to trim it back further. However, the valid point had been made that the pavement was further narrowed due to vehicles parking half on and half off during school pick up and drop off sessions, often restricting access to the owners' property.

The hedges below the Meadows had been reported to SCC as it related to a buildup of detritus rather than overgrown hedges. SCC had closed the job stating no action required. Clerk to contact Rob Steele to further look at the issue.

Parking on Hillwood Road-the Clerk had circulated the response from the local PCSO with the reassurance to Parishioners that the issue would be kept under review by the local police.

Removal of D and G bus service-a meeting had been held with SCC, local residents and D and G buses. Four residents attended-two were from Betley Parish. The main issue was the early morning Madeley to Crew bus taking people to work. The annual subsidy cost would be £3,700 to accommodate five-six people. MPC had previously written to other adjoining Councils to enquire whether there was any possibility of sharing the subsidy cost. However, no funding had been forthcoming. The decision not to fund the subsidy had already been taken by Madeley Parish Council at an earlier meeting and MPC agreed that it had been the correct decision based on cost grounds and usage.

**Clerk****58.03/18 Financial Matters**

a.) Grant Applications.

Madeley Tidy Group had applied for £800 to cover annual operating cost-insurance, PPE. Last year there were 104 hours of litter picking and 150 hours of gardening.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £1000 to the tidy group.

Betley, Keele and Madeley LAP had applied for £500 towards the running costs of a Health Day on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 where 26 partner agencies were already involved and committed to the day.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £500 to Betley, Keele and Madeley Health event.

b.) Legal Costs for HS2 barrister for the petitioning process-a proposal had been circulated whereby the costs for a junior barrister would be apportioned between Whitmore and Madeley Parish Councils to appoint a junior barrister to present the case to the select committee now scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of £3000 towards the legal expenses of appointing a junior barrister for petitioning the select committee in Parliament re HS2 – using General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011).

c.) Payments, Orders, Receipts and Transfers-in addition to those presented in the schedule the following were also approved:

Royal Mail Postage £176.39 + £4.44: Carers Hub for February £24: Hags outdoor fitness equipment £7805.35+VAT

The bank reconciliation statement was noted as was the budget situation which showed an estimated £19,821 underspend against the income, however this did not include this months invoices.

**059.03/18 Police matters.** (This agenda item was split across the meeting and remainder noted at 070.03/18.)

a.) CCTV-Mr. Mood attended the Parish Council meeting and delivered a comprehensive presentation on the feasibility of CCTV in Greyhound Court. The proposal was for 4 cameras. It was noted that permission would be needed from the owners of the lamp posts and installation of one power point. Councillors were shown the clarity of picture taken both in the day time and the evening.

It was agreed to look at the proposal in greater depth at the next meeting

**Next Meeting**

**060.03/18 Neighbourhood Plan for Madeley Parish.**

a.) There had been a good response rate to the Community questionnaire-40% of households had submitted a response.

The next meeting was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm.

b.) The draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> March were noted.

**061.03/18 To Receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and the Community Support Worker**

a.) **CSW-** report had been previously circulated.

b.) **Borough Councillors-**it was noted that Purdah was scheduled to commence on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

G. White and S. White had organised a two day clean up of the

village working with the Borough Council, Aspire, Madeley High School, Madeley Tidy group and the Probation Service. Five days of tree works had been carried out with some of the logs left in place. The improvement was very noticeable and it was agreed to repeat the process on an annual basis.

Speed Awareness campaign was scheduled to commence from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March involving the local schools, community speed watch, and FARs. The initiative had been funded by PCCO.

Heath event scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> April now had many stall holders and partners committed to the day in The Madeley Centre.

#### **c.) County Councillor**

The 30 hours free childcare had been reviewed by SCC and deemed to be a success with positive feedback received.

92.5% of applications to first choice schools had been achieved-deadline 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Potholes-281 repairs had been completed and 267 new reports received.

No update on Manor Road flooding issues-pressure for action remains.

Full Council had agreed that proposed planning reforms did not go far enough and there needed to be more involvement with partners at district level.

A Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) partnership had been formed comprising PCCO/NBC/SCC and police to encourage the reporting of the issue to try and break the cycle of abuse. Telephone 01782-237106 to report any concerns or website [www.noaboutcse.org.uk](http://www.noaboutcse.org.uk)

The Community Support Fund for HS2 could only receive applications from groups and not individuals. Cllr Northcott to clarify if the fund could be used for travelling expenses.

It was noted that the SIFT had been published and no stakeholders had been made aware from HS2.

### **062.03/18 Youth Activities**

a.) Heath Row outdoor gym equipment-this had now been installed and was operational. There had been some positive feedback from local residents. Everyone was thanked for their contribution in achieving the project.

b.) Birch Dale-the land searches had been completed and circulated to all councilors with the recommendation that the lease be signed with Aspire subject to the payment of the legal clause been satisfactory.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed to signing the lease with Aspire,

It was agreed to look at further youth activities in the Spring. It was noted that youth activities were still taking place on a Wednesday evening at The Madeley Centre. The local police were still keen to locate a youth shelter in the village and were exploring a suitable site.

**063.03/18 HS2 Update.**

The majority of the update had been covered in agenda items 061.03/18 c (County Council report) and 058.03/18 b. (Financial report).

It was noted with some disappointment that the majority of individual petitioners were not been permitted to petition in person as many of the issues and proposed resolutions were covered in Madeley Parish Council and Whitmore Parish Council petition applications.

The Madeley/Whitmore Action group were scheduled to appear as witnesses for MPC at the select committee.

**064.03/18 Response to Staffordshire County Council consultation re Library Service.**

The Parish Council supported the introduction of self service technology to extend opening hours subject to the safety and security of library staff. It would support the extension of further community managed and delivered libraries if that was the only option to keep a specific service point open. The Council noted that the travelling library would remain operational in Madeley and supports this service. However, it expressed disappointment that some other rural areas would experience cuts and notes that it is a further service withdrawn from rural areas.

**065.03/18 Heath Row parking issues and speed in Hillwood Road,**

The matter had been reported to the PCSO and his reply had been circulated to all councillors. There was reassurance from the police that the situation would be monitored.

**066.03/18 Madeley Rural Community Charity.**

It was noted that the AGM of the charity had been held and a new Chairman of Trustees had been appointed. There was still no nominated trustee from the Parish Council.

**067.03/18 Birch Dale Play Area.**

There had been long standing issues with the gate at Birch Dale. Mr S Hough had supplied a quotation of £60 for a potential solution. It was noted that there were no guarantees that it would be successful. However, the alternative was to purchase a complete replacement gate in the region of £1000.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the repair of Birch Dale gate as per quotation.

**068.03/18 Litter and Dog Waste Enforcement.**

It was suggested that there could be a possibility of "buying in" to a specific number of enforcement officers time from NBC so enforcement could take place in hotspot areas of the Parish.

It was **RESOLVED** to further investigate the option.

**Clerk**

**069.03/18 Local Elections Update**

It was noted that all out elections for both the parishes and the wards in the Borough would take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. The current District Ward for Madeley would be increasing to accommodate parts of Betley, Wrinehill and Balterley. The total number of District Councillors would be reduced from 66 to 44.

The Clerk had collected application forms for all parish councillors who needed them and they were distributed prior to the regular meeting. A timetable of notices etc had been circulated by the Clerk. It was noted that the completed forms could be given to the Clerk for delivery to NBC, The forms would need to be delivered to the Clerk at 10am on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at The Madeley Centre. Otherwise Councillors to deliver their own forms to NBC.

**All****Police Matters-split agenda item (See also 059.03/18)**

- 070.03/18** b.) Speed Awareness event-this had already been discussed at item 059.03/18 (b).  
c.) It was noted that there had been a serious burglary in the Bar Hill area whilst the property was occupied.

**071.03/18 Parish Appearances.**

Community Clean Up days-this had already been discussed under item 059.03/18 (b).

The question of locating the Christmas Tree for 2018 was raised and it was suggested that perhaps Madeley Heath would be a better venue. It was agreed to place on April's agenda.

**Next agenda****072.03/18 Councillors Feedback.**

- a.) Madeley Pool-Cllr Davenport had sent a pool report to the Clerk but unfortunately due to e-mail issues the Clerk had not received it. Cllr D Whitmore was thanked for getting the yellow eyesore grit bin removed and Cllrs G. White and S. White were thanked for organizing the cleanup day. The Pool and the surrounding area looked greatly improved. The Clerk updated the meeting re Canadian Geese control. The contractor had visited twice during the last fortnight and counted 6 nesting pairs of geese capable of producing up to 50 young in total. Action would commence shortly to control the numbers.
- b.) Residents Association-deferred to next meeting.
- c.) LAP-Cllrs G and S White attended-the focus was on the preparation of the Health Day.

**073.03/18 Planning Applications.**

18/00120/OUT-Roeburndale. Leycett Lane-proposed detached bungalow (with some matters reserved).

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00120/OUT>

There were no objections to this application.

18/00203/FUL-Sunnybank, Leycett Lane, Leycett-single storey rear extension to form entrance, utility room and double garage.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online->

applications/PLAN/18/00203/FUL

There were no objections to this application

**074.03/18 Planning Matters**

The Clerk had circulated the report prior to the meeting.

**075.03/18 Clerks Report**

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and the contents were noted.

**076.03/18 Race, Equality and Crime Statement**

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

**077.03/18 Councillors Planned absence.**

To be notified to the Clerk

**078.03/18 The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council would need to be changed to comply with electoral legislation. The May Annual Parish Council meeting would therefore be held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, The regular meeting for May would follow directly afterwards.**

**079.03/18 Date, place and time of next meeting**

The next regular meeting of Madeley Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, to start directly after the Annual Meeting of the Parish scheduled to commence at 6:30pm**, 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 Payment Schedule – March 2018

DATE	BACS/CHQ	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
22/03/2018	bacs 197a	Royal Mail Group Ltd	Pre paid Nplan returns	176.39
22/03/2018	bacs 201a	Mrs C Withington	March salary	246.69
22/03/2018	bacs 202a	Mrs C Withington	Office expenses March	30.88
22/03/2018	bacs 203	Mrs J Simpson	March salary	770.32
22/03/2018	bacs 204	Mrs J Simpson	Office expenses March	160.35
22/03/2018	bacs 205	HMRC	Tax and NI March	88.28
22/03/2018	bacs 206	Amy Taylor	March play area duties (Feb to march)	70.04
22/03/2018	bacs 207	Lisa Pickerill	March play area duties (Feb to march)	70.04
22/03/2018	bacs 208	JD Quick	Bus shelters cleaning March	175.00
22/03/2018	bacs 209	Mrs D Burns	CSW Feb and march Hours 19 @ £10.27	195.13
22/03/2018	bacs 210	BKM LAP	Health day funding £500 Grant	500.00
22/03/2018	bacs 211	CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00
22/03/2018	bacs 212	Parliament UK	HS2 petition PAID	20.00
22/03/2018	bacs 213	Madeley Tidy Group	Grant	1000.00
22/03/2018	bacs 214	HMRC	Unpayment for Month 5	8.00
22/03/2018	bacs 215	Staffordshire County Council	Legal fees Birchdale	648.00
22/03/2018	bacs 216	Madeley Centre	Room hire (Various)	160.00
22/03/2018	bacs 217	SPCA	Subscription 2018/19	0.00
22/03/2018	bacs 218	Royal Mail Group Ltd	NP reply service March	4.44
22/03/2018	bacs 219	Madeley Centre	Carers Hub Feb	24.00
To be approved April	bacs 220	SPCA	Subs 18/19	532.00
To be approved April	bacs 221	Reach	Older persons entertainment	200.00
22/03/2018			<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>5115.56</b>

Signature

Date