

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held virtually via zoom on
Thursday 6th August 2020 at 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors: D. Whitmore, **DW** (Chairman), D. Barnish **DB**, P. Carnall **PC**, C. Hopkin, **CH**, Ms D Riley, **DR**, A. Rowley, **AR**, Mrs. B Ruscoe **BR**, J. Stephenson, **JSt**, S. White, **SW**, Mrs. J Whitmore, **JW**.

County Councillor: P Northcott **PN** (part).

Clerk- Mrs. J. Simpson.

122.08/20 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors A. Davenport **AD** G. White **GW**
RFO-Mrs C Withington.

The resignation of Nigel Orme was also noted and he was thanked for his hard work for the Parish Council.

123.08/20 Pecuniary Interests of councillors.

No interests were declared.

124.08/20. Public Participation.

There were no members of the public present.

125.08/20 *It was **resolved** at this point to take agenda item 11. Madeley White Star.*

The Chairman welcomed the Chairman of Madeley White Star to the meeting.

- a. It was **resolved** to approve the draft letter of support as previously circulated by the Clerk.
- b. It was **further resolved** to approve the plans as previously circulated as approved to go forward to obtain planning permission.
- c. It was **further resolved** to approve the proposed green 2m high palisade fencing to be installed in front of the present hedge.
- d. It was noted that there had been some delay in the progress of the lease. However, this would now proceed through the legal process.

126.08/20 *It was **resolved** at this point to take agenda item 8b-Application for funding from Madeley White Star.*

An application for £300 had been received to fund junior end of year medals. No face to face presentation had taken place. It was noted that the medals had already been purchased. The Clerk was to check whether retrospective funding was permissible.

It was **resolved** to approve in principle the grant of £300 subject to confirmation of retrospective payment.

The Chairman of Madeley White Star thanked the Parish Council for their support over the years and he left the meeting.

127.08/20. Minutes of the last regular meeting.

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held virtually on Thursday 2nd July 2020 and to sign at a later date.

128.08/20. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

129.08/20. Covid-19 Taskforce Update.

Demand had decreased with JSt helping 2 people with food. It had been suggested that the volunteers be thanked with a token gift. **Action:** Clerk to check whether Parish Council Funds could be used.

130.08/20 Borough and County Councillor Updates.

a. Borough.

- SW would circulate a report via the Clerk. **Action: SW**

b. County.

- There had been a change of leadership in SCC following the retirement of Cllr Atkins.
- PN had taken on the role of Community Cabinet Support representing the Borough.
- Some drains in Madeley had been checked and photographic evidence sent to PN. It was noted that finance would only permit unblocking of drains and gulleys and not the widening of them.
- Pavements will be done in Madeley.
- Schools capitol budget had been approved for 2020-21
- SCC had a 3 month supply of PPE-masks gloves etc. These could be accessed free of charge to people who were working in the community.
- A Covid 19 support fund was available to community groups who helped during the crisis on a daily basis-no match funding was necessary.
- PN had supported SAFA and the scouts using this funding.
- There were now 47% of people working from home compared to 5% pre covid.
- 33% people had missed hospital appointments during the crisis.
- Repairs had been carried out twice in Bower End Road but not likely to last very long.

PN was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.

131.08/20. Financial Matters.

- a. External Auditors Report-the comment relating to the high level of unmarked reserves was noted as was the recommendation that they should be earmarked for a specific purpose. It was agreed to look at this as a separate agenda item with the RFO at the September meeting.
- b. Grant Applications-this was discussed and resolved at 124.08/20 above.
- c. It was **resolved** to approve the cost of £30 (75% of cost) for training for the Clerk on writing accessible documents.
- d. It was **further resolved** to approve the attendance of PC on the Councillors Fundamentals Course at a cost of £25.
- e. It was **resolved** to approve the cost of a laptop for the Clerk to a maximum of £350.

- f. It was **resolved** to approve the further £650 legal fees to progress the MWS lease.
- g. It was further **RESOLVED** to grant delegated power to the RFO to make payment, orders, receipts and transfers to be circulated by the RFO on return from annual leave.
- h. The budget update and bank reconciliation would be noted at the next meeting.

132.08/20 Planning Applications.

- a. The Woodlands, Keele Road, Madeley Heath-Proposed first floor extension over existing utility room to form hobby room.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00547/FUL>

There no objections to this application.

- b. 20/00143/ful-Land adjacent to Rowley House off Moss lane-erection of 38 dwellings. (Amended plans).

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00143/FUL>

The Parish Council noted the reports submitted by Network Rail and the Environmental Assessment. Concerns were expressed about the proposed solutions to the flooding issues including the use of a permeable pavement under the access road and individual patios. The scheme was also based on roof space as it would be in the plan and took no account of future extensions to properties. The Parish Council therefore objected to the application. **Action: JSt to send draft reply to Clerk for submission.**

- c. 20/00619/FUL-Brookhouse Farm, Newcastle Rd-replacement workshop.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00619/FUL>

The application had only been received the previous day. Councillors who had looked at the application had no objections. It was agreed that any further comments would be sent to the Clerk prior to submitting a no objection return to NBC.

133.08/20.Town and Country Planning Matters.

The report that had been previously circulated by the Clerk was noted.

134.08/20 Parish Appearance and Highways Issues.

- a. The progress of village appearance delegated budget had been circulated-this was noted.
- b. Rock Garden-no further progress had been made on site. Action: DR to place a post of Facebook asking for Parishioners views on specific options.
- c. Donation of 12ft pine tree-it was resolved to accept the donation of the pine tree to be placed in the first instance on the allotment site with The Old Hall as a backup location if nowhere was suitable on the allotments.

135.08/20 Traffic Issues on Vicarage Lane.

A request to support a Parishioner to find a solution to the HGV traffic on Vicarage Lane had been circulated with photographs of the damaged house.

It was noted that as recently as 12 months ago a survey of the bridge showed it was structurally safe to allow up to 40 tonnes so no weight restriction could be applied.

To try and give as much space as possible for vehicles to pass would mean the introduction of no waiting signs that would restrict residents parking. It was suggested that perhaps the parishioner could investigate a hanging sign at the edge of his property but the Parish Council could see no immediate resolution to the long term problem.

136.08/20. Register of Locally Important Buildings Review.

This had been circulated by the Clerk. It was resolved that a working group be set up to recommend additions and make the applications. **Action: CH, JSt.**

137.08/20 Madeley Pool.

. Control of Canadian Geese.

- a. It was noted that 64 eggs had been pricked in 2020 and notices requesting people not feed the geese remained in place.
- b. Actions were considered for the rest of 2020. It was noted that many of the geese were transient and did not live on Madeley Pool. It was **resolved** not to approve a cull or round up in 2020. SW had requested that the street cleaner be in Madeley to sweep and clean the surrounding paths and roads during the following fortnight.
- c. Future control of the geese. It was agreed to consider other control options such as trip barriers; sympathetic planting etc alongside the egg pricking. It was **resolved** if such measures failed to control the numbers of the Canadian Geese in the future a cull/round up would be considered.

At this point in the agenda-21:00hrs the Council was asked whether they wish to continue with the meeting or defer items to Septembers meeting.

*It was **resolved** to continue until 21:30hrs; any remaining agenda items to be taken forward to the next meeting.*

- d. Pool appearance-an approach had been made to the Parish Council by a group of volunteers interested in helping to clear vegetation. It was noted that suckers and roots needed to be removed from around the pool. The Clerk advised that providing the volunteers acted under the direction of the Parish Council and that all the requirements in the Risk Assessment were followed, volunteers would be covered under the Parish Council insurance. **Action: Clerk to purchase PPE for the use of volunteers if needed: DW to post on Facebook pages for volunteers the following weekend-maximum of 10 volunteers at any one time.** It was also agreed that a long term strategy would be needed and a contractor should be used for future work. There was the potential for Natural England to supply nature notices. **Action: JSt to investigate.** Some concerns had been expressed about the trees on Poolside. GW was meeting the tree manager from NBC within the next couple of weeks.
- e. Issues with Angling and anti social behavior-since fishing had recommenced after the Covid lockdown there had been a 2-week time of issues that were now calming down. It was noted that SW and AR were still trustees of the fishing club and measures were put in place to record names, contact numbers and vehicle

registration numbers so anyone who may have parked inconsiderately could be approached to move the car. It was noted that some people were not observing social distancing. It was agreed to give the new personnel running the angling club the opportunity to address the issues and keep the situation under review.

138.08/20 Scarecrow Competition.

It was agreed this was a good project and a working party would be needed to organize the event. It was **resolved** that the working party comprising JSt, JW, SW and DR. Action: Clerk to check whether Parish Council funds could be used to fund prizes.

139.08/20 Approval of RFO overtime.

It was resolved to approve overtime for the RFO to cover the meeting in September due to the Clerks annual leave.

140.08/20 Deferment of other agenda items.

It was **resolved** that the remaining agenda items would be carried forward to the next meeting in September.

16. Events:

- a. Remembrance Day
- b. Christmas 2020
- d. Summer fayre 2021.

17 CCTV

18 SIDs

19 BT Phone Box

20 Appointment of contractor for phase one bus shelter repairs.

21 Upgrade of public footpath to Bridleway.

22. Clerks report

23 Next agenda

24. Race, equality and crime and disorder statement.

25. Councillors planned absence.

141.08/20 Date and venue of next meeting

Thursday 1st September 2020 to be held virtually on “zoom” to commence at 19:00.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21:30hrs

Approved Payments Schedule August 2020 – note below approved outside of meeting using delegated authority

BACS/CH	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
Bacs 82	Des Hague	Maintenance jobs - Village Appearance/ railings	980.00
Bacs 83	C Withington	Salary Aug and Expenses	275.84
Bacs 84	J Simpson	Salary Aug and Expenses	970.15
Bacs 85	HMRC	Tax and NI Aug	84.90
Bacs 86	JD Quick	Bus Shelters inc cleaning Aug	175.00
Bacs 87	Amy Taylor	swing security Aug - to be paid at the end	70.04
Bacs 88	Lisa Pickerill	swing security Aug - to be paid at the end	70.04
Bacs 89	Country Grounds	July Grass cutting	608.40
Bacs 90	Country Grounds	Pool grass July	200.40
Bacs 91	Tinsdills	Lease Manor Road playing field	462.00
Bacs 92	Jan Simpson	Printer toner and duct tape Covid 19 Play areas	181.32
Bacs 93	Wicksteed	Play area equip	1070.88
Bacs 94	Country Grounds	Madeley Heath Motors	240.00
Bacs 96	British Legion Poppy appeal	Wreaths and donation (Nov 2019) Delegated	34.00
Bacs 97	Country Grounds	Madeley Heath Motors (August) Delegated	240.00
Bacs 98	Rachael Standley	July hours CSW Delegated	60.00
Bacs 99	Madeley White Star	Grant trophies (letter to be sent) Delegated	300.00
Bacs 100	Design and Reprographics	Printing newsletter (delegated)	365.00
Monthly Total			6387.97

