

WRENBURY CUM FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT:

Cllr Jack McEvoy (Chairman), Cllr Irene Black, Cllr Dave Clarke, Cllr Sue Cole, Cllr David Craig, Cllr Kathy Harding, Cllr Lyndon Jones and Cllr Janet Palmer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Davies and one member of the public

17/63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

17/63.1 None

17/64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

17/64.1 None

17/65 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09 NOVEMBER 2017

17/65.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

17/66 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

17/66.1 Borough Cllr Davies provided an update on matters affecting the Borough Council. It was noted that the Council Tax increase would be 4.99%, with 3% being ringfenced for social care.

17/66.2 A meeting had been held with Borough Council officers regarding the condition of the lift bridge. There was concern about the continued damage caused by large vehicles. The Nantwich Local Area Partnership had identified a potential weight restriction across the bridge in 2014 but funding had not been allocated.

17/67 FINANCE REPORT

17/67.1 The Council considered the Finance report which detailed spending against budget and provided an end of year projection. The budget was forecast to be underspent by approximately £1,300, although this was difficult to predict owing to uncertainty around timing of payments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.

17/67.2 Payments Authorised

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

The Bin Shop	Two litter bins	500906	322.68
Adam Keppell-Green	Website Hosting	500907	61.00
Mark Robinson	Salary & Expenses	500908	200.08
HMRC	PAYE Q3	500909	139.60
Neighbourhood Plan	Printing	500910	25.00

17/67.3 Draft Budget 2018/19

The Clerk circulated the draft budget for 2017/18 which totalled £7,833.98. Councillors suggested increasing the Other Grants to £300, thus the budget totalled £8,033.98. As the Council was considering the replacement of play equipment this would require further consideration before the budget and precept could be set.

17/67.4 Statement of Internal Control

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 imposed a duty on local

councils to ensure "that the financial management of the body is adequate and effective and that the body has a sound system of internal control". Councillors reviewed the proposed Statement, which largely endorsed the Council's current practices but introduced the checking of the invoices by the cheque signatories and a regular audit of accounts by a nominated Councillor.

RESOLVED – that the Statement of Internal Control be approved and implemented from 1 January 2018.

17/68 PLAY AREA

17/68.1 Councillor McEvoy submitted the monthly play area inspection report which reporting no safety issues.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

17/68.2 With regards to obtaining a grant for the replacement of the play equipment, the Clerk had liaised with Cheshire Community Action and WREN. As the play area was within 10 miles of a landfill site, then a grant of up to £100,000 would be available. However, it would be necessary to obtain additional third-party funding of 10.75% of the total grant. WREN had confirmed that the applicant must own or have a long-term lease on the land in order to apply for a grant. The land was owned by the Recreation Ground Trust, therefore, further investigations would be required as a previous grant had been obtained by the Parish Council.

17/69 CLERK'S REPORT

17/69.1 Wrenbury Scouts

Further to Minute 17/59.2, the Scouts had indicated a preference to plant daffodil bulbs and had been working on a number of designs. Unfortunately, the Borough Council no longer provided free bulbs, however, Councillors agreed to fund these from the Council's budget.

RESOLVED – that the Council funds the provision of daffodil bulbs for use by the Scouts.

17/69.2 Event

Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Strategy Workshop – 05 January 2018 9.30am – 12noon, Crewe

17/69.3 Cheshire East Borough Council (Wrenbury – Land to the south east of Nantwich Road) Tree Preservation Order 2017

The Order was served following the submission of the recent planning application on this site (adj Fields Farm). No formal objections to the Order were received, therefore the Borough Council confirmed the Order on 17 November 2017.

17/69.4 Speed Indicator Devices

The Clerk advised that the Borough Council would loan these to Parish Councils and a request had been placed. In addition, a quote had been obtained to purchase one and a representative from the company would be invited to the February meeting. Borough Cllr Davies suggested asking the police to use the TruCam handheld speed monitoring devices in Wrenbury as these were enforceable. Cllr Craig would raise this at the next Hub meeting.

17/70 WEBSITE

17/70.1 Further to Minute 17/60.3, the Clerk had liaised with the webhost and been provided with access to the full website controls. This would enable the Clerk to redevelop the website as directed by Councillors. The

webhost had quoted £500 to revamp the site but this would now be done in-house. A number of designs would be presented at the next meeting.

17/70.2 With regards to the Neighbourhood Plan section, the information provided by the Committee had been uploaded into a password protected area whilst the Committee reviewed the content.

17/71 PLANNING MATTERS

17/71.1 Application for consideration and comment

Ref	Proposal	Response
17/3065N	Proposed access gate at Heald Farm, Cholmondeley Road, Wrenbury	No change to previous comments

17/71.2 Appeal

Ref	Proposal	Response
17/3887N	Outline Planning for erection of 2 detached dwellings with garages and formation of new vehicular access points at Wrenbury Heath Farm, Heath Lane, Wrenbury Heath	Noted (Parish Council objected to application)

17/72 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

17/72.1 Cllr Craig gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Borough Council would be advising of the number of additional houses required in the coming weeks.

17/72.2 All houses would receive a leaflet asking for residents to identify appropriate sites for housing. To ensure that all houses received a copy, a private firm would be used for delivery. The Clerk would receive and analyse all forms and be recompensed for any additional time.

17/73 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

17/73.1 Councillors raised the following items –

- Streetlight removed and not replaced on Nantwich Road;
- Environmental Health concerns associated with a boat moored near the Dusty Miller; and
- The appropriateness of the Recreation Ground Trust providing the Insurance for the MUGA.

17/74 DATES OF MEETINGS 2018

17/74.1 11 January, 08 February, 08 March, 12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 09 August, 13 September, 11 October, 08 November and 13 December