

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th September 2023

Present

Councillors Jackson, Binyon, Corlett, Painter and Wilson.

In attendance: G Parker (Parish Clerk).

Julie Barnard and Saoirse O'Neil from the Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team

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| 23.052 | <p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Councillor Dutton, Borough Councillor Stocks,</p> |
| 23.053 | <p>To note declarations of members' interests</p> <p>None.</p> |
| 23.054 | <p>Public Participation: -</p> <p>None.</p> |
| 23.055 | <p>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2023 and the extraordinary meeting held on 9th August 2023.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2023 meeting were, subject to the correction of typographical errors, confirmed as a correct record and signed.</p> <p>The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held 9th August 2023 meeting were, subject to the correction of minute 23.047 that "residents expressed concern about noise levels before and after 11:00 PM were, confirmed as a correct record and signed.</p> |
| 23.056 | <p>Community Emergency Plan – presentation by Julie Barnard Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p> <p>Julie Barnard and Saoirse O'Neil gave a presentation on Community Emergency planning setting out the purpose of a Community Emergency planning and the steps involved in preparing and maintaining a plan.</p> <p>Resolved that Councillor Binton would consider this matter further on behalf of the Parish Council, and report back to the next meeting.</p> |
| 23.057 | <p>To receive the police reports</p> <p>Received and noted.</p> |

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| 23.058 | <p>To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.</p> <p>Councillor Harrison reported that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheshire East Council was introducing garden waste collection charges. • An initiative for defibrillator training in the community had been announced. • He was pressing for Cheshire East Council to maintain support for Armed Forces veterans. • He had attended a meeting of the Economy and Growth Board and emphasised the need for support to the rural economy. • Discussions had taken place with Plumley Parish Council about road safety at the junction of Plumley Moor Road and Middlewich Road. • The Police and Crime Commissioner was deploying a new average speed monitoring system on Plumley Moor Road. |
| 23.059 | <p>Feedback from meeting with Knutsford Town Council and other neighbouring Parish Councils.</p> <p>Resolved that the feedback be noted.</p> |
| 23.060 | <p>Update on the restoration of the pond on Free Green Lane</p> <p>Resolved that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any volunteers working on the pond restoration would do so under the co-ordination of the Parish Council. 2. The position be noted. |
| 23.061 | <p>Parish Plan review.</p> <p>Resolved that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The status of workstreams in the Parish Plan be noted. 2. Councillor Jackson would develop potential fresh workstreams around Infrastructure/Manchester Airport/external bodies and village upkeep/fabric of the village for consideration at the next meeting. |
| 23.062 | <p>Finance</p> <p>Resolved that :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Receipts and Payments to 31st August 2023 be noted. b. payments due of £266.00 be approved. c. the budget and expenditure to 31st August 2023 be noted. d. the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following |

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| | <p>expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure: -</p> <p>£400 to maintain and thereby enable public access to the churchyard at St Oswald's Church.</p> <p>e. The scope of the grass cutting contract remain unaltered and be reviewed at the end of the mowing season.</p> <p>f. payment of the 2023 election fee in a single instalment be approved.</p> |
| 23.063 | <p>To discuss the registration of Smithy Green.</p> <p>Resolved that the position be noted.</p> |
| 23.064 | <p>To discuss arrangements for the litter pick.</p> <p>Resolved that the arrangements be approved.</p> |
| 23.065 | <p>Arrangements for Christmas (Christmas tree and celebration).</p> <p>Resolved that the celebration be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 5th December.</p> |
| 23.066 | <p>Update on discussions with The Crown.</p> <p>Resolved that the outcome of the discussion be noted and that any future complainants to the Parish Council be advised to refer to the relevant enforcement authorities.</p> |
| 23.067 | <p>Signs (Road signs in need of repair and to receive an update on the restoration of the Smithy Green sign).</p> <p>Resolved that :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the position regarding Smithy Green sign be noted. 2. Councillor Harrison would consider whether any funding from Cheshire East Council could be made available for the refurbishment of the fingerpost at the junction of Plumey Moor Road and Middlewich Road. 3. Details including photographs and locations of any other issues with signs be provided to the Parish Clerk. |
| 23.068 | <p>Matters for the next agenda.</p> <p>Resolved that the following matters be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas celebration • Newsletter • Grass cutting • 2024-25 budget |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Emergency Plan. |
| 23.069 | Future Meetings. The date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 8 th November 2023 was noted. |