

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Present

Councillors Jackson, Binyon, Dutton, Painter and Wilson.

In attendance:

G Parker (Parish Clerk)

### **24.065 Apologies for absence**

Councillor Warnes, Councillor Mark Stocks

### **24.066 To note declarations of members' interests**

None.

### **24.067 Public Participation: -**

None.

### **24.068 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed subject to a correction to the correction of a typographical error in minutes 24.055 from "recharged" to "recharges" and minute 24.057 from "The good attendance of 38 people at the recent speed awareness session be noted" to "It be noted that 38 notifications had been issued following the most recent speed watch session".

### **24.069 To receive the police reports.**

**Resolved that: -**

- the police reports be received and noted.

### **24.070 To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.**

**None**

Signed

**24.071 To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan.**

**Resolved that: -**

Workstream 1

- it be noted that there is no update.

Workstream 2

- it be noted that there is no update.

Workstream 3

- progress with the fingerpost refurbishment be noted.

Workstream 4

- it be noted that there is no update.

**24.072 Finance**

**Resolved that: -**

- a. the Receipts and Payments to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 be noted.
- b. the payments due of £345.17 be approved.
- c. the budget and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 be noted.
- d. the budget for 2025/26 be approved including £4700 for projects and the precept set at £13250 being an increase in the Band D equivalent of £2.80 compared to the current year. The completion of the Barrows Brow pond refurbishment, phone kiosk reutilisation and repair of the Smithy Green sign be treated as priority projects for 2025/26.

**24.073 Planning.**

**Considered the following planning applications: -**

Site Address: St Oswalds Church, The Cobbles, Nether Peover, Northwich, WA16 9PZ

Proposal: Silver Birch (T1) - 5m reduction. Heavy reduction to negate future damage to surrounding gravestones.

Reference Number: 24/03752/CAT

**Resolved** that no comments be submitted.

**24.074 Phone Box refurbishment.**

**Resolved that: -**

1. A professionally designed information sign be commissioned.

2. Draft content for the information sign be prepared by the Parish Clerk
3. Councillor Dutton will establish a subgroup of volunteers to determine the information required.

**24.075 To discuss the provision of an additional defibrillator**

**Resolved** that the position be noted.

**24.076 Lessons learned from storm Darragh power outage.**

**Resolved** that, in the event of a future event or emergency, Parish Councillors will share relevant information.

**24.077 To receive feedback on the Christmas switch on event**

**Resolved** that it be noted that: -

1. the event was a success.
2. the provision of a covered area was beneficial.
3. the choir was excellent.
4. attendance at the switch on event was slightly lower than last year.
5. for future events publicity would be increased, a microphone with amplification should be provided and additional lighting be considered.

**24.078 Matters for the next agenda.**

**Resolved that** the following matters be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

- Dog fouling
- Communication with parishioners

**24.079 Future Meetings.**

Noted that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.