**MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on**

**Thursday 5th September 2019 at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley at 7:00pm**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** D. Whitmore, (Chairman), G. White, C. Hopkin, Ms. D. Riley, A. Rowley Mrs B. Ruscoe, Mrs. J Whitmore, Mrs A Bourne

Clerk- Mrs. C. Withington.

3 members of public and PC Wilson for part.

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| **202.09/19** | **To receive Apologies for Absence (through the Clerk in accordance with standing orders)**  Noted that Mr Jones had resigned due to ill health and a vacancy now existed. The Clerk will follow due process.  Apologies Councillors: D. Barnish, N. Orme.  Clerk: Mrs J. Simpson. |
| **203.09/19** | **To receive Councillors’ Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on** **the Agenda**; None |
| **204.09/19** | **Public Participation. (Open Forum);** One member of public raised concerns regarding the state of the footpaths between the Church steps and Cenotaph. It was agreed that the Councillors would take a look and report to the relevant agency. Noted that costs to resurface New Road was estimated at around £350k, however this had been included in the next financial year Highways capital programme if not this year. |
| **205.09/19** | **To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular** **Meeting held on Thursday 1st August 2019** – **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. |
| **206.09/19** | **To consider matters arising from the Minutes in item 5 not included elsewhere on the agenda.**  Land on Madeley Heath to be on the next agenda so that Mr Barnish can provide an update. |
| **207.09/19** | **Installation of CCTV in Madeley Village. Cllr G White.**  **RESOLVED** to bring this item forward.  a. To consider approving the installation of a separate pole and power supply on land by the Parish notice boards, Madeley Village, as a viable alternative to b and c below. – **RESOLVED** to approve this option in principle subject to a spend of up to £2500 (net) which would include electrics, concrete base, pole and ducting of power supply. GW was asked to progress this with the Clerk and source a suitable relevant and competent contractor. This will also be painted/powder coated green.  b. To approve the cost of installation of a separate power supply by Western Power at a cost of £3860.70+VAT – **RESOLVED** not to pursue this.  c. To approve the contractor for the installation of meter box and associated works. **RESOLVED** not to pursue this in view of option A. |
| **208.09/19** | **To approve in principle the acquisition and registration of land located where the Parish Notice boards are sited in Madeley Village.**  **RESOLVED** to bring this item forward.  GW updated the meeting to state that the CCTV pole will be located as discussed earlier on this land. Following investigations with Aspire, Newcastle Borough Council and Staffs County Council, it was **RESOLVED** to formally adopt this land which has been maintained by the Parish Council, and seek registration with Land Registry. |
| **209.09/19** | **To consider Police Consultative Committee Reports, and Police matters generally**  PC Wilson was in attendance. It was noted that there had been a change with staffing – PC Wilson, PCSO Wright, PCSO Forrest, PCSO Crank and PCSO Hodgkinson. PC Moore is off sick. There had been a number of incidents reported with an increase in ASB over the last year. However this seems to be related to a neighbour dispute. Overall Crime was down by 9% over the year. There had been 3 burglaries in Barr Hill which are linked. Other matters discussed included the increase of off road motorbikes around the estates and Nethersett Road on land owned by Network Rail. This is to be reported by the Clerk to Network Rail as it is insecure. All residents are to be encouraged to report to 101. |
| **210.09/19** | **Neighbourhood Plan:**   1. Progress report   GW stated that the Joint Local Plan was continuing and a meeting was being held tonight to look at rural housing numbers across all parts. Nothing further to report with the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| **211.09/19** | **To receive Reports from Borough and County Councillors.**  GW provided the following update:  Town centre CCTV is being upgraded  A bid of up to £20m is being sought for the town centre regeneration, following successful funding (£150k) to progress the bid.  Car Park charging strategy is being reviewed in the town centre.  Castle House rooms are closed while repairs are carried out.  There is a safety issues with a tree by the Offley Arms, and the tree roots will be removed.  Birchdale tree has been made safe, but further work is required to remove any remaining dangers. GW will follow this up.  Another tree will be removed by Madeley Pool and replaced with a more suitable variety.  The willow tree opposite the Mill will be reassessed and dealt with in two stages due to the water depth. The burnt bin will be replaced by the surgery. |
| **212.09/19** | To conside**r Financial Matters** including:  a. To note the balance of £2350 MPC Grant programme and receive any applications.  - Onneley Junior Golf Club £500 towards supporting the junior section of the golf club. **RESOLVED** that subject to the bank statement being submitted, to approve the grant of £300 (note not £500 as per agenda) and also to request that the Parish Council is invited to future award events.  - Madeley Darby and Joan £300 towards the cost of a Christmas meal for older people in the Parish. – **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £500.  b. To approve the application from The Madeley Centre for the sum of £4000 towards grounds maintenance. – This will be deferred to the next meeting, as there was no one in attendance.  c. To consider adopting the revised model Financial Regulations – Deferred to the next meeting.  d. To note the completion of the External Audit of the Accounts year ending March 2019 – This was noted and approved.  e. To start to consider priorities for the budget for 2020/21 – All to consider ideas for projects that will deliver at the next meeting.  f. To approve payments/orders, receipts and transfers - Appendix A – **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as per the attached schedule.  g. To note the budget update and bank reconciliation statement – DW approved the bank reconciliation statement and the budget update was noted. |
| **213.0919** | **To consider the following planning applications received (and any that are received between date of agenda and meeting)**   |  | | --- | | a. 19/00524/FUL-Heighley Castle Farm, Heighley Lane, Knowle Bank-construction of agricultural building for the loose housing of livestock.  <http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/19/00524/FUL> - **RESOLVED** that no comments be raised.  b. 19/00576/FUL-Red Barn, Station Rd, Onneley. Assisted living annex  <http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/1900576/FUL> - **RESOLVED** to submit the comments using delegated authority after the meeting, following site visit by CH. To be ratified at the next meeting. | |
| **214.09/19** | To consider **Town and Country Planning** matters generally and to receive details of Planning Results; (Previously circulated) – Noted. |
| **215.09/19** | **To approve in principle amendments to the current lease with Madeley White Star re Manor Road Playing Fields**.  a. 1.5 Extension from 1st July 2031 to October 2049 (30 year lease from October 2019) This was considered and approved in principle. Clerk to see advice with regards to the rent being increased each year and therefore being more than peppercorn in terms of VAT implications from the SPCA.  b. 3.4.4 Permit sponsorship advertising boards around the adult pitch barrier, car park and hedges. This was approved provided that it was discrete and also appropriate for children/sports.  c. To instruct a local solicitor to act on behalf of the Parish Council - **RESOLVED** that the clerk should seek quotes from local solicitors. |
| **216.09/19** | **BT Phone box in Woore Road, Bar Hill.**  a. To discuss practical future uses of the box – Deferred to the next agenda. |
| **217.09/19** | **To note and approve the amendments to the Child and Vulnerable Adult** **Protection Policy.** Cllrs Mrs. B. Ruscoe and Cllr A. Davenport. – **RESOLVED** that this be adopted as circulated. |
| **218.09/19** | **Birch Dale and Heath Row Play areas.**  It was noted that a tunnel had been dug by the boundary at Birchdale and also that the equipment needed a repaint. Clerk to ask the Handyman to take a look and report back. |
| **219.09/19** | **Provision of Services for Young People.**  a. To discuss the potential of providing a “reels of wheels” cinema provision. (Cllr Ms D Riley)  It was agreed that DR would speak to AB regarding this project which would be aimed at the under 12s. |
| **220.09/19** | To discuss the arrangements for the War Memorial commemorations. Cllr D Whitmore. It was noted that the service is likely to be at the Meadows School again on the playground. DW updated regarding a site for a new plaque. The RFO (Acting Clerk) stated that it is her understanding that there are not powers available to fund a new war memorial/plaque but it may be possible to fund groundworks etc. Clerk to follow up with SPCA to confirm what can and cannot be funded. If not, then Debbie Burns will be asked to seek grant funding. |
| **221.09/19** | **To receive an update re HS2.**  The recent information was noted regarding a five year delay. |
| **222.09/19** | **To consider Parish Appearance matters generally.**  Holborn hedge is overgrown and the matter is being pursued with the owner.  Manor lake footbridge – the handrails have been damaged and thrown in the water, Clerk to follow up.  New Road – DW to look at the mole hill in the footpath.  Noted that bins were overflowing during the summer months.  Clerk to notify the developer/seller of the new properties that the fence is down by Barhill railing bridge. |
| **223.09/19** | **To receive reports from Councillors on their specific responsibilities and Representatives to Partnerships and Fora;**   Madeley Pool – The Clerk is to obtain a quote from a contractor to remove the Himalayan balsam.   Residents Association – Dog show to be held on 29th September.   Newsletter – Nothing to report. It was noted that the 14th September was the Offley Arms public meeting at 4pm at the Madeley Centre. |
| **224.09/19** | **To receive the Clerk’s Report and to consider correspondence received since the last Meeting; -** Nothing to report. |
| **225.09/19** | **To consider the Race, Equality and Crime & Disorder Statement for the** **Meeting;** - Noted. |
| **226.09/19** | **To note Councillors’ planned absence**. Mr Hopkins will be absent from the next meeting. |
| **227.09/19** | **To confirm the date and venue for the next** **Regular Meeting** at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley as **Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 7:00pm**  - Noted. |
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**Approved Payment schedule Sept 2019**

