

Prior to the commencement of the regular meeting, members of the public had been invited to make comments on the draft 2021-2022 budget. There were two members of the public present but both declined the offer of making any comments in relation to the budget.

**MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held virtually via zoom on
Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7:00pm**

Present:

Councillors: D. Whitmore (Chairman), **DW**, K. Clarke (**KC**), C. Hopkin (**CH**), A. Davenport (**AD**), A. Rowley, **AR**, Mrs. B Ruscoe **BR** J. Stephenson, **JSt** G. White **GW**, S. White, **SW**, Mrs. J Whitmore, **JW**.

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

Clerk-Mrs J Simpson.

RFO- Mrs C Withington (part)

001.01/21 To receive Apologies for Absence (through the Clerk in accordance with standing orders)

Parish Councillor Ms D Riley. (**DR**).

002.01/21 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the Agenda;

None declared at this stage of the meeting.

003.01/21 Public Participation. (Open Forum)

There were two members of the public present.

One Parishioner requested that the Parish Council inform her when a specific planning application was to be discussed so she would have the opportunity to address the Parish Council. The application would be one she would be resubmitting following refusal by the Planning Authority. She also extended an invitation to Councillors to attend a site visit if Covid restrictions permitted such an action in the future.

004.01/21 To consider approving and signing at a future date, the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held virtually on Thursday 3rd December 2020

RESOLVED that this be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

005.01/21 To consider any matters arising from above

- a. Review of Christmas 2020. A competition had been held for the best Christmas light display; the Christmas trial went well and recipients received a selection box. A snowman competition was also held. The visit of Santa Claus went down very well and "Santa" received no payment for the service offered. However, he had requested a donation to First Responder Service. It was **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £150 to Madeley and District First Responders.

006.01/21 To consider approving and signing at a future date the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held virtually on Thursday 17th December 2020.

It was **RESOLVED** that this be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

007.01/21 To consider any matters arising from above.

There were no matters arising.

**008.01/21 To receive Reports from Borough and County Councillors.
County.**

Due to the cold and icy weather 109 pot hole repairs had been completed and a further 245 reports submitted.

Coronavirus-SCC are encouraging people to get a test as it is believed that third of people are carrying the virus. There had been a call for volunteers to staff the testing centres. SCC will be directing the roll out of the vaccine first through GPs and then Community Centres and schools. Efforts were being made to ensure the continuity of the supply chain. Local hospitals were at breaking point.

Cabinet had met the previous day and approved a 2021-26 medium term strategy and 2021-22 roll out. Emergency support for business was a key priority via Employment hubs. Support for adult retraining as a result of redundancy would also be delivered from the Employment Hubs. Planned Council tax would be an increase of 4.99% but with 1.9% ring fenced to Adult Social Care.

The Employment skills group were pleased to see redundancies were not as high as anticipated. However, the situation may change when the furlough scheme ends in March 2021.

Safer Neighbourhoods Panel (PCC scrutiny) was made aware of a slight increase in crime in rural areas with catalytic converter theft showing an increase. Two dedicated covid enforcement police cars were in the area funded outside of the main policing budget.

Schools were closed with early Learning Centres remaining open.

There would be an increase in mental health funding as a result of Covid and funding was currently available to identify vulnerable young people in the school environment.

HS2 had not yet acquired Royal Assent.

Borough.

Confirmation had been received that £11.5m would be available to regenerate the town centre. The target area would be the old Civic Centre and Ryecroft site to accommodate offices and accommodation. Astley Walk would then follow. A submission for the sum of £25m was to be submitted shortly to government as part of the town regeneration bid.

Council meeting would be held shortly to approve the budget-the public are currently been consulted-further details can be found here

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160794605103>

There was an ongoing review of the Joint Local Plan and whether NBC should have their own. Further grants were now available under lockdown 3-previous recipients would automatically receive the next amount.

There had been some issues with recycling collections due to the inclement weather where icy roads were preventing access and there had been a number of accidents.

GW and SW attended a meeting with the Flood authority and Network Rail re planned development at Rowley House. Discussions about The Nook planning application would be deferred to the February planning committee meeting. SCC Highways had expressed concern about 2 Newcastle Rd development.

Engaged with Police inspector for Newcastle area re concerns about lack of police presence and non social distancing activities of young people.

HS2 not received Royal Assent as Parliamentary time had been limited due to Covid. There was no indication when it was likely to appear again. There was currently a petition asking the government to reconsider the project-if 100,000 sign it there would have to be a debate in Parliament. GW to send details to go on MPC Face book page.

SW was keeping in touch with isolated parishioners by phoning them to check they are OK.

009.01/21 To consider **Financial Matters** including:

- a. Grant scheme. The current balance of £2600 was noted. There were no applications to consider.
- b. Budget 21-22- A draft budget had been circulated and presented at the public consultation prior to the meeting. No comments had been received. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget as shown in Appendix A. It was further **RESOLVED** to leave the precept as it is for this year i.e. £43.62 per Band D Council Tax per annum.

Parish Councillor D Whitmore declared a pecuniary interest in the following agenda item and took no part in the discussion or resolution.

- c. Chairman's Allowance-it was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of the remaining 6 months Chairman's allowance from 1st November 2020 to 30th April 2021 at a cost of £750.
- d. Approval of payments/orders receipts and transfers. Appendix B – Approved as per attached payment schedule. Clerk brought to the attention of the Council the first invoice for the Rock garden and the final total was likely to exceed the original quotation by £450—this was noted.
- e. To note the budget update and bank reconciliation statement. Appendix C – Approved and noted.

010.01/21 To consider the following planning applications received (and any that are received between date of agenda and meeting)

- a. 20/01014/AGR-Land at Agger Hill, Agger Hill, Finney Green-General agricultural produce and storage building.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/0104/AGR>

Subject to the proposed structure been used for the storage of non livestock as per revised application, there were no objections to this application.

- b. 20/01032/FUL-Lindop House, Newcastle Rd-proposed change to domestic dwelling.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/01032/FUL>

There were no objections to this application.

- c. 20/00746/FUL-The Offley Arms, Poolside-Retention of change of use of adjacent disused residential garden to beer garden attached to public house.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00746/FUL>

The Parish Council did not object in principle to the development, it shared the concerns of the Landscape officer re lack of detail in terms of tree preservation and lack of information re the "agricultural fencing". It also noted that the description of the fence in the application did not match the actual fence currently in situ.

- d. 20/01070/FUL-Madeley High School, Newcastle Road-relocation of nursery-installation of temporary building and play area and associated car parking.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/01070/FUL>

The Council concurred with the view of the Landscape officer that it was unable to make further comments about the application until a tree survey; arboricultural impact assessment and root protection areas of the trees report was in place.

011.01/21 To receive details of Planning Results; (Previously circulated).

012.01/21 Appointment of the self employed Lengthsman.

The staffing panel had met and interviewed three candidates and they recommended Mr David Moreton.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Mr David Moreton.

013.01/21 HS2

This agenda item was covered in 008.001/21 above.

014.01/21 Memorial Garden.

The tree works had been completed. However, there was some doubt as to how this could proceed in the immediate future due to Covid and the associated lockdown.

015.01/21 CCTV Update

Delay with MPC contractor submitting section 50 to Highways.

016.01/21 Bus Shelter Update outside The Meadows.

Asdas insurance company will cover the costs. Clerk to send plan of bus shelter to Highways for final agreement prior to instructing the contractor.

017.01/21 Parish Appearances.

- a. Rock Garden-work was completed on the Rock Garden but icy weather had held up completion at the junction of Izak Walton Way and John Offley Road.
- b. Bus shelters-Clerk to chase for start date.

018.01/21 Madeley Pool.

- a. Sculpture-the Parish Council had no objections to the idea of memorial sculpture being placed opposite the Offley Arms by Madeley Pool subject to NBC approval as the landowner.
- b. Reviewing officer had been in touch from NBC re the current licence agreement and anticipated some progress the following week.
- c. Staffordshire Wildlife Recommendations-it was agreed that the working party would need to meet virtually to discuss the recommendations in more detail and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

019.02/21 Events

- a. Summer fayre 2021-no report available but it was noted that a smaller scale event would be required due to the continued uncertainty.
- b. Christmas 2021-agreed that the Clerk books a room and Pantomime Act so as to have something in place for Christmas 2021.

020.01/21` Clerks Report.

This was duly noted.

021.01/21 Items for the next agenda.

Madeley Pool Staffordshire Wildlife Recommendations

022.01/21 To consider the Race, Equality and Crime & Disorder Statement for the Meeting – no matters to discuss .However, the Clerk to ask the local police if a report could be available at the next Parish Council meeting.

023.01/21 To note Councillors' planned absence. – To be sent to the Clerk in advance.

023.01/21 To note the day of the date of the next regular meeting as **Thursday 4th February 2021 to commence at 7:00pm. And to be held online on zoom.**

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:35

Appendix A – Approved Budget for 2021/22

HEADING	Appd Budget 21/22
Salary Costs (inc Tax/NI)	£ 18,000
Office Costs	£ 8,460
Communications	£ 4,600
CSW	£ 3,000
Newsletter	£ 1,200
Quality Parish Council Status	£ 400
Asset Maintenance including:	£ 91,480
Notice Boards/seats/bins/Phonebox/SIDS/CCTV	£ 10,000
Geese control and Madeley Pool maintenance	£ 2,000
Play areas maintenance	£ 3,000
Play (new) equipment Birchdale 2022	£ 30,000
Village Lengthsman 2 day	£ 15,600
Bus shelters clean repair install	£ 3,100
Wharf Terrace planter/Gardens Memorial (MC)	£ 10,000
Heath Wood (maintenance programme, tree report and £500 cont)	£ 15,000
Playing field Manor Rd	£ 25
Rock Garden Maintenance and grass	£ 1,000
Swing security Play areas lock up	£ 1,755
Allotments	£ 500
Events/Donations inc:	£ 12,500
Village appearance/ Madeley Tidy Group	£ 1,000
MPC Xmas Eventsx 2/Tree	£ 3,500
Madeley Centre Contibution (Covid and Grounds)	£ 4,000
Madeley and District Comm (Sect 137)	£ 1,500
Youth Activities (general) incs grant funded summer	£ 2,500
Other Donation spend includes below:	£ 8,000
Remembrance Day S137/War Memorial	£ 1,500
Other misc spend (Sect 137) Events	£ 500
MPC Grants Programme	£ 4,000
Grants (Covid 19 reserves)	£ 2,000
Misc / Contingencies	£ 3,000
Grass cutting verges (contractual)	£ 5,000
Capital	£ -
VAT reclaimable	£ -
TOTAL* Inc Nplan spend (exc budget)	£ 151,540
Neighbourhood Plan funded through reserves	£ 7,500

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Approved Payments Schedule January 2021

BACS/CHEQUE	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
Bacs 181	P Carnell	Reimbursement Blood Pressure Monitors PAID	325.00
Bacs 182	J Simpson	Reimbursement for Garden waste Allots PAID overpaid £264 should be £246 JS refunded £18 1st Jan 2021	246.00
Bacs 183	C Withington	Salary Jan and Expenses	282.95
Bacs 184	J Simpson	Salary Jan and Expenses	987.52
Bacs 185	HMRC	Tax and NI Jan	98.84
Bacs 186	JD Quick	Bus Shelters inc cleaning Jan	175.00
Bacs 187	Amy Taylor	swing security Jan - to be paid at the end	70.04
Bacs 188	Kim Gleghorn	swing security Jan - to be paid at the end	70.04
Bacs 189	Jill Whitmore	reimbursement for Christmas prizes etc PAID	202.00
Bacs 190	Design and Reprographics	Printing Xmas newsletter (delegated JS) PAID	232.00
Bacs 191	Tinsdills	Birchdale play area fees	786.00
Bacs 192	Country Grounds	Dec Grass cutting inv no 2583 (only inv)	608.40
Bacs 193	VOID		0.00
Bacs 194	Dave Whitmore	Chairs Allowance November to April 21	750.00
Bacs 195	Lisa Pickerill	Dec (Swing Security) one week only (1/4 of the usual)	17.51
Bacs 196	Kim Gleghorn	swing security Dec (3 weeks)- to be paid at the end	52.53
Bacs 197	Des Hague	Rock garden work	1450.00
Bacs 198	Hamps Valley	tree works	3751.92
Bacs 199	First Responders	Donation for Xmas event	100.00
		Monthly Total	10205.75

Signature

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