

**MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held virtually via zoom on**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at 7:00pm**

**Present:**

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

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

Clerk-Mrs J Simpson.

RFO- Mrs C Withington (part)

**218.12/20 To receive Apologies for Absence** (through the Clerk in accordance with standing orders)

Parish Councillor D. Barnish **DB**.

**219.12/20 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the Agenda;**

None

**220.12/20 Public Participation.** (Open Forum)

There were no members of the public present.

**221.12/20** To consider approving and signing at a future date, the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held virtually on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

**222.12/20** To consider any matters arising from above

- a. Covid Volunteers-it was agreed to have an awards ceremony when safe to do so to present the awards.
- b. Armistice Day-the event went well but only emphasised the need to develop the memorial garden at The Madeley centre.
- c. Lengths persons progress-there had been an outside possibility of engaging with NBC with a view to buying in the services. However, this was not possible. Person specification agreed and advertised. Closing date 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**223.12/20 To receive Reports from Borough and County Councillors.**

**Borough.**

- November meeting had been cancelled.
- Announcement on the £20m Future High Street external funding application likely to be announced before Christmas.
- Engaging with a number of small businesses.
- Covid funding-clear guidelines in place for business to make claims for support.
- Some complaints re groups of young people walking around Newcastle TC not socially distancing-6 covid martial's have been appointed.
- Dealt with some planning concerns at local level.

**County.**

- There is evidence that the furlough scheme is working. Last month there were 12 HRIs (a form if 20 or more people are to be made redundant). This month there were none.

- Claims for Universal Credit also down including at local level in Madeley but an increase in youth unemployment and an increase in self employed start ups. Currently 250 vacancies in logistics distribution sector. Employment Support Fund ending and a new fund coming on stream.
- Kick Start programme in place to work with NEATS on apprenticeship programmes.
- There were 381 defect repairs carried out and 234 new enquiries. 363 potholes filled and 1384 gullies emptied.
- No Council meeting had been held since the last Parish Council meeting.
- Libraries were open and operating a grab and go service-no browsing.
- West Midland Ambulance Service (WMAS) had attended the recent meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee and been challenged re misleading statistics on response time of the First Responders. Urban statistics had over shadowed the rural area statistics and painted a false picture. They were also challenged on the lack of consultation with First Responders re removal of specific drugs previously supplied. WMAS agreed to around the table talks with First Responders to try and address the issues that had been raised and commence recruitment to fill the 37 vacancies from the First Responders Service.

**224.12/20** 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- the RFO advised that although the CTSG would be available in financial year 21-22 there was doubt it would be there in following years. A draft budget for public consultation had been circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft budget for public consultation. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to consult with Parishioners prior to the next regular meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to commence at 18:45hrs.
- c. Training-it was **RESOLVED** to approve the attendance of KC on Planning Training at SPCA at a cost of £30.
- d. Community blood pressure monitors-it was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of 10 Community blood pressure monitors to be donated to the local surgery in Moss Lane at a cost of £270.83+VAT
- e. Internal auditor-it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Ms Viv Evans as internal auditor for financial year 20-21
- f. SLCC Annual subscriptions. It was **RESOLVED** to pay a proportion of the membership costs of the Clerk (£124.50) and RFO (£ ).
- g. Approval of payments/orders receipts and transfers. Clerk and RFO to query November payment of grass cutting in Madeley Heath. Appendix A – Approved as per attached payment schedule.
- h. To note the budget update and bank reconciliation statement. Appendix B – Approved and noted.

**225.12/20** To consider the following planning applications received (and any that are received between date of agenda and meeting)

- a. 20/00969/REM-The Nook, Newcastle Road-access appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to 1 proposed dwelling (details relating to the access to the existing dwelling (C6) have already been approved)  
<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00969/REM>

The Council objected to this application. It noted the changes but believed the roof line to be too high and insufficient consideration given to how construction traffic accesses the site.

- b. 20/00976/OUT-Land South of Honeywall Lane, Honeywall Lane, Madeley Heath-Erection of 2 no 3 bed detached bungalows with garages plus a single 4/5 bedroom self build two-storey house with garage.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00976/OUT>

There were no objections to this application.

- c. 20/00971/ful-2, Newcastle Road, Madeley-erection of a detached dwelling and single garage.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00971/FUL>

The property is a detached 4-bedroomed one that is out of keeping with its surrounding dwellings. The Parish Council had serious concerns about the road safety in this location. Plan 6359(3)006A illustrates the close proximity of the well used bus shelter on New Road. The access to this property is far too close to this facility reducing visibility to both potential drivers accessing the property and customers accessing bus services from the shelter.

#### **226.12/20 To receive details of Planning Results;** (Previously circulated).

The report was noted and the approval for the fencing and buildings at Manor Road Playing Fields was also noted.

#### **227.12/20 HS2**

JSt and CH attended the presentation re local business and community funding opportunities. There was the potential for financial help for woodlands including Heath Wood.

GW had attended the Annual Meeting of HS2. There had been a third reading in the House of Lords. The railhead was to remain in Yarnfield and likely to receive Royal Assent by 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Work would then commence at the end of 2021 early 2022 for a period of 7 years.

#### **228.12/20 Memorial Garden.**

The trustees had approved the project and work involving the tree works was to commence shortly.

#### **229.12/20 Allotments.**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the annual subscription to NBC for the garden waste recycling services 2021-22 at a cost of £360. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to reimburse the Clerk for payment prior to the next meeting in January 2021.

#### **230.12/20 Parish Appearances.**

- a. Rock Garden-work had commenced on site.
- b. Bus shelters-work would commence shortly on the repair of the bus shelters as per contract. Clerk also to chase insurance company re removed bus shelter outside of The Meadows.

### **231.12/20 Self Employed Swing Supervisor.**

The staffing panel had met and carried out interviews for the role and made a recommendation.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Ms K Gleghorn to the role of self employed swing security supervisor.

### **232.12/20 Madeley Pool.**

- a. Report had been received from Staffordshire Wildlife and circulated to all. It was agreed that a meeting of the Madeley pool group needed to be set up to discuss further and look at potential actions.
- b. Letter had been sent to NBC requesting a review of the current licence agreement.

### **233.12/20 Events**

- a. Summer fayre 2021-it was agreed that a sub group would be needed to drive this forward. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint DR, SW, PC and JSt to the steering group.
- b. Christmas 2020-a quiz trial was planned around the 12 Days of Christmas for Children. In addition a window display for adults was to be held with prizes. PC and SW to try to obtain selection boxes for the children and PC a hamper as an adult prize. It was **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of £350 for the events.

### **234.12/20 BT Phone Box.**

Various suggestions had been circulated. However, a potential use could not be agreed at the meeting. It was agreed to defer the matter until the spring.

### **235.12/20 Clerks Report.**

- a. It had been noted that The Meadows Primary School, Offley Arms and Onneley Village Hall had all been added to the Register of Local Buildings by NBC
- b. A FOI had been received and Clerk to send a response.
- c. An enquiry re public accessing Manor Road playing fields had been received and circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk CH and JSt would meet with MWS to discuss the issue further.
- d. Representation at SPCA AGM-no representatives were nominated.
- e. Annual leave request for the Clerk in June and July 2021 was approved.

### **236.12/20 Items for the next agenda.**

No matters were raised for the next agenda.

**237.12/20** To consider the Race, Equality and Crime & Disorder Statement for the Meeting – no matters to discuss.

**238.12/20** To note Councillors' planned absence. – To be sent to the Clerk in advance.

**239.12/20** To note the day of the date of the next regular meeting as **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to commence directly after the public consultation on the 2021-22 budget scheduled to start at 18:45Hrs. be held online on zoom.**

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