

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held virtually via zoom on
Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7:00pm

Present:

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

County Councillor: P Northcott (part)

Clerk-Mrs J Simpson.

RFO- Mrs C Withington (part)

072.04/21 To receive Apologies for Absence (through the Clerk in accordance with standing orders)

Parish Councillor P. Carnall.

073.04/21 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the Agenda;

None declared at this stage of the meeting.

074.04/21 Public Participation. (Open Forum)

There were two members of the public present but took no part in the open forum session.

075.04/21 Co-option of Parish Councillor.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Ms Kimberley Walley to the vacant role of Parish Councillor.

076.04/21 Acceptance of Office.

Mr Walley signed the Acceptance form and it was witnessed via zoom.

077.04/21 To consider approving and signing at a future date, the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held virtually on Thursday 4th March 2021.

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

078.04/21 To consider any matters arising from above

There were no matters arising.

079.04/21 To receive Reports from Borough and County Councillors.

a. County.

- It was noted the County Council were currently in political purdah until the local elections had been completed.
- A number of repairs and gully cleaning had been carried out on the Highways.
- Covid numbers were currently 7 per day and work had been done to facilitate a return to school.
- Libraries were expected to open from 12th April and a fines amnesty would be in place.
- Climate Change-a strategic plan was in place for the County Council with the aim of becoming carbon neutral.
- QCC had given a good report on the SENs 2021-26 plan and an extra £350m will be spent in this sector.

- The CC was keen to interact with businesses especially the hospitality sector with a view to supporting them after Covid.
- 158 people had signed up to Start up Scheme where businesses could be sign posted to the relevant advice area.

Borough.

- An EGM had been held to discuss the issues about Walleys Quarry-focus now on the EA.
- Business Start up grants would commence to support business after Covid but guidance not available yet.
- Spoke out against planning application 2, Newcastle Road but has been permitted.
- A response will be shortly forthcoming from NBC re the flower beds by the pool and the lease agreement.
- It was noted that bins could no longer be attached to lighting columns so some dog waste bins would have to be relocated in the Swan Bank area.
- Sluice key is ready but still waiting for the pole measure.
- Pathway from Agger Hill through to Boundary House still in poor condition-have requested a safety assessment of the path
- A section in Onneley had been completed.

080.04/21 To consider Financial Matters including:

- Grant scheme. The current balance of £2600 was noted. The application from Madeley White Star was deferred until further information re HS2 could be ascertained.
- Annual subscription to Campaign for Rural England. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the subscription at a cost of £36.
- Annual subscription to zoom-it was **RESOLVED** to approve the subscription at a cost of £138.15
- The Draft Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2021 was noted including the Bank Reconciliation Statement. The arrangement for Audit of the Accounts to 31st March 2021 was also noted.
- Approval of payments/orders receipts and transfers. Appendix B – Approved as per attached payment schedule.

081.04/21 CCTV.

Information had been supplied to PC and enquiries were ongoing.

082.04/21 Planning Applications

- 20/00971/FUL-2, Newcastle Rd-erection of a detached dwelling and single garage (Amended plans received 9th March 21)
<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00971/FUL>

For information only-to note the response from Madeley Parish Council below:

“I can confirm that the information has been made available to Madeley Parish Councillors and the Council objects to the latest proposal in this application. The Council acknowledges and welcomes that the scale of the development has been reduced from a 3-storey to 2-storey dwelling. However, the amended proposal is still a larger footprint than the original approved outline application.

It also notes that the original approval was for one garage and not a double garage. A single garage would be more in keeping with neighbouring properties. The Council still has grave concerns about the proximity of access to the well used adjacent bus stop on New Road, also being directly opposite The Madeley Centre and Lea Court. This is a busy junction-especially at the beginning and end of the day, when the road is a short cut to and from the main Crewe Road and anticipates potential pedestrian/vehicle conflict around the bus stop area.”

- b.** 20/01118/FUL-18 Heighley Castle Way-single storey rear extension alongside alterations to the front dormer window with new replacement windows including ground floor.(Now includes tree report)

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/01118/FUL>

There were no objections to this application.

- c.** N.21/01/258 MW-Keele Quarry Madeley Heath-retrospective planning permission for site office cabin and 10 parking spaces.

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/scc/cpland/Details.aspx?applicationID=137968>

There were no objections to this application.

A pecuniary interest was declared by Parish Councillors Gary and Simon White, in the following planning application and took no part in the discussion.

- d.** 21/00206/LBC-Old Hall, Poolside-replace soft wood French doors on the rear of property from the kitchen to the patio area with oak Bi-folding doors.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/00206/LBC>

The Council noted that such properties need to be maintained most carefully to preserve the building. The replacement windows are in a more recently built section of the property, are said to be replacing windows that have reached the end of their ‘life’ and as there is no visual intrusion to anyone, and the application beneficial to the property The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

- e.** 21/00325/FUL-Woodside Bungalow, Swan bank, Madeley Heath-single storey extension.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00325FUL>

There were no objections to this application.

083.04/21 Generic Risk Assessment.

The amended draft had been previously circulated and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the generic Risk assessment.

084.04/21 To receive details of Planning Results; (Previously circulated).

It was noted that in addition to the report 2, Newcastle Road had been approved as outlined by GW in the Borough report.

085.04/21 HS2

The ecology presentations scheduled in April had been cancelled. Dates for presentations with Balfour Beatty in May had been circulated. JSt to attend.

Some exploratory work had commenced in Bower End Lane and residents had received a leaflet from HS2

The joint liaison group representing Madeley, Whitmore, Maer and Aston and Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Councils had met and agreed to communicate more through Social Media and also to support Community groups in accessing funding from HS2.

086.04/21 Covid Lifting of restrictions.

a. Future meetings.

- The government had refused to grant any extension to the legality of virtual meetings beyond 7th May 2021.
- It was noted as agreed at the last meeting that the regular meeting and Annual meeting of the Parish Council would be held virtually on 6th May; the June meeting would be held on 24th June and there would be no July meeting.
- The Annual meeting of the Parish would take place on 20th April, virtually at 7:00pm.

087.04/21 Memorial Garden.

Photographs of the pagoda had been circulated. A power source still needed to be installed. The offer of a donation of granite from Tarmac had been withdrawn. There were some issues re affixing granite memorial plaques on to the wall of The Madeley centre. It was agreed that DW and JSt would look at the site the following weekend.

088.04/21 Parish Appearances.

- a. A bus shelters-work needed to be done to repair/replace the bus shelters in Madeley Heath and the shelter in Bevan Place on the grass island. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the contractor to see what could be done and at what cost. It was also noted that the hedge on the roof of the repaired shelter in Bevan Place also needed to be cut back. Clerk to check ownership. The Clerk was to source some ownership lettering to go on the shelters.
- b. Lengths man-work had been carried out on a Lavender tree. There was about 1 months work at present. It was also suggested that there was a litter pick at the end of the month as restrictions started to ease. It was noted that there was a high volume of discarded face masks.

089.04/21 Madeley Pool.

- a. Lease and flower bed updates had been covered in 080.04/21 above.
- b. CH had sent the Clerk a quotation for tree work by Grayling Willows but NBC were unable to permit non NBC staff from carrying out the work.
- c. There was also concern about eroding banks by Grayling Willows.

090.04/21 Exclusion of the press and public.

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the following agenda item 20a due to the commercial sensitivity not being in the public interest.

091.04/21 Councillors Specific Responsibilities.

a. Madeley Rural Community Charity.

JSt had attended his first trustees meeting and presented information to the Parish Council.

092.04/21 Continuation of meeting.

At 9:00pm it was **RESOLVED** to continue with the meeting for a maximum of 30 minutes.

b. JSt had analysed statistics from the Parish Council Facebook pages and all agreed to send JSt more news to increase the content.

093.04/21` Clerks Report.

The information was noted.

094.04/21 Items for the next agenda.

Replacement notice board, Madeley Heath

Planting and maintenance of planters in the Parish

Review of Childrens and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy.

095.04/20 Appointment of consultant for Heath Wood Woodland Plan

Further deferred.

096.04/21 To consider the Race, Equality and Crime & Disorder Statement for the Meeting. The Council appreciated it had not taken any decisions that would impact on the above. Dog theft in Nantwich was noted and it was agreed to put a post on the Face book pages warning people to be vigilant.

097.04/21 To note Councillors' planned absence. – To be sent to the Clerk in advance.

098.04/21 To note the day of the date of the next regular meeting as **Thursday 6th May 2021 to commence directly after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council scheduled 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 21:07

Approved Payment Schedule April 2021

11 April 2021 (2021 - 2022)

Madeley Parish Council

DRAFT PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Cheque	Code	Name	Description	Amount
1		41 - Madeley Tidy Group/Comm	The Staffordshire and West Midlands	Comm Payback	1,440.00
				<i>Clearance, Litter picking Painting, Ground Clearance - 01/04/2019-31/03/2020</i>	
2		37 - Grass cutting highways	Country Grounds Ltd	Grass Cutting Madeley Heath	240.00
				<i>March invoice ref 2704 madeley heath motors to motor way bridge</i>	
3		12 - Subscriptions -inc magazine	Scribe	Office accountancy software	918.00
				<i>Runs out 31st March 2022</i>	
4		12 - Subscriptions -inc magazine	SPCA	Subs 2021/22	539.00
5		29 - Village Appearance/Memori	Elmside	All containers plants and maintenance	800.00
				<i>All containers plants and maintenance</i>	
6		43 - MPC Xmas Events/Tree	Elmside	Christmas Tree 2020	175.00
				<i>2020</i>	
7		29 - Village Appearance/Memori	Des Hague Electrical	Madeley Centre Memorial Garden Per	5,870.00
				<i>Pergola for memorial garden at Madeley Centre</i>	
8		37 - Grass cutting highways	Country Grounds Ltd	Grass Cutting Verges April 21	608.40
9		61 - Neighbourhood Plan	Urban Vision	Neighbourhood Plan	6,000.00
				<i>Reg 14</i>	
10		1 - Clerks Salary inc Tax and NI	J Simpson MPC Clerk	Staff	853.18
11		30 - Bus shelters cleaning and re	Steve Hough	Bus Shelter repairs x 4	2,625.00
				<i>Bus shelter repairs x 4</i>	
12		34 - Swing security	Amy Taylor	Swing	70.04
				<i>April 2021</i>	
13		34 - Swing security	Kim Gleghorn	Swing	70.04
				<i>April 2021</i>	
14		4 - Office Expenses	J Simpson MPC Clerk	Staff	19.80
				<i>Mileage 25th February-9th Mar 44 miles at 0.45= £19.80</i>	
15		4 - Office Expenses	C Withington MPC RFO	Staff	16.48
16		6 - RFO Salary inc Tax and NI	C Withington MPC RFO	Staff	266.47
17		64 - Tax	HMRC	Tax	66.60
18		12 - Subscriptions -inc magazine	CPRE	Subs 2021/22	36.00
19		4 - Office Expenses	J Simpson MPC Clerk	Staff	108.15
				<i>Mileage 25th February-9th Mar 44 miles at 0.45= £19.80</i>	
20		64 - Tax	HMRC	Tax	24.75
21		43 - MPC Xmas Events/Tree	Madeley First Responders c/o Logge	Xmas Donation paid 2020/21 Record c	0.00
				<i>Donation to first responders for Santa for Christmas 2020 - made 26th March -</i>	
				<i>Accounts 2020/21</i>	
22		57 - Village Lengthsman 2 days	David Moreton	Village Lengthsman 2 days a week	1,280.00
23		50 - MPC Grants Programme	Madeley Scouts	Grants 20/21	300.00
				<i>C/Fwd from 2020-21</i>	
Subtotal No.					22,326.91
TOTAL					22,326.91

Signature

Date 24