

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 24th June at The
Madeley Centre, New Road commencing at 7:00pm.

Present:

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

County Councillor: P. Northcott (part)

Clerk-Mrs J Simpson.

RFO-Mrs C Withington (part)

126.06/21 To receive Apologies for Absence (through the Clerk in accordance with standing orders)

Parish Councillor. D. Barnish **DB**, A. Davenport **AD**, S. White, **SW**

127.06/21 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the Agenda;

PC declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 134.06/21e

128.06/21 Public Participation. (Open Forum)

There were no members of the public present.

129.06/21 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held virtually on Thursday 6th May 2021.

RESOLVED that this be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

129.06/21 Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

129.06/21 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held virtually on Thursday 6th May 2021

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

130.06/21 To consider any matters arising from above

There were no matters arising.

131.06/21 To receive Reports from Borough and County Councillors.

a. County-

- First full meeting of County Council after elections had been held and committee positions had been filled.
- Covid infection rate had increased locally centred around local schools. A range of measures had been introduced including enhanced testing. Two local public houses in Newcastle Rural had closed as a precaution.
- Back to business scheme was concentrating on reviving the hospitality sector.
- Highways capital programme had been agreed. Central govt had granted £25m-£8.73m less than last year. PN suggested that MPs needed to be made aware of the need for additional highways funding.

- Locally PN had attended flooding issues in Station Rd. New pipe work, gullies and trench work was needed-trying to link in with the Flood Agency to secure additional funding.
- There had been 480 pothole repairs and 240 new reports.
- It had been encouraging that so many schools were returning after the Covid issues.

There then followed a question and answer session.

- Hospital admissions had increased but nowhere near the previous levels.
- CH asked to be copied in to Station Rd flooding issues.
- On the issues of flooding on Bar Hill and New Road, matters were no further forward. The County Council did not have the resources to address all of the flooding issues and they were trying to link in to Flood Agency funding
- It was noted that flooding in Bower End Lane had been aggravated by the repairs carried out where the previous gully had been filled in using concrete.
- There had been constant reports of New Road flooding that were continuously “closed”-this had happened 3 times. Council were advised to keep on reporting and PN would keep applying pressure
- Extra money had been found to ensure all of the pavement work would be carried out to the end of Newcastle Road.

b. Borough-

- £26.3m Town Deal has been successful. Detailed business plan now needed for the 9 projects. Funding was geographically specific.
- Cllr Ken Owen had been appointed Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.
- SW and GW remained on committee as previously
- They had been helping a business with a covid restart grant.
- Spent a great deal of time re Rowley House planning application (now withdrawn by developers)
- Relocation of certain litter bins were now needed as they could not be attached to lighting columns.
- Tri services event to take place on 5th September
- Mayor Ball from last year will now take place on 1st October.

132.06/21 To consider Financial Matters including:

- a. Grant scheme. The current balance of £2700 was noted. There were no applications to be considered.
- b. Deposit for The Panto company-waiting confirmation the company would be able to perform on 12th December 2021. Clerk to circulate invoice for deposit when available.
- c. Approval of payments/orders receipts and transfers. Appendix D – Approved as per attached payment schedule. The receipts, transfers and budget update were noted.

133.06/21 CCTV.

Order had been placed with BT for free survey re Broadband feasibility. No response yet. PC to chase.

134.06/21 Planning Applications

- a. 21/00426/FUL-Barn View, Lower Stoney Lowe Farm, Three Mile Lane-replacement of existing windows and external doors to the property.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00426/FUL>

No objections response submitted under delegated authority-noted.

- b.** 21/00484/OUT-Land at Roeburndale, Leycett Lane, Leycett-erection of detached dwelling.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00484/OUT>

Objection submitted under delegated authority. Inappropriate development in the Greenbelt and harmful to the wooded character of the site.

- c.** 21/00508/FUL-Peaks Farm, Station Road, Onneley.-variation of conditions 1 and 2 (relating to a bund and landscaping) of planning application 17/00910/FUL (retention of a concrete silage yard and wall and proposed landscaping works.)

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00508/FUL>

No comments to be made.

- d.** 21/00511/FUL-24 Hillwood Road, Madeley Heath-proposed first floor extension to extend existing bedroom to side and provide lounge with enclosed balcony together with internal alterations.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00511/FUL>

No objections to this application.

- e.** 21/00550/FUL-Land adjacent to Lower Mill House, Furnace Lane-erection of agricultural storage building.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00550/FUL>

PC had declared an interest in this application and therefore took no part in the discussion.

There were no objections to the application. The Council noted that although the proposal was within the greenbelt, the new storage facility was replacing poor quality agricultural buildings; was an appropriate development; the scale and massing was in keeping with its surroundings.

- f.** 21/00593/REM-Land South of Honeywall-reserved matters pursuant to ref 17/00514/OUT for 34 dwellings.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00593/REM>

It was agreed to send comments to the Clerk for submission prior to the closing date.

- g.** 21/00454/ful and 21/00455/lbc. Little Acorns, 7 Birches Farm Mews-retention of replacement boundary fence and trellis and new gates.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00454/FUL>

There were no objections to this application.

- h. 21/00606/FUL-95 Hillwood Road, Madeley Heath-single storey rear extension-resubmission of approval no. 20/00687/FUL to amend approved external finish.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/21/00606/FUL>

Application received on the day of the meeting-agreed to send comments to the Clerk for submission.

135.06/21 To receive details of Planning Results; (Previously circulated).

The report was noted

136.06/21 HS2

There had been a number of webinars from HS2 covering projects such as tunnelling and timelines. It was hopeful face to face information sessions could be recommenced by September. Ground investigation works had commenced. Major works in Madeley to commence 2023. GW to check with HS2 to investigate funding of a footpath along Manor Road so the local cemetery could be accessed.

137.06/21 Play areas.

- a. Annual Inspection Reports. The reports had been circulated by the Clerk. Two pieces of equipment needed some attention. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the repair work to the Clerk to source contractors. The Clerk also made the Council aware of some vandalism on Heath Row play area that also needed to be repaired.
- b. Following the resignation of the handyman who inspected the play areas it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr S Hough to carry out the monthly inspections.

138.06/21 U3A Tree Planting Proposal.

A proposal had been submitted to NBC and had been circulated to Parish Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** to support the scheme in principle.

139.06/21 Provision of Youth Facilities.

There had been several comments on Social Media re services for young people in the Parish. It was suggested the youth drop in provision be reinstated at The Madeley Centre. There had been unsuccessful searches for an appropriate BMX track over the years. It was agreed that the working party comprising DB, AD, BR, SW and JW convene to look at this further; in addition JSt willing to help with engagement at the High School.

140.06/21 Allotments

Consultation with allotment holders had taken place since the last meeting and a brief report prepared by the Clerk and circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to increase the number of recycling garden waste bins to 10. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** not to install a shed on site.

There had been issues with the water supply during the dry spell. It was agreed to try and find an eco friendly method of harvesting rainfall in addition he harvested water from The Madeley Centre and Lea Court. It was also suggested a push down action tap would prevent water wastage. The entrance from The Madeley Centre side needed to be improved with steps. JSt confirmed the trustees would approve such an action. Clerk to get costs.

141.06/21 Parish Newsletter.

It was **RESOLVED** that future editions of the newsletter would be printed on recycled/sustainable paper sources and this was to be written in the newsletter with a request that people recycle

when finished. JSt also confirmed he would investigate suitable PDF software to make it more user friendly on the web site.

142.06/21 Events.

- a. Christmas 2021. Panto Company provisionally booked. To be confirmed at the August meeting; otherwise an alternative provider to be approached. Older persons party to have a 1950s theme to fit in with the forthcoming Queens platinum celebrations. DW to ask Community Support Worker to organise. Local singer to be booked for the older person's party. JSt to approach his contact with Santa re visit to the village.
- b. Scarecrow competition-it was agreed that no specific theme was needed. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint SW, KW, JW and JSt to the working group to take the project forward. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to allocate a delegated budget of £250 for prizes.
- c. Queens Platinum Celebrations 2022. There was a discussion re suitability of a beacon and proposed location of Bower End. It was agreed to look at this in future meetings.

143.05/21 Parish Appearances and Highways Issues.

- a. Parking issues Hillwood Road opposite The Meadows-it was noted that there was lack of parking anywhere in the location and it would continue to be an issue during drop off and pick up during term times.
- b. Flooding Bar Hill and New Road-see also agenda item 131.06/21a The Parish Council asked the Clerk to obtain a cost to dig out and clear the drains in New Road from Heighley Castle Way through to the junction at Newcastle Road.
- c. The Lengths man-priority was now been given to clearing vegetation as it was the peak of the growing season and very busy.
- d. Manor Road Cemetery-a request had been made by a Parishioner for repairs to damaged stone. Details passed on to GW for action.
- e. Pavement is overgrown with vegetation along Keele Road by "The Plantation". GW to report to Aspire
- f. Pavement from The Monument towards The Meadows has limited width due to the growing holly hedge bush. Clerk to write to owners requesting it is cut back.

144.06/21 Clerks Report.

- a. The rodent report had been circulated and was duly noted. The Parishioner had been notified of the results.
- b. There was to be a virtual consultation event with NBC on 15th July. It was **RESOLVED** that PC and the Clerk attend.
- c. The revised holidays of the Clerk were noted.

145.06/21 To consider the exclusion of the public.

That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the following item(s) on the basis that the information to be disclosed would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted."

There were no members of the public present.

146.06/21 Flower Tubs

The quotation was the same as for the previous period of time. It was **RESOLVED** to extend the contract with Elmside for the provision of planting and maintenance of the flower tubs in Madeley Parish until May 2023.

147.06/21 Bus shelters

Clerk unable to source a further quotation for work to be carried out. It was **RESOLVED** that Mr S Hough be awarded the contract for the repair of the remaining bush shelters-to exclude Madeley Heath by Tarmac and Poolside opposite The Old Hall.

There had been a further issue with the cleaning of shelters re current contractor and public liability insurance. Clerk to write to contractor outlining concerns and anticipated action needed.

148.06/21 Madeley Pool.

- a. An onsite meeting had been held with representatives from NBC. Heads of Terms were anticipated shortly.
- b. Two quotations had been circulated re the build and installation of 3 raised flower beds by Madeley Pool. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr S Hough to carry out this work. Installation to be delayed until late autumn to accommodate both the planned tree works and engagement with local primary school to plant up the flower beds. It was agreed that plaques would be placed on the beds indicating it was to celebrate the Queens platinum celebrations.

149.06/21 Councillors Specific Responsibilities.

- a. Madeley Rural Community Charity.
A verbal report from JSt was noted.

150.06.21 Memorial Garden.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Harts memorial to manufacture and install the memorial free standing stone.

It was noted that further work needs to be carried out-installation of benches and planters. It was **RESOLVED** to increase the budget for the project from £10,000 to £15,000.

151.06/21 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.

152.06/21 To note Councillors' planned absence. – To be sent to the Clerk in advance.

153.06/21 To note the day of the date of the next regular meeting as **Thursday 5th August 2021** to be held at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley to commence at 7:00pm.

No meeting to be held in July.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21:40

Approved Payments – June 2021

Vouch	Cheque	Cod	Name	Description	Amount
49		50 - MPC Grants Programme	Madeley White Star	Grants 21/22	1,000.00
50		29 - Village Appearance/Mei	Sunshine Mitchell Hulme	Madeley Centre Memorial Garden f	325.00
51		3 - Employers NIC	HMRC	Staff	176.58
52		17 - Cllr and Staff Training/tr	SPCA	Office Training	30.00
53		12 - Subscriptions -inc magæ	NALSG	Subs 2021/22 NASLG	66.00
54		1 - Clerks Salary inc Tax anc	J Simpson MPC Clerk	Staff	853.18
55		8 - Standard Office expense	J Simpson MPC Clerk	Staff	147.75
56		6 - RFO Salary inc Tax and f	C Withington MPC RFO	Staff	266.47
57		8 - Standard Office expense	C Withington MPC RFO	Staff	16.48
58		64 - Tax	HMRC	Staff	66.60
59		64 - Tax	HMRC	Staff	176.58
60		34 - Swing security	Amy Taylor	Sw ing June	70.04
61		34 - Swing security	Kim Gleghorn	Sw ing June	70.04
62		31 - Heath Wood (maint tree	Aardw olf	Heath w ood Report	30.00
63		26 - Geese control and Mad	Aardw olf	Madeley Pool	360.00
64		37 - Grass cutting highw ays	Country Grounds Ltd	Grass Cutting	608.40
65		20 - Chairmans Allow ance/F	Dave Whitmore	Chairs Allow ance	1,200.00
66		12 - Subscriptions -inc magæ	Geosphere	Parish online	108.00
67		57 - Village Lengthsman 2 d	David Moreton	57 Hours - as per timesheet Handy	1,140.00
68		15 - Insurance	BHIB	Insurance renew al	1,079.76
69		12 - Subscriptions -inc magæ	SPCA	Subs 2021/22	-539.00
70		13 - S.P.C.A.	SPCA	Subs 2021/22	539.00
71		12 - Subscriptions -inc magæ	Staffordshire County Council	SCC SLA DPO	265.00
72		37 - Grass cutting highw ays	Country Grounds Ltd	Grass Cutting June 2021	608.40
73		21 - CSW	Rachael Standley	CSW 18 May to 17 June 2021 Inv t	100.00
74		6 - RFO Salary inc Tax and f	C Withington MPC RFO	Staff	266.47
75		1 - Clerks Salary inc Tax anc	J Simpson MPC Clerk	Staff	853.18
76		64 - Tax	HMRC	Staff	66.60
77		64 - Tax	HMRC	Staff	24.75
78		64 - Tax	HMRC	Staff	24.75
79		20 - Chairmans Allow ance/F	HMRC	Chairs Allow ance Tax	300.00
80		8 - Standard Office expense	C Withington MPC RFO	Staff Expenses	16.48
81		8 - Standard Office expense	J Simpson MPC Clerk	Staff Expenses	108.15
82		25 - Notice Boards/seats/bin	J Simpson MPC Clerk	Expenses reimbursement SID jubik	36.94
83		27 - Play areas main	The Play Inspection Company	Play Inspection Annual	162.00
TOTAL					10,623.60

Signature

Date 37