

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 9th June 2022
at The Madeley Centre, New Road commencing at 7:00pm.

Present:

Councillors:, J. Stephenson, (**JSt**) Chair Ms K. Walley (**KW**) Vice Chair, C. Hopkin (**CH**), Ms T. Morgan, (**TM**), A. Davenport (**AD**), Mrs. B. Ruscoe, (**BR**), G White, (**GW**), S White, (**SW**), Mrs J Whitmore (**JW**), P Northcott (**PN**)(arrived 7.30pm)

Clerk: Mrs J Penn-Jones (**JPJ**)

RFO-Mrs. C. Withington (**CW**).

25.6/22 To receive Apologies for Absence (through the Clerk in accordance with standing orders)

Parish Councillors:, D. Whitmore, P Carnall

26.6/22 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the Agenda.

27.6/22 Public Participation. (Open Forum)

There was 1 member of the public present for the public forum.

28.6/22 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2022 and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9th June 2022

RESOLVED; they are to be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman

29.6/22 To consider any matters arising from above

30.6/22 Reports from Borough and County Councillors.

- a. **Borough** – GW gave an update re planning issues. He advised that the application regarding Station Rd had been deferred until the July committee; The Nook had been visited by the Enforcement Officer; The Offley Arms enforcement issue was still ongoing; Madeley Manor was still ongoing as documents were still awaited..

GW had been in contact with Aspire to discuss grass cutting, Garden issues – Bevan place and hedge cutting opposite monument which are due to be resolved in the next few weeks.

The new Borough Commander, John Owen, is due to start on the 25/6/22 and GW has a meeting with him on the 6/7/22

GW has contacted the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding issues at Greyhound Crt. There are issues regarding required Electrical certificates for both the empty residential & commercial properties which are currently been looked at by the Borough Council.

River Lea Bridge – has chased up NBC to get replaced, there were 2 options for replacement and the Borough Council, following negotiation with GW had agreed to bear the cost of a new DDA compliant double width bridge at a cost of £7,500.00. There was a 4 week lead time to installation.

Damaged goal post. These have been removed following reports and replacements have been ordered.

CH asked for clarity on the situation regarding Roeburndale at Madeley Heath which was being advertised for sale with planning permission but as far as CH was aware this had not been notified to the Parish Council. The clerk to check the position and report back.

- b. **County** – PN gave a report following the budget consultations with Staffordshire County Council and how it would affect the county. He advised the bollards which had been damaged following an accident could be repaired by applying for possible funding from PN or Staffs CC. information regarding the bent barrier to be forwarded. PN raised a query regarding the Neighbourhood Plan which the Clerk will look into.

31.06/22 Exclusion of the press and public.

There 1 member of the public present.

32.6/22 Financial Matters

- a. To consider Grant applications under the Grants Programme
- Application from Darby & Joan Club towards a summer outing to LLandudno – It was discussed and **Resolved** to approve the sum of £595.
- b. National Allotment Society – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the renewal of the annual subscription to NAS at a cost to of £66.
- c. Information Governance Fee - it was **RESOLVED** to approve at a cost of £215.
- d. Reserves policy – reviewed and approved.
- e. Accounts -2021/22 – CW advised the outcome of the internal audit and advised that requirements picked up have been actioned.
- f. It was **RESOLVED** to confirm that the assertions in section one of the AGAR was correct for the year ending 21/22
- g. It was **RESOLVED** that the Bank Mandate would be updated to remove Janet Simpson and Dave Barnish and add the Clerk, JSt and TM as signatories.
- h. It was **RESOLVED** to approve of payments/orders receipts and transfers. Appendix A – Approved as per attached payment schedule.

33.6/22 Casual Vacancies for Councillors

The Clerk advised that a resignation had been received from Cllr Rowley which was accepted. JSt thanked Cllr Rowley for all his contribution to the Parish Council. JPJ advised that she had notified the Electoral office and that the vacancy was now being advertised. If no one comes forward by the 22/6/22 then co-options can take place. It was **RESOLVED** if no applicants come forward then an advert to placed from the 27/6/22.

34.6/22 CCTV - Update

The order has been placed with EON and the Clerk is awaiting confirmation of the installation date. The order will be placed for the CCTV equipment with a proposed start date once the Clerk has heard from EON.

35.6/22 To consider planning applications received (and any that are received between date of agenda and meeting)

None received

36.6/22 To receive details of Planning Results; (Previously circulated).

None received

37.6/22 Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Following the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan It was discussed and **RESOLVED** to take some legal advice regarding the Local Green Space designation and what further protection could be given to the areas listed as Local Green Space.

38.6/22 Parish Email Accounts

The Clerk has been trying to get a response from the website/email provider but has not had any. It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the next meeting (July). KW will write a scope of work for prospective providers of Website support so that quotes could be obtained for outsourcing the support required to update the website.

39.6/22 London Bridge

It was discussed and **RESOLVED** that JPJ prepare a policy for this and forward to members prior to the next meeting and acquire the items necessary to comply with the policy which should be kept in storage pending any developments. JSt to liaise with the Madeley Centre to see if they would undertake the storage.

40.6/22 HS2 – Update to be noted

GW advised that there was no further information available as no quarterly meeting was held due to an inappropriate agenda being provided by HS2. GW has requested that HS2 reschedule the meeting in July with more appropriate contractors present. It was noted that there is still an ongoing issue with Bower End Lane. PN thanked JSt for copying him in to correspondence regarding this and stated that the County Council were taking an active role in progressing this issue.

41.6/22 Police Update

The Clerk provided the local crime figures for Madeley but there were no Police officers in attendance. It was noted that the Council were severely disappointed in the lack of police attendance and that a police had not been given since before March 2022. The clerk to write to the Police and invite them to July's meeting and express the disappointment of the Council at the lack of attendance.

42.6/22 Review of Committees & Working Groups

- a. Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to reduce the number of groups and to add a new group for Parish Appearance.
- b. it was **RESOLVED** to defer until the July meeting regarding nominations to various groups.
- c. Terms of reference for such groups to be deferred until July's meeting

43.6/22 Birch Dale Play Area

JPJ advised that an order has been placed with Wicksteed and that at present installation was looking to be in October but the exact date would be confirmed nearer to the time once the equipment had been manufactured.

44.6/22 Remembrance Day & Service

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to have a Service on the 11/11/22 in the memorial garden at the Madeley centre and that there would simultaneously be a separate laying of wreaths at the War memorial in Madeley Heath. The Clerk is to order the wreaths for both sites and to invite Vicar, schools and to try and get the Salvation Army Band to attend.

45.6/22 Memorial Garden Update

KW suggested that a policy be written on how decisions are made to add names. JS suggested that members think about whom and how people are remembered. There was discussion regarding how to commemorate the life of the former Parish Council Chairman

Billy Welsh. It was agreed that GW would liaise with Sue Welsh to obtain her approval to seeking that the BC give consideration to naming one of the streets on the new development at Honeywall Billy Welsh.

46.6/22 Allotments

There has been a request made for an additional handrail at the entrance to the allotments. It was **RESOLVED** to get quotes and to bring them to the next meeting if received.

47.6/22 Community Support Worker.

JPJ advised that she had received the resignation of RS from the role and this was accepted. There was a discussion as to what the role involved – bid writer; liaise with & support local groups & parishioners. The Clerk will send out to all members a Job & personal description to all members prior to next meeting.

48.6/22 to consider Parish Appearances and Highways Issues

It was advised that when Highways were doing work, they were leaving vegetation and stones in the gutters. There are damaged mile markers on Bar Hill and Madeley Heath – Clerk to look at cost of repairs and to get quotes. Clerk to ask Tidy Group if they will continue to look after planters – Clerk to contact. KW to ask the Offley Arms if they will maintain the flower bed on poolside that contains the Heron.

49.6/22 Clerks Report.

The Clerk gave her report.

50.6/22 Madeley Pool

The working group will be meeting and will report back at the July meeting.

51.6/22 To Consider the Race, Equality & Crime & Disorder Statement for the meeting

The Council appreciated it had not taken any decisions that would impact on the above

52.6/22 To note Councillors planned absence

All to inform the Clerk

53.6/22 Date, place and time of next meeting.

Thursday 7th July 2022 to be held at The Madeley Centre at 7:00pm.

