

Madeley Parish Council

MINUTES OF Madeley Parish COUNCIL Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 commencing 6.00pm at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley

Present: Councillors J. Stephenson (JS) (Chair), Cllr. K. Walley (KW) (Vice-chair), C. Hopkin (CH), J. Whitmore (JW), T. Morgan (TM), C. Cahill (CC), T. Nicoll (TN) S. White (SW), G. White (GW).


In attendance: Natalie Lovell (Clerk).

- 134.11/1 Apologies for Absence in accordance with Standing Orders
Council received apologies from Cllr. M.B. Ruscoe, Cllr A. Collins, Cllr. D. Whitmore and Cllr. P. Carnall.
- 135.11/2 Councillors' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in item on the Agenda
None disclosed.
- 136.11/3 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting: None disclosed.
- 137.11/4 Confirmation of Minutes

JS proposed, JW seconded, Council **resolved** unanimous to **approve** and for the Chair to sign as a factual record the Minutes of the last **Council Meeting** held on **Thursday 5th October 2023**.
- 138.11/5 Matters Arising

None.
- 139.11/6 Parish Council Budget Financial Year 24/25


a) Council considered whether to resolve to exclude the public and press for this item. JS proposed, CC seconded, Council resolved unanimous that in accordance with section1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business of this meeting, the public and press be excluded.
b) Council considered actions regarding the formation of the Parish Council budget for the coming financial year. The following budget was agreed for financial year 2024/25:


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PAYMENTS	Budget 23/24	Draft Budget 24/25	Comments
Allotments			
Allotments	£500.00	£600.00	
Assets			
Pump track enabling	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	
Bus shelters cleaning and repair	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
Geese control and Madeley Pool maintenance	£2,000.00	£3,500.00	
Heath Wood	£7,500.00	£2,250.00	
CCTV/Notice Boards/seats/bins/phonebox/SIDS	£5,000.00	£1,000.00	
Play areas maintain	£2,000.00	£3,400.00	
Play Equipment (New)	£0.00	£0.00	
Playing field Manor Rd	£25.00	£25.00	
Rock Garden Maintenance and grass	£100.00	£0.00	Included in Village Appearance Budget Heading
Swing security	£1,800.00	£0.00	Included in Play Areas Budget Heading


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Village Appearance/Memorial Garden inc Wharf	£2,000.00	£1,500.00	
Village Lengthsman 2 days	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	
Communication			
CSW	£2,000.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
Newsletter (1200) and Marketing (500)	£1,700.00	£1,000.00	
Quality Parish Council Status	£400.00	£0.00	Not applied for. Remove Budget Heading
Website and social media content	£1,500.00	£500.00	
Events/Donations			
MDCA	£0.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
Madeley Centre Contribution	£4,400.00	£4,400.00	
MPC Events -Summer/Xmas	£6,500.00	£7,500.00	
Youth Activities (general)	£5,000.00	£0.00	Included in events budget. Remove Budget Heading
Highways and Grass			
Grass cutting highways	£8,000.00	£9,000.00	
Misc / Contingencies			


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Misc/Contingencies	£1,000.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
Neighbourhood Plan			
Neighbourhood Plan	£3,500.00	£120.00	
Office			
Audit Fee (Ext and Int)	£500.00	£650.00	
Chairmans Allowance/Projects	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	
Cllr and Staff Training/materials	£500.00	£1,000.00	
Expenses/Adverts Office consumables/Stationery/ Room hire	£1,400.00	£1,000.00	Merged Budget Headings
Insurance	£1,300.00	£1,400.00	
S.P.C.A.	£560.00	£560.00	
Subscriptions -inc magazines/Scribe £500/DPO	£800.00	£1,500.00	
Other donation spend (S137) inc MPC Grants			
MPC Grants Programme	£4,000.00	£3,000.00	
Other misc spend (Sect 137)	£500.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
Remembrance Day S137/War Memorial repairs	£500.00	£0.00	To be paid from Events Budget Remove Budget Heading
Salary and Office Costs			
Clerks Salary inc Tax and NI	£19,000.00	£19,000.00	
Clerks salary overtime	£400.00	£400.00	
Clerks Pension	£6,000.00	£0.00	
Employers NIC	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	
Standard Office Expenses	£192.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading



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RFO Salary inc Tax and NI	£4,800.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
RFO overtime	£0.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
Standard Office expenses Clerk	£1,200.00	£350.00	
RFO Pension	£0.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
Tax	£0.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
Professional fees - locum	£0.00	£0.00	Remove Budget Heading
Total Budget	£126,077.00	£93,155.00	

Council considered the need to balance the budget without reliance on financial reserves and avoid possible larger scale future increases to the precept payment. Council noted the need to work towards local area partnerships between the Parish Council, the Madeley Centre and other local businesses. TN proposed, CH seconded, Council **resolved** unanimous to increase the precept payment by 9% for financial year 2024/25 subject to receipt of precept information from Borough Council.

140.11/7 Equality & Diversity

Councillors are asked to be mindful of the Equality & Diversity Policy and their crime prevention powers for the Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 7pm. Chair thanked Councillors for their attendance.


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