



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2018
IN THE PARISH HALL, MONTREY CRESCENT**

Present:

Councillors: GK Cleary, Chairman
Mrs B Ashcroft
S Barton
M Flynn
Mrs SM Murphy
J Pearson
B Pilkington

The Chairman opened the meeting and then suspended Standing Orders and went to Public Participation and Policing of the Area before returning to the Agenda.

2018/75 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th October 2018

It was requested Youth Council to be a separate Agenda item at future meetings

Resolved: to agree for the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the above meeting as a true record.

2018/76 To Note Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs S Cleary. A letter had also been received from Cllr Mrs Sandra Cleary requesting acceptance of her continuing absence

Resolved:
to receive and note and accept the above apologies

2018/77 *Public Participation

Amongst items raised this evening:

Lack of bins, query whether old stone concrete one could be replaced with newer, smarter black bins and there was also a comment re there being no benches. Cllr Murphy commented (from a ward councillor perspective) that no requests had been received in recent years and if residents wish for money to be spent in a particular way then this would be dealt with when requests are received. Planters were also mentioned but obviously funding is an issue. A proposed village in bloom event was briefly mentioned.

In the wake of the recent Remembrance events it was mentioned there are no public plaques in the area containing the names of those who gave their lives in the defence of this country, but it was reported there is one in Holy Trinity church. This gave rise to a suggestion of a Remembrance Garden (residents would be consulted on areas) and also lamppost poppies for next year.

(query with Derbyshire Lamp Post Poppy Appeal re next year). Residents were asked to suggest areas.

Wildflower planting up at Spindle Hillock as projects for children in the area was raised – this would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

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2018/78 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members

There were no Declarations of Interest

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2018/79 * Policing of the Area

Figures from 1st October to 8th November: Burglary dwelling – 0; Theft from motor vehicle-1 Theft of motor vehicle-0. No instances of anti-social behaviour appeared on the log over this period which included Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Comments re no police attendance at our meetings, issues with 101 number, and confusion over policing areas were made and the Clerk confirmed she would report these to Merseyside Police.

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2018/80 *Chairman, Councillors and Clerk’s Updates

Amongst items updated on this evening included:

Defibrillator, Carnival, Tree Lighting, December meeting, Coffee and Chat sessions; Clerks annual leave notification.

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2018/81 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

No comments have been submitted by the Planning Committee re the following:

Applications:

P/2018/0793/HHFP 32 Thornhill Road First floor side extension and porch to front **Decisions:**

P/2018/0598/FUL

Land Between 97 And 107 Birch Grove Erection of 3no three bed dwellings (comprising of 1no detached and 2no semidetached) GRANTED

P/2018/0599/FUL

Land Site Of Former 21 And 23 Billinge Road Erection of 2no three bed semi detached dwellings GRANTED

Resolved: to receive and note the update

2018/82 To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update

Details of the accounts for payment (below) and the financial update were circulated to those present.

642	St Helens Council - Community Hall Rates	1224.00
643	St Helens Council - Parish Hall Rates	558.00
644	Clerk - Nov Salary	1149.59
645	Caretaker CH and PH	613.24
646	Sports Attendant	294.96
647	Truline - replace light fitting in caretakers room (inv and CN)	122.43
648	Kirk Craig - service to roller shutters/inspect gate shutters	30.00
649	Trinity Girls Brass Band - deposit for tree lighting	50.00
650	HMRC-period 7	210.22
651	SMART PENSION-Sept	61.72
652	BT - alarm line	164.47
653	Eon – CH	717.77
654	Eon – PH	202.94
655	Clerk - Christmas Tree, TBNT figure and poppy	434.99

The Clerk reported no issues had been identified in the 2017/18 Audit following submission of the Annual Return - Members are asked to receive and note and approve for publication.

Resolved:

To receive and note Income and Expenditure

To pass the above accounts totalling £5834.33 with S137 payments of 484.99 (asterisked above)

To receive and note Audit result and approve publication

- 2018/83 Review of Hall Hire Charges**
 The Clerk presented the review of Hall Hire Charges and it was proposed to retain its current pricing for four hour slots but to also make available one hour slots for commercial bookings at £20 and £15 for community/charity bookings. It was also proposed to include the offer of no charge hire for 'free to attend - non-commercial, non-profit making Community Voluntary events/meetings'
Resolved: to agree the above proposed changes
- 2018/84 Newsletter**
 The draft copy was circulated to those present: requests to include articles/mention of Youth Council, Youth Club and Remembrance area ideas were received. The newsletter would be circulated w/c 19 November.
Resolved: to receive and note the above
- 2018/85 Christmas Day Dinner Project**
 Amanda Ryder has initiated the idea to provide free, delivered Christmas Day Dinners to local residents (up to 50). It was proposed for Parish Council to give administration/publicity support to the project and (following consultation with Amanda) a grant of up to £100 for turkey/pigs in blanket
Resolved: to agree a grant of up to £100 pending confirmation by Amanda Ryder
- 2018/86 Proposed Youth Club Update**
 Cllr Barton spoke briefly and reported one group 6-7 for primary school age children 7.30-9.00 will be for young people of secondary school age
 Looking for donations for equipment. The hope is it that it will be up and running in January. Cllr Barton and his group of volunteers were thanked for their efforts.
Resolved: to receive and note the above
- 2018/87 Volunteer Event**
 Cllrs Cleary, Ashcroft, Barton, Murphy and Pearson all confirmed their availability for the 25 January, 7.30 pm. It was proposed to provide a buffet supper and entertainment also to dress the room in gold Letters of thanks (framed) or/and small plaque were proposed as gifts). A further proposal to have a Community Champion Special Award with nominations requested from groups.
Resolved: to receive and note the above
- 2018/88 Tree Lighting Events Update (Downall Green and Garswood)**
 The Bluebell and Stag events will include food for children and selection boxes and it was proposed Parish Council pay for these.
 The Stag event will also include Trinity Girls Brass Band
 It was proposed to agree expenditure of up to £1000 to cover the events
Resolved: to note the above and agree expenditure of up to £1000 to cover the events
- 2018/89 Request from Estates Working Party**
 As a result of the meetings of the Estates Working Party Parish Council have been asked to consider their request that the Parish Hall be preserved and used as fully as possible. This request was discussed and the following was proposed: to carry out Quote Options 3, 4 and 8 in the first instance plus the investigative work in Option 6; dependant on the results of investigation, a review of the remainder of the work required will be done and further agreed on. It was also proposed that a further review will be undertaken in two years (end of 2020) giving the hall every chance flourish in the intervening period with a view to this supporting a decision for it to remain open. It was also proposed the idea of some of the work being undertaken by volunteers be explored.
Resolved: to undertake the work proposed and for the hall to remain open for two years when a further review will be undertaken to explore the possibility of some

work being undertaken by volunteers

2019/90 Update on Halls

A quote for new electric shutters had been circulated to Members. The issue was discussed and a proposal to obtain a quote for manual shutters was made.

Resolved: for the clerk to obtain a quote for manual shutters

2018/91 HR Matters

A specific issue was discussed and it was proposed for the Clerk to obtain further information/detail.

Resolved: to agree the above proposal.