

MINUTES

Wednesday 29 September 2021. 7.30pm in Chorlton WI Hall

PRESENT.

Cllr. Steve Chewins - Vice Chairman (presiding)

Cllr. Helen Groves, Cllr Louise Rees, Cllr. Chris Whitehurst.

APOLOGIES.

Cllr. Betty Young has submitted her resignation. The Vice-Chairman thanked her for the many years she had served on the Parish Council.

Cllr. Miles Lewis – Chairman. Richard Salmon – Clerk

PCSO Jonathan Hurst

Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) Ward Cllr. Rachel Williams,

- 76 Resolved** The Council formally accepted apologies from Cllr. Brian Holmes – Family commitment

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

- 77 Resolved** Councillor Rees' request for a dispensation was granted to: participate, or participate further, in any discussion of that business in Queens Head Steering Group.

Councillor Chewins declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 10 and 11 - Malpas Ladies Football Team and Queens Head. (Partner is Chairperson of the Malpas Ladies Football teams and the Queens Head Steering Group)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Two members of the public were present. Matters raised were:

Potentially icy roads at Sarn Bank, Back Lane and Sandy lane where gulleys appeared to be blocked.

Other issues raised were the overgrown footpath access past Mill House and the state of the verges on Mastiff Lane in Malpas Parish.

MINUTES.

- 78 Resolved** that circulated Minutes of the meetings of 31 March and 26 May 2021 are accepted as a true record. *(Copies of these will need to be signed at the next opportunity)*
It was noted that the July 2021 meeting had been cancelled due to lack of pressing business.

PLANNING.

The circulated planning register was accepted by Council.

It was noted that the live 3 planning applications had yet to be allocated a planning case officer.

ACCOUNTS.

- 79 Resolved** to accept the Cash Book to date and approve the following payments.

Fisher / Insurance - Paid with council's agreement	295.00
Shires / Pay role - Paid with council's agreement	36.50
JA Ackerley/ Internal Audit - Paid with council's agreement	30.00
ICO / Renewal - Paid with Direct Debit	35.00
Council also approved to purchase a Poppy Wreath in November	50.00

DUTIES / AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

The Council agreed the following areas of responsibility

Cheque signatories - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Groves & the Clerk

Planning - Cllr Holmes

Footpaths - Cllr Chewins

Trees - Cllr Groves

Road Safety- Vacant

Malpas Community Land Trust - Cllr Whitehurst

Speeding coordinator - Cllr Whitehurst

PARISH MEETING.

The Council agreed not to hold a meeting this year but would have it again in May 2022. It was stated that this could perhaps include presentations from local groups and organizations.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE.

The Council decided to mark the occasion in June 2022; this to and plant a commemoration tree and site a planter on the green triangle at the junction of Oldcastle Lane and Sandy Lane.

It was also suggested that something could perhaps be included along the route Threapwood Footpath 5 where a lot of the residents would normally walk.

- 80 Resolved** The Clerk to obtain cost estimates for the materials and associated work.

MALPAS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Council supported the initiative in principle, but chose to defer the making of any grant until more information on specific requirements were known.

- 81 Resolved** The Clerk to contact the grant requester to establish their requirements for next year.

QUEENS HEAD- SARN.

The Council noted the circulated report and agreed to support the project by publishing information on its community web site and Facebook page.

It was noted that the Project Steering Group had expressed their gratitude for the help the Council were providing.

GREEN CREDENTIALS

The Council considered the matter and

- 82 Resolved** to provide a written response to the resident.

Appendix A

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Cllr. Chris Whitehurst prepared the Minutes

Next meeting 24th November 2021

Signed

Dated

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Appendix A

GREEN CREDENTIALS

A young resident had asked what the Threapwood Parish Council were doing to support green initiatives.

Proposed response:

Thank you for bringing this important subject to our attention.

Governments, Borough Councils, and Parish Councils are putting out lots of intention positioning around climate change and emergency action.

However, to date we have not seen a leading role for the Parish Council in addressing this subject in the local community as other authorities are seemingly better placed to do so.

Fortunately litter and pollution have not been an issue in Threapwood that requires us to take action.

The Parish Council does not have the power to force individuals to act, and it is down to every individual person to make a difference to their lifestyles to improve the local environment.

We all need to consider what it is we do in our daily lives and how we might reduce our individual impact on the planet, whether that be make fewer journeys in fossil fuelled vehicles or being more conscious of leaving electric lights on, or wasting water.

We are aware that Malpas Parish Council is in the process of arranging a Climate Emergency Exhibition, whereby they are intending to invite green energy companies and local volunteer organisations to show case what it is they are doing.

One of our councillors will be attending that exhibition to establish if any of the initiative on display that could be suitable to introduce or promote in the Threapwood Parish area.

It may be worth you considering attending that event for yourself.

To answers to your specific questions:

1. What is Threapwood Parish Council doing to make sure everyone understands the need to be green?
We are using our social media platforms to communicate environmentally green initiatives and messages that are relevant to our local community.
2. How is Threapwood Parish Council protecting the local streams and rivers by making sure no plastics go into them?
Litter and pollution in the areas near to our brooks and streams have not currently been raised as issues so far. However, if this is identified as a problem in future it would be possible for the Parish Council to try to organise "Community Clean up Days" using local volunteers.
3. What else is Threapwood Parish Council doing to ensure that Threapwood is a green community?
We are currently gathering baseline information to assess what we may be able to do in the local parish.
If you have any specific suggestions we will be quite willing to consider them.