

SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on THURSDAY 6 MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM virtually via Zoom.

Present: Cllr M Chaloner, Cllr A Brown, Cllr J White, Cllr G Bowles, Cllr M Wilson.

In Attendance: C Taylor (Clerk), two members of the public.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr M Chaloner – Nominated by Cllr J White, Seconded by Cllr A Brown.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

The Chairman signed the Acceptance of Office.

3. COUNCILLOR VACANCY.

Noted that the vacancy was currently being advertised.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr P Roberts.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

A complaint was made about the amount of refuse blowing back out of the bin lorry on collection day. It was also noted that cyclists were responsible for some of the litter along the lanes.

Resolved: Clerk to raise the bin lorry issue with Cllr Roberts although it was an issue that had already been raised with him and of which he was aware.

7. POLICE UPDATE.

Police report circulated prior to the meeting.

- i) Speed gun to be deployed over coming weeks.
- ii) Clerk to ask Police if they could hold a police surgery in the village.

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting of 18th February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr G Bowles Seconded: Cllr J White.

10. MATTERS ARISING.

i) Drain at Little Green: Reported as worse.

Resolved: Clerk to speak to PROW Officer again.

ii) School traffic initiative (funding): **Resolved:** Cllr Chaloner to liaise with the school.

iii) Litter picking signs/hi vis: **Resolved:** Cllr Chaloner to speak to resident re preferred options.

iv) Website: **Noted** that the new Parish Council website address was Cheshireparishcouncils.co.uk

11. APPROVAL OF STATUTORY DOCUMENTS.

i) CWAC Code of Conduct ii) Standing Orders

iii) Financial Regulations / Appointment of Signatories iv) Risk Assessment

Resolved: To readopt and approve unchanged. Signatories: Cllrs Chaloner, Wilson and White.

Proposed: Cllr M Chaloner Seconded: Cllr M Wilson.

12. ACCOUNTS.

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

Proposed: Cllr J White Seconded: Cllr G Bowles.

13. ANNUAL AUDIT.

i) Noted: Internal Audit concluded by Hacker Young.

ii) Approved and signed by Chair: Annual Statement of Accounts Part 1.

iii) Approved and signed by Chair: Annual Statement of Accounts Part 2.

iv) Resolved: To declare Smaller Authorities Exemption from external audit.

v) Resolved: To Appoint Hacker Young as Internal Auditor for 2021/2022.

Proposed: Cllr M Chaloner Seconded: Cllr M Wilson.

14. ANNUAL INSURANCE.

Approved: Insurance schedule to be renewed unchanged with effect from 1 June 2021.

15. PLANNING.

Noted that any planning applications had been circulated to members between meetings.

Applications received or still awaiting decision:

20/03231/FUL Dog Kennel Farm Shocklach Hall Lane Shocklach SY14 7BT Demolition of 2 existing agricultural buildings, erection of a stable block and agricultural shed and the partial demolition of 1 workshop building with extension and the change of use to form 2 dwelling houses.

21/01453/FUL The Bull Inn Worthenbury Road Church Shocklach SY14 7BL 2 free standing wooden gazebos.

Approved:

21/00405/REM Land at Caldecott farm Worthenbury Road Caldecott Approval of reserved matters following outline application 20/01107/OUT for one dwelling.

16. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

i) **CWAC Community Resilience Plan: Resolved:** Shocklach to follow Farndon Parish Councils progress with their making of a plan.

ii) **MHCLG: Electronic Communications Infrastructure Consultation: Resolved:** Noted. Any comments to be forwarded to the Clerk.

iii) **DCMS: Rural Broadband Consultation: Resolved:** Noted. Councillors to respond on an individual basis.

iv) **Chalc: High Court ruling confirming cessation of virtual meetings with effect from 7 May 2021. Resolved:** Noted.

17. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Soughans Lane flooding update: Reported that it had been investigated and CWAC had said that it did not require any action at this stage.

ii) 30 mph roundels at Parr Green Lane and on Tilston Road: Noted as being in need of repainting.

Resolved: Clerk to report.

iii) Village gateway: To consider planting daffodils in the future.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

i) Cllr Brown wished it to be minuted that Jason at The Bull was taking over the checking of the defibrillator again.

Cllr Roberts joined the meeting at this point:

ii) Cllr Roberts advised that CWAC were being urged to co-ordinate the approach to Broadband providers to offer an improved service to communities that were struggling with connectivity issues.

iii) Cllr Roberts to be copied into any issues/correspondence relating to flooding.

iv) Village Meeting to be raised on September agenda for further discussion. Chair to possibly compile an Annual report to put on the website if Village Meeting not advisable/viable due to Covid 19.

19. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM (Venue tbc).

