

SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022 at SHOCKLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present: Cllr G Bowles (Chair), Cllr J White, Cllr I Carr, Cllr J Davies.

In Attendance: C Taylor (Clerk), Ward Cllr P Roberts.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr G BOWLES – Nominated by Cllr J White, Seconded by Cllr I Carr.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

The Chairman signed the Acceptance of Office.

3. POSITION OF COUNCILLOR.

- i) Jenny Davies was co-opted to the vacant position (1 of 2) of Councillor.
- ii) Cllr M Wilson had tendered his resignation with immediate effect which members accepted. It was noted that Cllr Wilson's contribution to the Parish Council would be very much missed. Clerk to progress advertising vacancy.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None.

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.

Cllr J Davies declared an interest in Item 15 Planning 21/04959/106.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Nothing raised.

7. POLICE UPDATE.

Police report circulated prior to the meeting.

- i) Resolved: Cllr White to take over the custodianship of the speed gun from Cllr Wilson (resigned). Volunteers to deploy the gun to be canvassed at the Village Meeting and via Yellow Pages.

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Roberts had met with CWAC Street Scene regarding fly tipping issues and the waste on Bishop Bennet Way would now be cleared. Warning signs were available from CWAC to place in laybys where there were littering issues.

Resolved: Cllr White to let Cllr Roberts know of laybys where signs would be useful.

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting of 17th February 2022 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr G Bowles Secounded: Cllr J White.

10. MATTERS ARISING.

i)Rural Digital Connectivity: Cllr Carr had been in touch with Mike Dugine, CWAC Digital Specialist and updated regards the latest position on connectivity options for Shocklach.

Resolved: Residents had been invited/encouraged to come to the Village Meeting where Mike Dugine, advertised as the guest speaker, would be available to update/inform and answer any questions.

ii)Jubilee Commemoration plans: A resident, the school and The Bull were all making plans

Resolved: Noted.

iii)Village Meeting: Scheduled for 26th May 2022. Details had been advertised. **Resolved:** Noted.

11. APPROVAL OF STATUTORY DOCUMENTS.

i) Standing Orders ii) Financial Regulations iii) Risk Assessment

Resolved: To readopt and approve unchanged.

iv) CWAC Code

Resolved: To adopt the revised Code of Conduct adopted by CWAC.

v)Appointment of Signatories

Resolved: To appoint Cllrs Bowles, Carr and White. Cllr Bowles to make enquiries regarding online banking.

Proposed: Cllr J White Secounded: Cllr G Bowles.

12.ACCTS.

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 Secounded: Cllr G Bowles.

13.ANNUAL AUDIT/ANNUAL GOVERNANCE and ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR).

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 2022/2023.

Proposed: Cllr I Carr Secounded: Cllr J White.

14. ANNUAL INSURANCE.

Approved: Insurance schedule to be renewed unchanged with effect from 1 June 2022.

Proposed: Cllr G Bowles Secounded: Cllr J Davies.

15. PLANNING.

Noted that any planning applications are circulated to members between meetings.

Applications received or still awaiting decision: None.

Approved: 21/04959/106 Land at Caldecott Farm Worthenbury Road Caldecott Chester Variation to section 106 Agreement in relation to 20/01107/OUT.

16. CORRESPONDENCE.

- i)PCC Town and Parish Council Meeting 24th May 2022: An invitation to attend an online event.
- ii)Cheshire Local List Project: Information received from Headland outlining how to add to the list.

Resolved: Noted.

17. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

- i)Both the yellow and white lines outside the school were faded. **Resolved:** Request Highways renew.
- ii)30mph limit signs from Worthenbury to Shocklach were faded. **Resolved:** Request Highways renew.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Nothing raised.

19. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM.

The Village Meeting will take place on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 7.30pm.

Both meetings will be held at Shocklach Primary School.