

# Cuddington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council for the Parish of Cuddington  
held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the Village Hall,  
Norley Road, Cuddington, at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** – Cllr Brooks, Cllr Chrimes OBE (Chairman), Cllr Crist, Cllr Hill, Cllr Kerrigan, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Latham and Cllr Ruchat.

Also present was CWaC Cllr's Fifield and Williams, Clerk to the Council - Julie Chrimes and 1 member of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm (15 minutes late, due to Wi-Fi problems)

1. **Election of Chairman.** It was **RESOLVED** that, Cllr Chrimes is appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. **Signing of declaration.** Cllr Chrimes duly signed the Chairman's acceptance of office.
3. **Election of Vice Chairman.** It was **RESOLVED** that; Cllr Brooks is appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
4. **Apologies:** Apologies were received and noted for Cllr Maddock and CWaC Cllr Edwards.
5. **Declaration of Interest and submission of register of interests.** The Clerk reminded members to update their declaration of interest register if needed. Cllr Chrimes declared an interest in Employee Pensions and Flagpoles.
6. **Public Airtime.** A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns in relation to noise and floodlighting in Kennel Wood. Cllr Fifield confirmed that he has chased the matter with the Licensing department some last year, Cllr Paul Williams will contact the licensing department and liaise with the resident directly.
7. **Working Groups and other meetings.** None, due to Covid restrictions.
8. **Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Hill seconded by Cllr Ruchat and **RESOLVED**, that the Chairman signs the minutes of the statutory meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as a true and correct record.

**9. Annual membership of committee's and Working Party groups for 2021/2022**

It was noted that Finance & General Purposes Committee and Flea Moss Pit Committee are advisory committees; they shall make recommendations to the Council, which then makes the decisions. The clerk shall facilitate the meetings and shall write the minutes as a legal record of what was decided at the meetings.

**Cemetery Committee** is a joint committee comprising of 4 members from Cuddington, 4 members from Weaverham and 2 Members from Action Bridge Parish Council's.

**Planning Representatives - RESOLVED** that the Council (under LGA section, 101) delegates the power to the Clerk in conjunction with the planning representatives to submit comments to CWAC on behalf of the Council (in between statutory meetings).

**Working Parties - Noted:** Working Parties are not subject to the strict rules that apply to formal council and committee meetings and do not need to be held in public. Working parties will provide written notes to the Council and make recommendations to the Council. The working parties are: Village Footpaths Working Party and the Traffic Group & Village Maintenance Working Party

**Personnel Group**

When sensitive issues are discussed such as legal, contractual, or staffing matters the Council can agree to exclude the press and public for that item of business.

**Membership of Committee's and working party groups 2021/2022**

**Finance & General Purposes Committee:** Cllr Chrimes (Chairman), Cllr Brooks (Vice Chairman), Cllr Crist and Cllr Hill.

**Flea Moss Pit Committee:** Cllr Brooks, Cllr Chrimes, Cllr Kerrigan, Cllr Crist.

**Cemetery Committee:** Cllr Brooks, Cllr Chrimes, Cllr Phillips, and Cllr Maddock.

**Playing Fields Management Committee Representative:** Clerk to the Council and Cllr Hill.

**Working Party Groups.**

**Planning Representatives:** Cllr Latham, Cllr Kerrigan, Cllr Ruchat and Cllr Hill.

**Village Footpaths Group:** Cllr Latham and Cllr Phillips.

**Traffic Group & Village Maintenance:** Cllr Crist, Cllr Kerrigan and Cllr Ruchat.

**Personnel Group:** Cllr Brooks and Cllr Crist.

- 10. Planning Applications.** Cllr Latham gave an update on planning applications considered in April 2021, as summarized in the planning documents circulated to all Councillors.
- b) To receive public representations: There were none.
  - c) Planning applications. There was none considered at the meeting.
  - d) Cllr Latham gave an update on CWaC decisions and appeals.

**11. CWaC Councillor's update.** Councillors were concerned about the ongoing issues relating to a property on Forest Road, CWaC Councillor's reported that the enforcement officers cannot do anything until something happens. It was noted that there will be a new planning application for the petrol filling station on Chester Road. Cllr Williams has been liaising with a resident in relation to a drain collapse on Mill Lane, and reported he sits on the flooding group. Cllr Latham requested that the ward councillor's support in relation to issues with Cemex. It was noted that there is a meeting between the parish council and Cemex in June 2020. Cllr Fifield confirmed he will take any concerns that warrant it, through to the head of planning in relation to the concerns have with Cemex. It was noted that CWaC had not put in the white line in the centre of the Weaverham Road when carrying out resurfacing. Cllr Latham recorded his thanks to CWaC Cllr Edwards for her input in the efforts to reinstate a public footpath on Sandiway Golf Club, the clerk updated the meeting on issues Cllr Edwards is dealing with.

**12. Accounts & Payments.**

- a) **Expenditure and Income Statements.** Proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Latham and **RESOLVED** that the expenditure and income statements are accepted as a true record.
- b) **Approve payments.** Proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Latham and **RESOLVED** that the following payments totalling £26,290.18 are paid by either standing order, direct debit, bank transfer, cheque or under delegated authority for May 2021 be approved and noted.

		<b>Total</b>	
	BBF	£128,680.12	
Payments authorised:	Apr-21	£5,347.90	£123,332.22

**Receipts**

Land rental	£25.00	<b><u>£123,357.22</u></b>
Barclays Community Account - 30708852	£1,104.30	
Barclays Business Premium Account - 80344400	£102,785.84	
NS & Inv. Account - 138 073 109	£19,467.08	£123,357.22

Cq No:	To whom paid	Particulars of payment	Statutory Provision	Inv. No.	Amount
Bacs	Northwich Town Council	Grass Cutting at Boundary Lane Play area twice a month	(PHA 1875 s,164)	13	£235.20

Bacs	Employee	Salary - May 2021	(LGA1972, s112)	14	£2,149.40
Bacs	Employee	Reimbursement TP & Internet May 2021	(LGA1972, s112)	15	£35.00
Bacs	NEST Pensions	Employer & Employee Cont. 06 May - 05 June 2021	(PHA 1875 s,164)	16	£183.66
Bacs	Clean Safe Environments	Village Maintenance - Service Level Agreement (SLA 2)	(PHA 1875 s,164)	17	£641.66
Bacs	Graphish	Printing of the Round Tower in Colour - June 2021	(LGA 1972,s142)	18	£170.00
Bacs	Cuddington & Sandiway Parish PF Ltd	Annual grant to the C&S Playing Fields Association Ltd	(PHA1987 s 164;)	19	£18,481.75
SO	UK Debt Management Office	Public works loan board loan re Village Hall	NLA (1968 s,3)	20	£3,687.71
Bacs	Rospa Play Safety	Annual Inspection of Playgrounds NRFF and BLGPA	(PHA1987 s 164;)	21	£235.80
Bacs	Moss haslehurst	Professional Charges for abortive sale of Flea Moss Pit	(LGA 1972 – Sec 133)	22	£450.00
Bacs	Mrs J Chrimes	Reim. for payment made - Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association.	(LGA 1972, s111)	23	£20.00
					<b><u>£26,290.18</u></b>

- 13. Employee's pension.** The Council had a brief debate about employee pensions, Cllr Crist confirmed that in the Local Government Pay Scheme employers contribution was 22.6% and for Nest it was currently 4% of the employee's gross salary. The role of Clerk to Cuddington Parish Council and RFO has a Local Government contract of employment and is paid according to the Local Government Salary Scale. It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Kerrigan and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Crist and the Clerk gather features and benefits including monetary costs of both the Nest Pension scheme and the Local Government Pension Scheme so the Council have a comparison of the Nest and LGPS pensions to consider at the next meeting.
- 14. Flagpole.** The Council received a request from the Royal British Legion to support them in their quest for a flagpole to be sited at the War Memorial, it was noted that, all costs will be covered by the RBL and the flagpole will be used for ceremonial purposes as laid down by the Government. It was proposed by Cllr Latham, seconded by Cllr Brooks and **RESOLVED**, the Parish Council support the Royal British Legion's application to Cheshire West and Chester Council as landowners for a flagpole to be installed.
- 15. Clerk's report.** The clerk confirmed that the council has now received a schedule of bin emptying around the village.

There has been no response from the potential buyer of Flea Moss Pit, following the abortive sale, costs to the parish council to date were £1,925.00. Cemex have cancelled another meeting with the parish council it will now take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 at 2pm. Two members from Weaverham Parish Council will be attending also.

The clerk is awaiting a response from Jones Homes in relation to residents' concerns regarding a fence which is leaning on their boundary fences.

Further acts of vandalism have taken place at Boundary Lane Green play area, the police are investigating.

The clerk reported a meeting is scheduled for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30am with a public rights of way officer to gain a clearer understanding about culverts.

- 16. Correspondence.** It was noted that a joint meeting with the Playing Fields Trustees will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.15pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20hrs.

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Signed..... Chairman