

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2015 at 7.30pm at Kingsmead Primary School

Attended by: Cllr Hoey (Chair), Cllr Reed, Cllr Weltman, Cllr Done, Cllr Broome, Cllr Channon, Cllr Bannister
Jo O'Donoghue (Clerk)

Also attended by: Gina Bebbington (Northwich Guardian)
Sgt Gary Weaver (Northwich Local Policing Unit)
4 members of the public

PART A

1. To receive Apologies

Resolved: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Boylan and Salmon

2. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda

To receive from members, disclosure of any (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and, (b) Other Disclosable Interests as required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and Kingsmead Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

Noted: There were no declarations of interest

3. Public Open Forum

Members of the public are invited to address Councillors and raise issues of concern.

Noted: 1 member of the public attended to raise concerns regarding enforcement of the 20MPH zone on Monarch Drive and the lack of support by both Highways and Cheshire Police. Sgt Weaver explained that the 20MPH zone was not enforceable as the Police must first offer offenders the opportunity of attending a speed awareness course before imposing fines and penalty points and that no such courses are currently available for exceeding 20MPH in a 20MPH zone. Sgt Weaver explained that a minimum of 6 volunteer residents could be trained to operate speed awareness signage as part of Community Speedwatch and Cllr Reed and the Clerk agreed to provide Sgt Weaver with a list of volunteers.

2 residents attended and congratulated the Council on improvements to the estate over the past few years however it was noted that the roundabouts and gutters were in need of maintenance. Cllr Weltman noted that this was the responsibility of Highways and agreed to contact Cheshire West and Chester Council.

1 resident attended to request a seating area between the extra care home and Kingsmead Square and raise concerns regarding the difficulty crossing the road across Registry in the direction of the shops. It was agreed that the Council will consider both issues.

Sgt Weaver gave an overview on the restructuring of the neighbourhood policing unit and reported that in the last 14 days only 2 incidents have been reported, theft of a mountain bike on Wheelock Close and theft of milk from a door step on Knightsbridge. Sgt Weaver presented an overview of Operation Shield and the costs involved and it was agreed to consider funding at the next meeting. Sgt Weaver asked for the names of the speedwatch volunteers to be forwarded to arrange training.

4. Approval of Minutes

a) To approve and sign Minutes of the Council Meeting held 20th July 2015

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to approve and sign Minutes of the Council Meeting held 20th July 2015

5. Finance and Administration

a) To approve and sign the accounts July/August/September 2015

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Bannister, seconded by Cllr Weltman and unanimously agreed to approve and sign the following accounts for payment:

Paid July 2015

Jims Mowing (2206KPC)	£ 915.00
Jims Mowing (0107/KPC)	£ 1,060.00
Jims Mowing (2006/01KPC)	£ 990.00
Caddis (A1475)	£ 600.00
WAP Lawton (12422)	£ 1,512.00
WAP Lawton (12349)	£ 2,376.00
Pentagon (3146)	£17,934.00
TOTAL	£25,387.00

Paid August 2015

Clerks salary	£ 707.26
HMRC	£ 251.70
Office expenses (BT)	£ 75.16
Jims Mowing (2006/06/KPC)	£ 690.00
Jims Mowing (2006/06/KPC)	£ 840.00
WAP Lawton (12435)	£ 7,800.00
Adele (00138)	£ 340.00
Jims Mowing (2006/09KPC)	£ 550.00
Jims Mowing (2006/10KPC)	£ 915.00
Office expenses (webhosting)	£ 386.64
TOTAL	£12,555.76

September 2015

Clerks salary	£ 707.26
HMRC	£ 251.70
PIMS (KIN016)	£ 324.00
PIMS (KIN015)	£ 594.00
PIMS (KIN017)	£ 170.40
WAP Lawton (12474)	£ 7,800.00
Jims Mowing (2006/11KPC)	£ 1,300.00
Jims Mowing (2006/12KPC)	£ 1,950.00
Jims Mowing (2006/13KPC)	£ 580.00
WAP Lawton (12481)	£ 235.20
S Smith	£ 275.00
TOTAL	£14,187.56

b) To note action taken from the previous meeting and any outstanding actions to be processed

Noted: There were no outstanding actions

6. Highways

a) To receive report from Cllr Weltman

Noted: It was noted that the outstanding 20MPH zone for Moor Park Way has been approved but has not yet been implemented.

- b) To agree action to be taken

Resolved: Cllr Weltman agreed to progress community speedwatch with CWAC Highways.

7. Trees/Ponds

- a) To receive report from Cllrs Reed & Hoey

Noted: Quotes for works to Fishermans car park area and Rosset Way woodland were noted. It was noted that the Rosset Close fence is rotten and that quotes are awaited for replacement. A report is awaited from Caddis for routine on-going pond maintenance.

- b) To agree action to be taken

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Done and unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Caddis for works to the above: £1,440 (Fishermans car park area) and £2,640 Rossett Way. Clerk to instruct.

8. Play Areas

- a) To note reports following play area inspections

Noted: It was noted that: the bark requires topping up on Dukes Way park and that weeds need treating and removing; the gate on Kensington Way park needs adjusting and the original bench has a loose top which requires repair; the gate to Mereworth is damaged and needs repair.

- b) To agree any further action to be taken

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to request Lawtons to top up the bark and repair the bench and request PIMS to carry out works to the gates.

9. Christmas 2015

- a) To receive report from working group (Cllrs Salmon, Done, Weltman & Boylan)

Noted: It was noted that: a quotation has been received from Northwich Town Council for Christmas trees, associated lighting and pole decorations in the sum of £8,860; costs for future years will be in the region of £1,800; the new owners of Kingsmead Square have given their consent to hold a Christmas Fair on 29th November and also illuminate the tree adjacent to the nursery; several traders have contacted Cllr Weltman to request further information; a further meeting of the working group is due to take place prior to the next council meeting.

- b) To agree action to be taken

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from Northwich Town Council and continue with Xmas arrangements as planned.

10. Bridges

- a) To receive report from Cllr Reed

Noted: It was noted that the signs have been ordered and the jetty surface replaced.

- b) To agree any action to be taken

Noted: Clerk to request treatment to hand rails of jetty and Cllr Bannister to look at replacement on the duck house

11. Website

- a) To note progress

Noted: Cllr Hoey reported that the upgraded service has been actions and that a temporary website has been set up. Cllrs Hoey and Bannister are continuing to work on website content and there will be a further update at the next meeting.

- b) To agree further action to be taken

Noted: No further action is required at the present time

12. Maintenance

- a) To agree hedge cutting schedule

Noted: It was noted that hedge cutting begins on 1st August and can take up to 6 weeks to complete

depending on weather.

b) To note path cutting schedule

Noted: It was noted that a request will be made to Lawtons to complete the top path first next year

c) To note issues with fencing

Noted: Cllr Reed reported that there are continuing issues relating to access bordering the fire station and land belonging to Kingsmead Parish Council and that a quotation has been received from Rob's Mowing in the sum of £1,775 to erect a 25m x 6ft chain link fence to 14 x concrete posts. The area will be cut back and all rubbish removed from the site.

d) To agree action to be taken

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Done and agreed to accept the quotation of £1,775 to erect the fencing. Cllr Channon objected to the proposal.

13. Any other business not on the agenda

(For discussion only. No decision can be made under this item. (15 minutes)

14. Close of meeting

Noted: The meeting closed at 9.25pm