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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, Brook Lane, Astbury, on Wednesday 16th October 2019 at 7.30pm.

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Present Cllrs Clowes (Chair), C Harwood, Lawton, Robinson, Cook, Shaw, Connolly, S Harwood, Meakin, B Griffiths, R Griffiths, Somerville and Moller.

Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) & CEC Cllr Wardlaw in attendance.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Action</u>
1500.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cope and Johnson.	
1501.	<b><u>Public Forum</u></b> There were no members of the public present.	
1502.	<b><u>Declarations of interest</u></b> No declarations of interest declared.	
1503.	<b><u>Minutes of a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019</u></b> Cllr Harwood proposed, Cllr Meakin seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to pass the minutes of the meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 as a true and correct record with the addition of Cllr Moller to the apologies.	
1504.	<b><u>Matters arising from the Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019</u></b> a) Mount Pleasant Traffic Flows – Cllr Wardlaw has been asked to request Highways to undertake an assessment of traffic flows in Clare Street & Chapel Street (which would need to ascertain if the problem is time limited, e.g. school drop off/pick up times, or throughout the day) and possible solutions.	
1505.	<b><u>Accounts and Expenses</u></b> Cllr R Griffiths proposed, Cllr Connolly seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the following:	
	<i>PAYE + NIC</i>	£1,094.77
	<i>Oct payment*</i>	
	<i>Mr G Roberts</i>	£2,395.46
	<i>Oct salary*</i>	
	<i>New grade £2614.25 plus</i>	
	<i>6 months backdated increase</i>	
	<i>£731.00</i>	
	<i>Superannuation</i>	£904.89
	<i>Oct payment*</i>	
	<i>Norton Security</i>	£69.99
	<i>Annual computer/internet security</i>	
	<i>Car Van &amp; Minibus World Ltd</i>	£39,941.75
	<i>Balance on new minibus.</i>	
	<i>The Leaflet Team</i>	£668.00
	<i>Printing &amp; delivery Oct/Nov OnThe Rode</i>	
	<i>08 Direct</i>	£11.99

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Initialled by Chair

<i>Freephone number 1 month (booking line)</i>	
<b>Giff Gaff</b>	£6.00
<i>1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for booking line</i>	
<b>ATOS Fuel Genie</b>	£47.00
<i>Diesel for minibus (Sept)</i>	
<b>CTA Insurance</b>	£437.86
<i>Increased premium on new bus</i>	
<b>Legal &amp; General</b>	£61.15
<i>Balance on ill health insurance</i>	
<b>08 Direct</b>	£11.99
<i>Freephone number 1 month</i>	
<b>Giff Gaff</b>	£6.00
<i>1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for booking line</i>	
<b>Car Van &amp; Minibus World Ltd</b>	£240.00
<i>Livery on new minibus (not in tender)</i>	
<b>FTE Ltd</b>	£325.00
<i>Fitting of AED box at Mount Pleasant</i>	
<b>Northwich Town Council</b>	£240.00
<i>Chapter 8 Highways Traffic Management training for Clerk.</i>	
<i>* subject to agreement of last item on agenda</i>	

**1506.**

**Reports & Updates**

A) Report from committees & working groups – Planning (applications previously circulated to members); Community Transport (agreed to purchase spare remote key for minibus and to place an AED in it, with appropriate signage); Newsletter (latest issue going out from Friday); PEEP (looking at Cinder Hill verges and Thurlwood Locks towpath amongst other things); NDP (draft complete); Office Working Group (confidential item – exploring site issues).

Cllr Clowes proposed, Cllr C Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the draft NDP and, after preliminary matters are completed, to submit it to CEC for adoption.

B) Cheshire East Matters – Cllr Wardlaw reported on CEC matters including: Cinder Hill Lane 20 mph limit & Mount Pleasant Traffic flows (both to go to the April local highways group meeting); Mount Pleasant verges; pot hole recommendations; and weeds at Chapel Lane.

C) Policing Matters – a written report had been received from the PCSO. Members reported on the recent cluster meeting.

D) Village Halls – The Council’s representatives reported on the village halls.

**1507.**

**Correspondence**

a) Rode Heath Village Hall – offer to site an AED at the village hall. It was agreed to accept the offer, use the donated cabinet on the hall, buy a cabinet for Mow Cop phone box and buy two AEDs (one for RHVH and 1 for Mow Cop). The donated AED will be used in the minibus. A qualified volunteer may fit the village hall cabinet for free. Cllr Shaw will approach The Rising Sun to ascertain if the owner would allow an AED to be sited on the pub wall (using electricity from the pub, approx £25 pa).

b) Correspondence from Mrs Grundy re highways – Cllr Wardlaw noted that she had requested siding out of the A34, Church Lane and Poolside. Mrs Grundy will be informed of this.

c) ANSA & Christmas Trees – ANSA had stated that the price for the trees would be £5,266.80 plus £1,053.36 VAT (total £6,320.16). Matt Smith had stated “The price increase is due to us having to source a new supplier. Macclesfield Forest are no longer providing trees to Local Authorities for a number of reasons one of which being that it is no longer financially viable. This has been apparent in the costings we’ve received in our attempts to find an alternative. We have also discovered there is a national shortage of trees due to changes to import legislation making it more difficult to bring them into the country which increases the demand for locally grown ones and in turn the price. I have tried to keep to costs as low as possible without it becoming unviable for us but I do appreciate there is still a significant jump in price.”

It was felt that it was too late to make alternative arrangements and that the Council had no alternative but to reluctantly accept the cost. Cllr C Harwood proposed, Cllr R Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to place the order for this year and to explore alternative arrangements for future years (including the possibility of planting Christmas trees).

**1508.**

**Confidential Item**

Annual Appraisal - Cllr Clowes proposed, Cllr Lawton seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the report and recommendation that, in line with the Clerk’s contract & the national agreement between NALC & SLCC (and National Joint Council for Local Government Services terms), that the new pay scales be agreed (a 2% cost of living increase) and that, in recognition of the Clerk’s work, the Clerk’s salary increases 1 increment from new SC27 (old SC33) to new SC28 (old SC34), i.e. from £30,507 to £31,371 p.a. inclusive of cost of living increase, effective from 1st April 2019.

**1509.**

**Next meeting**

Cllr Clowes proposed, Cllr Lawton seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED that November’s meeting will start at 7.45pm in order not to clash with the CEC Parish & Town Council Conference. Cllr C Harwood will attend the Conference.

**1510.**

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 20.45pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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