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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Clowes (Chair), C Harwood, Lawton, Shaw, Connolly, R Griffiths, B Griffiths and J Brammer.

Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) and CEC Cllr P Redstone also in attendance.

Item No. Detail

1670. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Meakin, Johnson, Cope and Cook. Also. PCSO J Carter. Cllr S Harwood had tendered her resignation for health reasons.

Public Forum

1671. No issues were raised.

Declarations of interest

1672. There were no declarations of interest.

1673. **Minutes of a meeting held on 28th July 2021**

Cllr R Griffiths proposed, Cllr Shaw seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to pass the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2021 as a true and correct record.

<i>PAYE + NIC</i>	£815.98
<i>Aug payment</i>	
<i>Mr G Roberts</i>	£2,025.78
<i>Aug salary</i>	
<i>Superannuation</i>	£763.78
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<i>08 Direct</i>	£11.99
<i>Freephone number 1 month (booking line) Aug</i>	
<i>Giff Gaff</i>	£6.00
<i>1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for booking line Aug</i>	
<i>08 Direct</i>	£11.99
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<i>Legal & General</i>	£392.14
<i>Ill health liability insurance.</i>	
<i>The Vinyl Corporation</i>	£84.00
<i>Printable sticky back vinyl for signs</i>	
<i>Norton</i>	£74.96
<i>Annual internet security</i>	
<i>PKF Littlejohn</i>	£480.00
<i>External audit fee</i>	

Initialled by Chair

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Reports & Updates

Committees & Working Groups – Brief reports were given from the committees and working groups: Christmas Trees (CEC not authorised yet, awaiting confirmation from tree supplier re date of availability); Newsletter (almost ready to publish) and Planning (no controversial applications). PEEP (aiming to meet in the week commencing 4th October). The Clerk will review the Community AED provision in the parish and report to the next meeting of the Council. Community Transport (minibus ready and dates for trips being finalised). Office working Group (no change in land availability).

Police & Community Support officer – The PCSO will hold a public meeting on speeding in mid October.

Cheshire East Matters – Cllr Redstone reported on CEC matters including: Covid grants; consultation on planning charges; car parking review; bus service improvement plan; and the police and Remembrance Services.

Members agreed that, should it go to consultation, the Council would object to the proposals on the grounds that public transport is poor, it would penalise rural residents who have to drive to towns and it would result in residents going to nearby towns with free parking, such as Kidsgrove, to the detriment of Cheshire East towns.

Village Halls – Brief reports were given: Scholar Green (investigations are ongoing into the floor problems); Mount Pleasant (bookings had increased); Rode Heath (back to pre-pandemic levels of activity).

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Correspondence

The following were received:

- a) PKF Littlejohn - external auditor report and certificate (Section 3 of the AGAR Part 3) – noted that no issues were raised.
- b) CEC governance review – proposal to reduce the number of ORPC members from 15 to 14 or 12. The meeting did not consider that a reduction in membership would improve representation, there are no financial benefits and all wards should have equal representation.
- c) CEC parking charges – object if proposals go to consultation.
- d) RBL catalogue – agreed not purchase any of the signs but to buy more lamp post poppies.
- e) SMASH – noted.
- f) RBL – details of this year's Remembrance Service and members are invited to attend. Cllr Shaw will be the wreath bearer. Liz Wardlaw and Patrick Redstone will attend. There will be no parade this year.
- g) CEC street lights – The Clerk reported that CEC Highways were disputing responsibility for some lights. He will gather evidence to present to them.
- h) Rode Heath Park – There had been complaints about the maintenance of the site with equipment not replaced and equipment not being cleaned.
- f) Residents wish to place a memorial (planted up wheelbarrow) at Wavertree Avenue – no objection provided that they maintain it.

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Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 9.05 p.m.

Signed by the Chairperson _____

Dated _____

