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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Connolly (Chair), Harwood, Shaw, Cope, Griffiths, Brammer, Flynn and Whitehead.
Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) and CEC Cllr P. Redstone also in attendance.

Item No. Detail

1937. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lawton, Howard, Ford, Massey, Frost & Loughran. Also, PCSO Watson.

1938. **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

1939. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1940. **Minutes of the Meeting of 15th November 2023**

Cllr Flynn proposed, Cllr Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the minutes as true and correct.

1941. **Matters Arising from the minute**

It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Office Working Group in January (priority to consider storage).

1942. **Casual Vacancy**

There had been no applications.

1943. **Accounts & Expenses**

Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

<i>HMRC PAYE + NIC</i>	£941.55
<i>December payment</i>	
<i>Mr G Roberts</i>	£2,285.60
<i>December salary</i>	
<i>Superannuation</i>	£849.24
<i>December payment</i>	
<i>08 Direct</i>	£11.99
<i>Freephone number 1 month (Rode Runner booking line)</i>	
<i>Giff Gaff</i>	£6.00
<i>1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for Rode Runner booking line</i>	
<i>Adobe</i>	£19.97
<i>Monthly fee for Adobe Pro for editing/producing accessible documents.</i>	
<i>The Leaflet Team</i>	£916.00
<i>Dec/Jan Newsletter printing & distribution</i>	
<i>J Loughran</i>	£1,050.00
<i>3 sets of Christmas characters</i>	
<i>Keele Christmas Trees</i>	£88.00
<i>2x 6' Nordmann Firs</i>	
<i>BT</i>	£301.51
<i>Office phone and internet ¼ yr</i>	
<i>SLCC</i>	£298.00
<i>1 year subscription</i>	

Initialled by Chair

1944. **Budget & Precept**

Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Brammer seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the draft budget for 2024/25.

Cllr Griffiths proposed, Cllr Whitehead seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to issue a precept of £101,664 for the year 2024/25.

1945. **Reports & Updates**

Committees & Working Groups – brief reports were given as follows: Christmas & Remembrance Events Working Group (the meeting gave a unanimous vote of thanks to the working group members for their hard work and excellent results); Newsletter (latest issue had been delivered); PEEP (the towpath is due to be completed in January with an invoice for payment in this financial year).

Cheshire East matters – Cllr Redstone reported on gritting (Poolside & Church Lane have been added to the schedule), car parking, and the council tax base. Cllr Cope raised the problem of flooding at Millmead and flooding of 85 Sandbach Road (the latter is water from the play area). Cllr Redstone agreed to press CEC on these issues (Cllr Cope will send him the info after the meeting).

PCSO report – No report was received.

Village Halls – Brief reports were given.

1946. **Correspondence**

None.

1947. **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Signed by the Chairperson _____

Dated _____