

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STAPELEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT PEAR TREE SCHOOL, PEAR TREE FIELD, STAPELEY, NANTWICH  
ON 6 OCTOBER 2011**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Gwinn-Freemantle (Chairman)

Councillor M Docker                      Councillor R Morton  
Councillor K Nord

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor A Martin                      Cheshire East Council  
Councillor P Groves                      Cheshire East Council

Maxine Galt                      Candidate for co-option to the  
Parish Council

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J Hillman and R Samra

**100 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and, if necessary, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

**101 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meetings held on 1 September 2011 and the extraordinary meeting held on 15 September 2011 be approved as correct records, subject to the following corrections:

Minutes of 1 September: There were two Minute Nos. 76. The sequencing required revision. The second minute No. 76 entitled "Public Question Time" would take Minute No. 77. All subsequent minute Nos. would be revised accordingly, ending in Minute No. 92.

Minute No. 82 (as printed) – the second paragraph to read "Richard Smith of WREN had suggested that SPAG submit an application for funding of new fencing around the playground."

Minutes of 15 September:

As a result of the re-sequencing of the minutes for the meeting held on 1 September 2011, the Minutes of 15 September would commence at Minute No. 93 and end with Minute No. 99.

**102 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, members of the public are able to ask questions or address the Parish Council on any other matter. In the event of there being no members of the public present, the Parish Council will proceed to the next business.

**103 CO-OPTION**

Maxine Galt, a candidate for co-option to the Parish Council was in attendance. She addressed the Parish Council briefly, following which, Members were able to ask questions.

**RESOLVED:** That Maxine Galt be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Councillor Galt signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office following which she participated in the meeting.

**104 REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS PETER GROVES AND ANDREW MARTIN**

Borough Councillors Groves and Martin updated the Parish Council on Cheshire East matters of interest.

It was reported that a group of local residents (who had attended the Parish Council meeting on 15 September) had submitted a petition to Cheshire East Council commenting on the proposed Muller development which had been referred to at that meeting.

**105 LAND AT TALBOT WAY**

Councillor Morton had conducted his monthly inspection of the site.

**106 PLAYGROUND – OFFICIAL OPENING OF PHASE II – NOVEMBER**

It was reported that Ben Miller (Actor and Comedian) had confirmed that he would perform the official opening ceremony of Phase II of the playground project on 11 November at 3.00 pm.

**107 PARISH PLAN – REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

The Parish Plan Implementation Group (Stapeley Parish Action Group – SPAG), had requested a donation of £200 from the Parish Council as a contribution to the cost of survey questionnaires which were to be issued to each household in the parish as part of the refreshment of the Parish Plan.

**RESOLVED:** That a grant of £200 (in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972) be made to Stapeley Parish Action Group.

**108 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**108.1 Budget Meeting**

It was noted that the Budget Meeting had been re-scheduled to 17 November (from 10 November).

Councillor Morton asked the Parish Council to consider adding £1500 into the budget proposals towards the cost of fencing for the playground.

**108.2 Authorisation of Payments**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be authorised:

£210.00	Jim's Mowing – two invoices £105 July – work on Talbot Way and Broad Lane £105 August – work on Talbot Way and Broad Lane
£73.80	HM Revenue and Customs – tax on Clerk's salary for Month 7 (month ended 5 November)
£60.00	Cheshire Association of Local Councils – training held on 14 September Attended by Councillors J Hillman and R Samra
£211.05	Scottish Power – unmetered supplies of electricity for street lighting (£201.00 + £10.05 vat)
£58.00	Cheshire East Council – room hire for meetings held in Stapeley Broad Lane School on 17 June and 21 June 2011
£52.00	Mrs C M Jones – 50% contribution to cost of Broadband (June and September 2011)

£64.80 Mrs C M Jones – travel expenses for the period 1 Jan 2011 – 30 September 2011. Rate = 45P per mile (tax neutral)  
Audlem-Nantwich return = 12 miles  
Attendance at 12 meetings as follows:

3 February	3 March	7 April
20 April	12 May	9 June
17 June	21 June	7 July
4 August	1 September	15 September

## 109 SPEED WATCH SCHEME

It was reported that problems were being experienced with the frequent changing of battery packs for the mobile vehicle speed display unit.

The Clerk had made enquiries of TWM Traffic Management Systems, which had confirmed that it could provide solar panels for use with the unit, at a total cost of approximately £1,000.

The Parish Council would need to review how often the posts currently located in the parish, would be used. The scheme had only been operational on Broad Lane, London Road and one other site to date. One of the difficulties was that the parish councillors were carrying the burden; there were no non-parish councillors who had volunteered to assist with the scheme.

Councillor Docker confirmed his willingness to co-ordinate the scheme, but a wider pool of volunteers was required.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for a quotation for solar panels to be submitted to the next meeting. The precise specification details would be provided to the Clerk by Councillor M Docker.

(Note: Borough Councillors Groves and Martin withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

## 110 PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning applications had been received:

11/3337N	Pear Tree Primary School – proposed storage container
11/2792N	Buttercup View, Mill Lane – double garage to side and rear

**RESOLVED:** That no objections be raised to the above planning applications.

## 111 COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS/WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

### 111.1 Nantwich Blog

The Parish Council reviewed its use of the Nantwich Blog, following a recent article which had been provided in part by the Clerk, but had also included some (out-of-date) information given by one of the Cheshire East Cabinet Support Members. The editor of the blog had previously given an undertaking that if he proposed to amend any articles submitted by the Parish Council, he would contact the Clerk first to ensure that the proposed amendments were acceptable. This had not occurred on this occasion.

It was **AGREED** that the Nantwich Blog be used for publication of the more social activities of the Parish Council.

### 111.2 Newsletter

The Parish Council had previously expressed the view that a newsletter should be issued in time for Christmas. The following was the timetable to ensure a pre-Christmas delivery –

Up to 25 October	Draft articles to be suggested/submitted to the Clerk
3 November	Parish Council approves/amends newsletter
17 November	(additional item on budget agenda) Final draft agreed by Parish Council
21 November	Newsletter issued to Johnsons the Printers
5 December	Newsletter available for collection by distributors
17/19 December	Newsletter distributed to each household

The following articles were suggested:

Chairman's message  
Brief profile of Maxine Galt  
Community hall update  
Speed-watch scheme  
Playground opening  
Train timetable/improved service (as provided in Nantwich Town Council newsletter)  
M Docker to provide  
Planting of 1000 Daffodil bulbs by local children

#### **112 UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (SPAG)**

Members were informed that the questionnaires (as referred to in Minute No. 107 above) would assist SPAG in refreshing the Parish Plan.

It was confirmed that the name "Batherton" would be included in the new Plan.

#### **113 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- Cheshire East Partnership Newsletter (PACE)
- The National Lottery – share of £5m under the Village SOS Scheme
- Awareness of Disability Hate Crime – events being held in October
- CVS e-bulletin
- Cheshire East Council Range Service – events being held in Macclesfield
- Boundary Commission – review of Parliamentary boundary in 2013

#### **114 SHARED ITEMS**

**Members were able to share information or request items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.**

- Dog-stencilling on footways – publicity gimmick to alert dog-owners to the need to remove dog feces : The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of Sharon Angus-Crawshaw.

#### **115 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public in attendance and the Parish Council proceeded to its next item of business.

#### **116 FUTURE MEETINGS**

3 November ordinary meeting  
17 November budget meeting

#### **117 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on

the basis that the business to be transacted is of a confidential or special nature and the public interest would not be served in disclosing the information.

**118 COMMUNITY HALL**

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the latest situation.

**119 WEBSITE REVIEW**

The Clerk's report was submitted and received. In the absence of Councillors J Hillman and R Samra, the lead councillors on this project, the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.20 pm