

MINUTES OF ANNUAL OPEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9th MAY 2022 AT 7.40PM

Present: Councillors H. Gurney-Smith (Chairman), A. Greenway (AG), B Hartley (BH), S. Carson (SC), N. Withenshaw (NW), K. Newport (KN)

Also Present: Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk), MOP1- C Rock (Knutsford & District War Memorial)

The meeting was opened at 7.50pm.

1. Welcome and receive apologies:

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were offered from the following Councillors:
 - 1.2.1 Cllr T. Jackson (TJ) – Family commitments
 - 1.2.2 Cllr D. Bailey (DB) – Annual leave
 - 1.2.3 Cllr S. Wharfe (SW) – Family commitments
 - 1.2.4 Ward Cllr K. Parkinson (WCKP) – Family commitments
 - 1.2.5 **Resolved:** Apologies received and accepted for this meeting.

2. Declarations of interest:

- 2.1 Councillors are to declare if they hold any interest on any agenda item for this meeting.
 - 2.1.1 **Resolved** that no interest was declared at this meeting.

3. Council to agree the 2021 Annual Open Parish Council minutes:

- 3.1 Council to agree that the 2021-5 AP minutes held on 11/05/21, [P29 to 32], were a true and accurate record.
 - 3.1.1 **Moved** by AG unanimously agreed.
- 3.2 Observe any matters arising from the afore mentioned set of minutes.
 - 3.2.1 **Resolved** that no matters arose from the set of minutes.

4. Opening Comments from current Chairperson

- 4.1 Councillor Gurney-Smith delivered the following synopsis of council business in 2021/22.

4.1.1 M6 Jct 19 Project

Tabley Parish Council continued to collaborate closely with all members of staff that represented the M6 Jct 19 project. The project saw work completed at St Pauls church and the wider Tabley area.

The Chair and Cllr Parkinson were invited to attend an informative meeting near the end of the project.

Tabley PC have been given new contacts within AMEY SRM; together we will keep the strong links going.

4.1.2 Ward Cllr Kate Parkinson

Tabley PC thank Cllr Kate Parkinson for the assistance that she has given to Tabley PC over the past year. Cllr Parkinson has dealt with highways issues relating to local flooding, the Boundary Governance review, HS2 and constantly updating on local highway issues.

Cllr Parkinson creates an invaluable bridge to the Cheshire East highway team.

4.1.3 Remembrance Day & Goodbyes

The Chair was able to attend the Remembrance Day service and lay a wreath on behalf of Tabley PC and in addition has attended other important and seasonal church services.

In January, Rev Patricia Robinson informed the Council that she and her husband Rev Philip Robinson will shortly be retiring and off to pastures new. The Chair on behalf of the Parish Council informed Rev Robinson that she will be missed and thanked her for the copious times she attended the Parish meetings and her loyalty and service to Tabley over the years.

4.1.4 Cllr welcome & goodbye

Tabley PC welcomed Cllr Bryan Hartley onto the Parish Council and look forward to collaborating with him over the forthcoming years.

Cllr Graham Bowen stepped down as a Parish Cllr on the 31st March 2022. The Council thanked him for his long and loyal service to Tabley PC and informed him that his retirement from the Council will be huge loss to the Parish Council.

2021/2022 was once again a ‘trying’ year with the pandemic but Tabley PC did not let it stop the running of the Parish Council and now the country is making progress and learning to live with coronavirus, we can move on and look forward to a positive 2022/2023 in Tabley especially as we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

5. Invitations to be a guest speaker sent to below group representatives.

5.1 AMEY SRM & Highways England.

5.1.1 **Resolved** that there was no representatives able to attend this meeting.

5.2 HS2

5.2.1 **Resolved** that there was no representatives able to attend this meeting.

6 Reports from Parish Councillors:

6.1 Each member of the Parish Council will be invited to give a brief introduction explaining their responsibilities on the Parish Council.

6.1.1 Cllr AG: Vice-Chairman

Echoed the words of the Chair and thanked the Chair and Councillors for attending the meetings and the Clerk for her work.

There are still issues with the roads and it seems that whatever the Parish Council report it doesn't seem to have any effect with Cheshire East Council. The results from the Boundary review have arrived and it details that the land in question will be taken into Knutsford; what are the Cllrs thoughts on the result?

AG updated that there has been 70 tickets out of 150 sold for the Jubilee event.

HGS reiterated that if there was anything that the committee needed, they just had to ask.

6.1.2 Cllr BH: Planning liaison Cllr

Thanked the Council for welcoming him on board. BH gave a brief outline on his work background which includes making areas into public welfare sites. He also updated on the current badger vaccination programme.

6.1.3 Cllr NW: Airport liaison Cllr

Reported that no meetings have taken place, but they may restart in the forthcoming year.

6.1.4 Cllr SC: HS2 liaison Cllr

Requested if the Clerk can ask for an update from HS2 and if the council would like to participate in another litter pick? The details can be circulated on the Tabley Facebook page which is being looked after by KN.

POR: The Social media page is independent of the Parish Council.

6.1.5 Cllr KN:

Has agreed to look after the notice board.

6.1.6 Cllr TJ, SW, DB: Apologies received.

7. Open Forum Q & A: To address and answer questions from parishioners.

7.1 MOP1: Updated the Cllrs on the history of the Knutsford and District War Memorial and the primary reason being, to rescue the War Memorial and bring it back into this community, under a Community Trust, whose trustees will represent all residents of the original parishes.

It was detailed that from the fundraising letter of April 1919, that Cuthbert Leicester Warren (who was President) as well as donating the land was one of the original Trustees in 1919 remaining also as an annual donor until his passing.

To date the group, want to stop the sale for demolition and updated that the British Red Cross is still down on the Land Registry records as Proprietor.

It was asked if there is more information in Tabley Council archives about landowners and other residents who were involved and fundraising events that proceeded for decades. We need information, and photographs, from whatever source they come. Whatever happens, we must not let this fine Community history disappear.

Q: Cllrs asked questions and MOP1 gave the answers.

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8. Year End 2021-2022

8.1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022

8.1.1 To adopt Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

The preliminary accounts were presented at the meeting in readiness for in internal and external audit.

The accounts will be prepared in accordance with current regulations and once completed The Chairman and Clerk will then sign the appropriate section of the document at return to the external auditors.

8.2 Financial Report Year 2021/2022:

8.2.1 Presentation of the annual report for the last financial period.

8.2.1.1 **Moved** unanimously by Council members.

9. 2022/2023 Proposed Parish Council meetings.

Monday 11th July 2022: 7.30pm

Monday 12th Sept 2022: 7.30pm

Monday 14th Nov 2022: 7.30pm

Monday 9th Jan 2023: 7.30pm

Monday 13th March 2023: 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairperson, Councillor H Gurney-Smith
Tabley Parish Council