

**MICKLE TRAFFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021 on ZOOM**

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T.

Mickle Trafford and District Parish Council acknowledges with sadness the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, which was announced on the 9th April 2021. We extend our condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family.

The Parish Council held a minutes silence before the meeting as a mark of respect.

Open Forum

PUBLIC

None Present

POLICE UPDATE

Road Safety –

I have completed speed monitoring throughout the villages this month and even had the help of some Community Speed Watch Volunteers.

Other news –

122 Funding Success

Chester Villages has been awarded over £900 for various community projects that I have tried hard to enable all residents to benefit from.

A Bushnell speed gun, has been successfully approved to enable more residents and groups such as the Parish Council to go out and monitor speed. Once volunteers have been trained by CWAC, we can take details from cars breaking speed limits and send them a community speed watch letter. This reminds drivers not to speed in the areas where speed monitoring has been undertaken. Suitable high vis jackets will also be bought for visibility. If you are interested in volunteering to do some speed watch work please send me your name, contact details and which part of Chester Villages you would like to work with.

For each Primary School in the Chester Villages, which includes Mickle Trafford, Guilden Sutton, Waverton and Christleton, we have funding for a parking sign to be displayed outside the school. Each school may customise their own stand- alone sign or banner. This brings attention to the school drop off and pick up times for parking and road safety. And finally, Littleton Parish Council will be fund matching an amount of £300 towards signage for the forthcoming cycle path proposed from Littleton to Christleton. This will serve the general public, but also be used daily by children attending Christleton High School. Another great project in the Chester Villages that is promoting cycle safety.

PRESENT

Cllr M Parker - in the Chair, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr Jones, Cllr Woods, Cllr Bartley, Cllr Payne, Cllr Smith, Cllr Spence and Cllr Taylor.

Clerk: - Mr D Bowker

Ward Councillor Graham Heatley from Item 6

Item 01 Apologies

Cllr Gardiner – Personal

Cllr Sharpe – Personal

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Bartley and agreed by ALL that the reasons for the apology be accepted.

Item 02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Parker – Village Hall

All councillors declared their interests as per their "Notification of Interests".

Item 03 Approval of Parish Council Minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Bartley and agreed by ALL eligible to vote that the minutes of the 8th of March 2021 be accepted.

Item 04 Planning Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Bartley and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 6th of April 2021 are noted.

Item 05 Finance Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Payne and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 6th of April 2021 are noted.

Item 06 QDJ Park Committee report

Cllr Rowlands advised that a metal rail had been removed from the fence and this had allowed people to get into the adjacent field, he has replaced the rail with wood as is not aware that there have been any further problems. RoSPA will be carrying out their annual survey soon and should there be anything major to report he will do so at a Parish Council meeting.

Item 07 Approve End of Year Accounts 2020-21

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that end of year accounts be accepted.

Item 08 British Telecom Pole

Cllr Taylor has been advised that overhead cabling may be considered but this is only because of technical difficulties and residents who disagree over the digging up of the pavement/roads.

The Parish Council have written to the BT Objection team again asking for more information but have not received a reply to either letter.

Item 09 Contact Phone Numbers (Councillors) (See Finance Committee recommendation)

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted.

Councillors will inform the Clerk if they do not wish to have their phone numbers circulated.

Item 10 Green Community Spaces

There was much discussion about the ownership of the green spaces, and it was felt that some were public open spaces and others classed as play areas.

Cllr Parker pointed out that this would not be a problem as all discussion about the development of these areas would be with CWaC and it would be up to them to give any approvals.

Cllr Smith felt that a business plan should be presented to the Parish Council but again Cllr Parker said that this would need to be done with CWaC although she would talk to the organisers so that the Parish Council could be aware of what was being proposed.

It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Spence and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the Parish Council would support the actions of the residents and would offer assistance if appropriate.

Item 11 Hoole LTC – Midsummer Event

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no problems with this event and Cllr Parker will talk to HLTC to ask if the anything would be required of them.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council, when more is known about the event, would take a stand to promote the work being done by Parish Councillors and in particular the Neighbourhood Plan.

Item 12 Resilience Plan

Cllr Taylor advised that since the inception of the Resilience Plan in 2014 minor alterations had been made but it now needed a complete overhaul and a new person to oversee it.

There were no offers to take this over long term so the Clerk and Cllr Parker offered to work with Cllr Taylor to at least bring the plan up to date.

Cllr Graham Heatley asked if he could have a copy of the current plan as neighbouring Parish's were considering producing something very similar.

Guilden Sutton have already started a new plan after seeing the Mickle Trafford document.

Item 13 Flooding Task Force

Since the last meeting Cllr Smith has met with Adam Ryder (CWaC) and two local residents for further discussion about the problem.

There is still work to be done and the Clerk has been instructed to contact Mr Ryder to get timescales for the three outstanding issues.

Item 14 Planning Applications

21/01053/FUL Rialto, 2, Station Lane.

It was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

21/00662/FUL Woodcroft, Warrington Road.

We have now received a third modification to this application and as there are no plans on the CWaC website which show the changes it was agreed that the Parish Council would as to a deferment on the comments date until after the next meeting on the 4th May.

Clerk to action.

Item 15 Action Update

Cllr Parker has been asking Mr Stuart Bateman for updates on all the following and he called her on the night of the meeting to advise the following.

Planters

They had not received the licences from the Clerk and had not been able to proceed. The Clerk was asked to resend them.

FOOTNOTE The licenses were sent on the 8th February 2021.

Interactive Speed signs

The order has been sent to the suppliers and we will know more when CWaC receive them.

Ditch at School Lane

Thanks to efforts by Cllr Parker and a CWaC Housing officer it is now possible that Muir Housing will contribute towards some of the cost.

It was agreed however that in light of the time this had already taken, and the fact that the Parish Council have already approved expenditure CWaC would be advised to proceed with the work and resolve the issues with Muir in the future.

Mr Bateman advised that the planned Bowtop fencing in Green would not be supported and asked that it be changed to Black.

It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Spence and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the colour of the fence be changed to black.

Hedge – School Lane

Mr Andy Whitby has been unable to progress this matter and Mr Bateman will now look at the situation to see what action can be taken.

Gateway Signage

Mr Bateman advised that work will be done in the next 4 weeks but unfortunately could not be specific about what this was.

The Clerk will contact the CWaC Highways Officer for clarification

Item 16 Matters raised at the discretion of the Chairman (Not for resolution)

Cllr Parker will talk to members of the events committee about actions they may wish to initiate in 2021.

Under current legislation we are only able to hold virtual meetings until the 7th of May.

It was agreed that meet with this requirement the Planning, Finance and Full Parish Council meeting would be held on the 4th of May at 6.30pm to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm.

In June, providing there are no changes to the current rules all Council meetings will return to “Face to Face” in the Village Hall.

Item 17 Date and time of Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 4th May 2021 on ZOOM @ 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.28pm

Signed.....

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