

**MICKLE TRAFFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
MONDAY 12 JULY 2021  
At THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Open Forum**

**PUBLIC**

None Present

**POLICE UPDATE**

I have been able to hold some outdoor police surgeries and carry out high visibility patrols in our parks, sporting venues, streets, ASB hotspots. This month there has been a spate of bike theft in the Christleton High School area and we continue lines of investigation. As a crime prevention measure, there are numerous bike- marking events around the Chester Villages that have been widely publicised on social media. I will be taking the opportunity to promote cycling safety here, and we have some free goodies to give away.

I have engaged with all the schools in our areas and they continue to do a fantastic job in difficult circumstances. It was a pleasure to visit Mickle Trafford Primary School and give a talk to Year 2 & 3 about the Countryside Code and the work of our Rural Crime Team. This brings me to further environmental matters; I continue to be proactive regarding the land off Hare Lane, Pipers Ash and I am meeting the custodians of this area to discuss what can be done to clean up the area and make it more secure.

Road safety this month has seen the new pedestrian crossing in Rowton, this will hopefully allow safe crossing and the traffic to slow down. Community Speed Watch is gathering momentum and I have met with representatives from all the Parish Councils and Ian Rutherford from CWAC. We are developing a network of volunteers that with onsite training will be able to go out independently and monitor speeding. The SID, which is a device left on the roadside that gives drivers an immediate record of speed, is another tool that we hope to use more in the villages to slow down drivers.

As always, I go out with the tru-cam in turn and record all findings on our speed management log, drivers that are exceeding the speed limit, are processed by the Central Ticket Office. The Chester Villages has the most speed enforcement sites than all the other ward areas and receives a proportionate amount of time spent regarding the PCC promise.

**PRESENT**

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

Clerk: - Mr D Bowker

**Item 01 Apologies**

Cllr Payne - Business

Ward Councillor Graham Heatley

**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 Spence and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 14 June 2021 be accepted.

**Item 04 Planning Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bartley and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 are noted.

**Item 05            Finance Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by ALL eligible to vote that the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 are noted.

**Item 06            QDJ Park Committee report**

Following the recent report from RoSPA issues raised by then will be addressed over the next few months.

With regard to the Grass Cutting, UK Landscapes have offered free extra cutting in order that the Park can be returned to a standard that is acceptable to the Parish Council.

**Item 07            Village Hall Report**

User groups are slowly returning to use the Village Hall but during the COVID period the Women's Institute has folded and there will be some other groups who may not return.

There had been some problems with the utility meter readings but between the Trust and the Parish Council this has been resolved and a large rebate has been received.

A Fire Door by the bar area had been thought to be broken but two of the trustees have now find that it was just stiff to open. Dove Doors have been called in to check the door to make sure there are no major problems.

The Clerk has sent £456.00 to Dove Doors in order that they will visit but it has subsequently been found that they have changed their Bank Account and the Clerk is now trying to recover the payment.

**Item 08            PC Communication**

**Highways and Byways**

It was felt by many Councillors that a bi-monthly magazine was still the best way to convey information to ALL residents and the Clerk and Cllr Rowlands were asked to look at the options available to make this happen.

**Website**

It was agreed that councillors would forward information to Cllr Taylor regarding their concerns about the website and if the work required was within the capabilities of Cllr Taylor, then action would be taken.

If it were felt that if the work required was so extensive that Cllr Taylor would not have the time then consideration would be given to approaching a Commercial enterprise.

Cllrs Spence, Taylor and Smith will produce a brief, to be presented at the next meeting, around the requirements of the website.

**Facebook**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by ALL eligible to vote that the COVID-19 mutual aid set continue but be renamed under the Parish Council name.

**Noticeboards**

For the foreseeable future information will continue to be posted on Noticeboards where we have councillors who can attend them but this will be reviewed in the future when other communication methods are discussed.

**Item 09            Flooding report**

**Flooding group**

CWaC have appointed a company called Atkins to carry out work to try and ascertain what happened recently in the bad weather and what can be done to improve the situation

Cllr Smith has met with the two engineers from Atkins and an officer from CWaC and further discussions will be had.

The owner of Plemstall Cottage has carried out work on land drains around his property and hopes that this will improve the situation, together with other work being done, to alleviate his local problem.

CWaC will be investigating drains to the south of Plemstall Lane with cameras to find out if and where any problems may be.

**Plemstall Lane**

The Environment Agency and CWaC have together been investigating an effluent leak along Plemstall Lane and we have been advised that the source of the problem has been found and the farmer will be asked to act.

The EA have stated that because of the shape of the waterway in question it will take some time before the rainwater clears all the effluent.

Cllr Sharpe advised the meeting that the waterway was again black with effluent on the morning of the meeting and the clerk was asked to contact CWaC with this information and find out what the effluent was and what action had been taken to stop it happening again.

There was some concern raised that there could be a second source for the contamination

**Item 10 Resilience Plan**

Cllr Sharpe has offered to read through the current resilience plan and held Cllr Taylor to update it.

**Item 11 Parish Council Logo**

Cllr Spence will produce a short brief relating to the requirements of the logo and present this at the next meeting. It is hoped that a small competition can be had for children, and others to design a logo around the brief.

**Item 12 Action Update**

**Planters**

Cllr Smith will liaise with Walkers Nurseries about the final positioning of the planters and the location of the names to be on them.

**Interactive Speed signs**

No update

**Ditch at School Lane**

No update

**Hedge – School Lane**

This item will need to be viewed by councillors as Cllr Parker felt that some work may have been done.

**Item 13 Matters raised at the discretion of the Chairman (Not for resolution)**

Cllr Parker and Sharpe will discuss the Christmas event for 2021.

The Clerk reported that the Village School will discuss the possibility of a Parish Councillor sitting on the Governors and will advise of their actions

It is also possible that soon there will be a need for a new School Governor.

**Item 14 Date and time of Next Parish Council Meeting**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the Village Hall @ 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.42pm

Signed.....

Dated.....