

## **ANDERTON WITH MARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Anderton with Marbury Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Anderton Memorial Hall

### **1. Attendance**

Parish Councillors Cathy Walmsley – Chair of the meeting (CW), Michael Green (MG), Alisha Williamson (AW) June Thomas (JT) Mandi Wells (MW)  
PC/Vol Clerk: Helen Grant (HG),  
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor for the Marbury Ward – Cllr Lynn Gibbon

### **2. Apologies:**

Helen Brewin – Chair of the Parish Council

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in respect of anything on the agenda.

### **4. Open Forum/ Submissions from the public**

There were no submissions received from the public

### **5. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10 January 2023**

Minutes were reviewed and agreed as a correct record.

### **6. Actions from Previous Minutes**

- Bank signatories are still being processed by Barclays. MW has provided her signature.
- Defib – still waiting on a new device following the removal of the PC's one (MW)
- Mobile SID – Moved to a new location.
- Footbridge – meeting held between Parish Cllrs CW, JT and HB, FOAM, Forestry Commission and Ranger regarding this. C£2.5k for demolition of existing bridge. Circa £20k to re-build costs to be confirmed.
- Precept – HG has sent forms back to CWAC
- Previous Planning App 22/04293/FUL – HG has confirmed with CWAC no objections

### **7. Financial report – Council**

N/A as HB on leave

### **8. Correspondence**

One letter chasing payment – HB has resolved.

### **9. Planning**

Planning application 56 Hough Lane - 23/00113/FUL

Single storey front extension with garage conversion and 1<sup>st</sup> floor side extension

No objections from any of the Parish Councillors.

### **10. Any Other Business**

- Memorial bench David Bullock – this has yet to be purchased awaiting pending hard standing. HB not in attendance tonight to provide update on hardstanding. To pick up at next meeting.
- Soot Hill situation – Since the last meeting, there was a community protest regarding the situation prior to the Exec meeting about the same. The Contractor has now been appointed by CWAC – Balfour Beatty

## Memorial Hall

- Financial report – N/A on this occasion
- Outside area- a general tidy-up is required. HG and CW met with the manager for Community Payback at the Hall and she feels that this is something that they can assist us with. To include general tidy up but may also be able to facilitate other works – Supervisor to carry out a risk assessment to confirm what works they can agree to, and dates. They have their own lawnmower.

### **ACTION HG**

To chase for risk assessment if not forthcoming in next couple of weeks

- Future sustainability of existing hall. This needs community consultation to understand what local people want and need however, we need quotes to be able to present options to the community, and to be able to bid for funds. JT has requested quotes but these have not been forthcoming. All agreed that the one builder who offered to quote for a price of £150 should go ahead so we know what we are looking at. Cllr Gibbon suggested that a modular, eco building may be the best option to reduce time for a re-build, and loss of income, coupled with better fuel efficiency.

Clarity is needed on the legal position in respect of ownership of the hall and it's ownership and any restrictive covenants.

### **ACTION – Follow up with HB re legal position JT to obtain quote for a re-build**

- Coronation – All agreed that an event on bank holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May would be the best day. Alisha to use social media channels to ascertain what the community would like to see.

### **ACTION AW**

AW - Social Media Comms

## 11.Cllr Gibbon update

- Cllr Gibbon explained that she has been trying to keep focus on the need for the Soot Hill repairs, the contractor for which has now been appointed (Balfour Beatty). It is anticipated that the repairs will be completed by November 2023. Unfortunately the cost of these repairs is £3.5 million and £1.5 million will need to be found from the Highways budget which may have a knock-on effect in relation to routine repairs such as pot holes.
- Cllr Gibbon advised that she was able to offer some funding to support Parish Council's community events to celebrate HM Coronation but would need to know if the PC wanted this funding. All agreed that funding would be appreciated and an event is planned for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (bank holiday)

### **ACTION HG**

Confirm by email to LG the request for funding

- Detailed discussion with Cllr Gibbon regarding the sustainability of the hall and the options for funding. Advice provided by LG regarding drawing up plans of what is required, and then bidding from pots of funding/match funding to be able to implement following consultation with the community. The current hall is very old and has issues with the roof, design and

Dates of next meetings:

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

7<sup>th</sup> August 2023

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

11<sup>th</sup> December 2023