

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

Anderton with Marbury Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>TH</sup> September 2022 at Anderton Memorial Hall

### **1. Attendance**

Parish Councillors Helen Brewin (HB), Michael Green (MG), Catharine Walmsley (CW), Mandi Wells (MW), Alisha Williamson (AW)  
Local Councillor Lynn Gibbon (LG)

Apologies were received from June Thomas (JT).

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

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

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

There were no submissions received from the public

### **4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by CW seconded by MG

Additional to the minutes: Flowers were delivered to ex-Councillors Byram and R. Hynes as a thank you for their contribution.

### **5. Councillor Vacancies**

The council have previously received a personal statement from Alisha Williamson and all Councillors agreed to receive her onto the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Council have also received a statement of intent from June Thomas to be included in the Council.

### **6. Clerk Vacancy**

The clerk's vacancy was discussed. It was felt that as the clerk's salary took up much of the precept councillors wanted to know whether if it was a legal obligation that the PC should have one. LG would enquire on our behalf.

#### **UPDATE 28 Sept 2022**

##### **From LG contact at CWAC**

All parish and town councils have to have a 'proper officer' or clerk as we more commonly call them. However if they can find someone to do the job and not be paid that is fine so they could appoint a councillor (say) to the position but the position must be filled.

A councillor cannot take on the paid post of clerk until they have been outside the council for a period of 12 months.

### **7. Financial report – Council**

Bank balance as of 19 September 2022 was provided. All councillors agreed they would be happy to receive excel spreadsheet detailing expenditure.

At present there is only one bank signatory, two are required for the Council accounts. MG & MW were approved to be the second signatories. HB provided a bank mandate MG to complete then forward to MW

**ACTION MG & MW**

To approve the following payments:

- Lawn mower for use at Anderton Memorial Hall £560.50
- Memorial Bench for Councillor David Bullock all agreed to go ahead with purchase of a bench made from recycled plastic and obtain hard standing base.

**ACTION HB**

### **UPDATE 28 Sept**

HB approached local handyman Simon Vose who has helped maintain the hall previously, unfortunately due to ill-health he is unable to provide the hard standing. HB will investigate further

### **8. Correspondence**

LC was thanked for attending the meeting and discussed information from Local Council

Funding available.

£6.5K is available for each PC, bids for which must be in by end of April 2023. All councillors were asked to consider what we could bid for.

**ACTION All councillors**

LC discussed the Spacehive bid whereby money could be raised for projects within the Parish using crowdfunding. LC has been working to raise interest and funding for a bridge spanning Anderton with Marbury Country Park. This project is something the PC would wish to support but felt that a smaller project to start would be more attainable at present.

LC advised that the Council had a meeting 18 September regarding the on-going situation at Soot Hill. A gully to house all utilities has been made which is currently waiting for BT to complete. Balfour Beatty are in place to complete the project but finding funding is causing a delay. LC has requested a timeline to be shown on the website.

LC also advised on the proposal for the new bridge over the River Weaver.

A cycling route from Winnington to Northwich has been planned, CWAC will be producing a plan to see how it will come together.

### **9. Planning**

Planning application received on a single storey side and rear extension for 113 Marbury Road, no objections were made.

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

Speed indicator device non functioning this has been reported on several occasions to CWAC and has since been repaired.

Missing defib – the defib at the hall has been taken, a temporary replacement has been received MW to contact supplier to claim insurance on replacement.

**ACTION MW**

The mobile SID will be placed in Hough Lane in October following requests from residents; the next time we have it will be in December where it is planned to be sited near the Marina.

**ACTION HB & CW**

The footbridge from Marbury to Anderton Marina has been condemned by the Forestry Commission the PC felt this would be an ideal Spacehive project.

**ACTION HB  
Update**

HB meeting with Dave James ranger at Marbury Country Park 4<sup>th</sup> October

Social Media

HB asked if AW would take over the role of forwarding information on council activities on social media. HB to provide log in details.

**ACTION HB & AW**

## **Memorial Hall**

Financial report – as per attachment

Cleaning situation - cleaning has been carried out by HB & CW; we have now found a local young person, Mia Nolan, to take this job and will be paid 2.5 hours per week @ £10 per hour.

Front wall – It has been suggested that the front wall at the hall be removed as it is dangerous. Mel Thomas has agreed to organise this after a skip can be hired. All agreed.

Tables and chairs purchase

The tables we have are too heavy for general use and the chairs uncomfortable. HB has sourced a supplier for blue vinyl stacking chairs and square plastic trestle tables.

40 Chairs @ £35.94

10 tables at £49.74

Total £1935 + VAT = £2085

All in agreement for purchase.

Charity commission update

The Hall has a charitable status (Charity number 520006)

HB CW & MG are currently trustees. All in agreement for AW & MW to be added as trustees.

Grass cutting

The grass is being cut by volunteers who only receive payment of refund for petrol usage.

Hot Pot Supper & Quiz Night Friday 28 October

Parishioner Simon Smith from Bramhalls Park has agreed to be quizmaster.

Flyer to be made £7 per adult £4 per child

Teams 4-6 persons

Start time 7.30 pm

Christmas Fair planned for 3 December

Any other hall business

MW advised that she had been approached by parishioners to ask that the hall grass area is not used by dog owners who allow their dogs to defecate on the grass.

**ACTION HB TO LOOK AT PURCHASING SIGNAGE.**

### **11. Date of next meeting**

Date of next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 19.00

There being no other items the meeting closed at 20.45