

MINUTES OF ANDERTON WITH MARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at Anderton Memorial Hall at 6.40pm

Attendance:

Councillors: Brewin, Green, O Hynes, R Hynes and Walmsley.

Also in attendance: Nigel Parton (Clerk)

1 Open Forum/ Submissions from the public

There were no submissions received from the public.

2 Attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Bullock and Cllr M Byram

3 Declarations of Interest

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

4 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 21 September 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes from the meeting held on 21 September 2021 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

5 Ward Councillors report

There were no representations or updates from any Borough Ward Councillors.

6 Clerk's report

The Council received a verbal report from the Clerk on the following matters and:

- It was noted that all actions from the meeting held on 21 September 2021 had been completed.

- In respect of the S106 proposals, Cllr O Hynes reported that he had met recently with a representative from CWaC who had made suggestions to the parish Council proposals and the meeting proved very useful in terms of moving the proposals forward and it was agreed that subject to the S106 funds being drawn down, the scheme would include renewal of all paint (road) markings and an additional new SID near to the village sign on the NW side of the road as the grass verge is deemed too narrow on the other side.

Cllr O Hynes had also asked CWaC for clarification in respect of the age of the existing SID devices as they could potentially become an expense as they move out of the 10 year warranty period.

Resolved:

(a) That the Clerk emails CWaC a second time to follow up on the previous email to ask for an inspection of the anti-skid surface in the Hollows and also to ascertain when the last inspection was undertaken.

(b) That Cllr O Hynes continues to liaise with CWaC and will notify all Councillors if any relevant news is forthcoming to move the process forward.

-The Clerk confirmed that Comberbach Parish Council had paid their contribution of £323.56 towards the cost of the recently acquired SID device.

7 Village Hall Future

The Council discussed the difficulties surrounding the ageing village hall and also the low uptake of hire and income generation. Councillors were frustrated that the Village Hall is not maximising its potential. Cllr O Hynes explained that in financial terms, the current annual income from community and other hire was at or near a break-even point when compared to the annual expenditure. Cllr R Haynes explained that a new online booking system called 'Hallmasters' was being trialled on a 90 day free trial to see if this took some of the workload off some of the existing team. It was recognised that the current team all work very hard for minimal or no remuneration and as a way forward, the Council need to encourage more volunteers to be involved in the running of the hall as it currently always falls to just two or three people. It was noted that prior to the meeting tonight, one new potential volunteer had been identified.

Resolved:

(a) That this item be discussed again at the next meeting in January 2022 and an update on the Hallmaster system also be given at that meeting.

8 Parish Plan Proposals / Way Ahead

It was agreed that a 'softer approach' could be taken to try and engage with the Parishioners in the New Year, but Cllr R Hynes was keen to ensure that the Council does not take 'its eye of the ball' and it is still important to complete the Parish Plan during 2022.

9 Any Other Business

The following items were discussed and actions were agreed as follows:

- Grit Box to purchase a Grit Box at a cost of approximately £400 from CWaC to be located on Old Road which is a slip hazard area for pedestrians. Additionally, an email be sent to the Canals & River trust to ask them for a contribution towards the cost;
- Christmas Fayre – To take place on 11th December 2021 between 1pm and 4pm;
- SID information – Cllr Brewin agreed to put a regular update / article in the Newsletter and it would appear as though the SID device is having an impact currently. It was agreed that Cllr Brewin would undertake some regular analysis of the data to compare ‘month on month’ historical data;
- Village Hall sign – it was agreed to purchase an Anderton Memorial Hall sign to be erected outside the building;
- Car Parking Issues – Cllr R Hynes stated that the booking forms had been amended slightly to include a polite message to encourage users to park responsibly. The issue surrounding a gate was discussed, but nothing was agreed;
- Queens Platinum Jubilee June 2022 – It was agreed that some form of party or event would be planned to be held at the Memorial Hall. The Council asked the Clerk to identify if any grant funding was available to support the event;
- The Concrete fence at the front of the building. It was stated that some parts of the fence were in a poor state of repair and were a potential risk / hazard. It was noted that Anderton Concrete had kindly offered to provide most of the materials to undertake the repairs free of charge. Cllr Brewin agreed to liaise with some volunteers (led by Simon) to see if it was feasible for the repairs to be completed by the volunteers, or whether or not it was necessary to have the repairs undertaken professionally;
- CWaC Integrated Transport Taskforce project. It was agreed that the Clerk investigate this in more detail and see whether or not any involvement by the Parish Council would be beneficial;

10 Finance

The total balance held as at 19th November 2021 was reported as £10,642.31

Resolved:

(a) That the following payments were approved:

- **£40.00 – Cllr H Brewin Fun Day Expenses**
- **£50.78 – Cllr H Brewin Autumn / Winter Plants**
- **£40.00 – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

(b) That the Printing Costs of the Newsletter be agreed and budgeted for in future budgets at an annual cost of circa £420

11 Current Planning Applications

39 New Road, Anderton – No comments or objections

Resolved:

To submit comments to CWaC as detailed above in respect of the current planning application

12 The dates for the 2022 meetings were confirmed as follows:

Tuesday 25th January 2022
Tuesday 29th March 2022
Tuesday 31st May 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022
Tuesday 20th September 2022
Tuesday 29th November 2022

It was noted that it may be necessary to change some of the summer 2022 dates nearer the time.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

ACTION LIST – MEETING 30 NOVEMBER 2021

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION	DATE
6	S106 Proposals Email to send a further email to CWaC regarding 'The Hollows' anti-skid issues	Clerk	31/12/21
9	Grit Box to purchase a Grit Box at a cost of approximately £400 from CWaC. Email the Canals & River trust to ask them for a contribution towards the cost	Clerk	31/12/21
	SID information – Cllr Brewin agreed to put a regular update / article in the Newsletter	Cllr Brewin	Quarterly
	Village Hall sign – it was agreed to purchase an Anderton Memorial Hall sign	Clerk	31/12/21
	Queens Platinum Jubilee June 2022 – to identify if any grant funding was available to support the event	Clerk	31/12/21
	Concrete fence - Cllr Brewin agreed to liaise with relevant parties and move forward	Cllr Brewin	31/01/22
	CWaC Integrated Transport Taskforce project - Clerk investigate further	Clerk	31/12/21
10	Payments To make the payments detailed in Minute 10 (a) above	Clerk	31/12/21
11	Planning Applications – Clerk to notify CWaC	Clerk	31/12/21
12	2022 Meeting Dates – All Councillors to note the proposed dates	All	N/A