

**Minutes of Anderton with Marbury Parish Council 21 November 2016 in  
Anderton Memorial Hall at 7pm**

1) Attendance

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and Ms Lawton- James to the meeting. Councillors Bullock, Green, Walmsley and Wright were present. Apologies were received from Cllr Byram, O and R Hynes and CWAC councillors Wright and Gibbon.

2) Declarations of interest

As all councillors lived in the village they all had personal interests.

3) Public submissions

There were no public submissions.

4) Minutes of 26 September meeting.

*Resolution 1 21.11.2016 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2016 as being a true record of that meeting.*

*Proposed Cllr Wright*

*seconded Cllr Green*

*Voting Unanimous*

5) Muir discussion on housing needs survey

- Sarah Lawton-James from Muir explained they were a Chester based mid sized housing association with homes available for rent and shared ownership where people could purchase 50% of the property and pay rent on the remainder, 'staircasing' this equity up to 80%.
- Councillors explained the planning history of possible sites in the area and commented that the new Winnington development included many affordable homes. The village was a ribbon development along a main road and had few facilities. There were few rental properties available other than those owned by the Weaver Vale Housing Association. A village should thrive on young people.
- A green belt exception site development could only go ahead if a Housing Needs analysis indicated a need from local people for affordable housing. The results of the survey would drive the planning application. Any properties built would be offered to people with a local connection with the offer extending in concentric circles to neighbouring villages if necessary.
- *Resolution 2 21.11.2016. Councillors agreed that Cheshire West and Chester should undertake a Housing Needs Survey; draft questions would be provided to the Clerk for councillors comments.*

6) Clerks report

- The Clerk had arranged for the streetlamp on Bramhalls Park to be repaired.
- The Clerk had repeatedly contacted Barratt Homes about the maintenance of the small greenspace at Bramhalls Park. Although the grass had been cut by a resident and some work had been carried out near 2 signs large bushes still needed pruning. Kevin Furey of Barratt homes engineering was the appropriate contact but he had not replied to messages.
- The Chairman had contacted BT again asking them to remove the phone box and had learned the phone box had been transferred to the Heartbeat Trust. It was unsuitable for storage of a defibrillator so the Chairman would contact them seeking its removal. He would also contact BT's CEO.
- The Clerk had reported the overhanging vegetation on Old Road and would follow this up as no action had been taken.

- Neighbourhood plan- At least three of the villages in Marbury ward had decided not to participate in a ward wide scheme. The Chairman had attended the October meeting. Councillors reiterated their decision not to participate in the initiative. The Chairman would email the decision to Cllr Gibbon.
- The Chairman had attended the Remembrance service at Barnton church. The parish council had provided a poppy wreath.

7) Christmas tree

- Cllrs Bullock and Wright had investigated the issues surrounding the installation of a Christmas tree at the village hall. Using mains voltage would cost an estimated £250- £300 for a qualified electrician to install a residual current device on the fuse box and armoured cable and there were the complications of risk assessments etc.

*Resolution 3 21.11 2016 Councillors agreed the Chairman would purchase solar powered lights and would also investigate acquiring or purchasing a Christmas tree.*

8) Correspondence

- ChALC bulletins and Police newsletters had been circulated
- Cheshire West and Chester Consultation on special expenses- councillors favoured option 1. The Clerk would respond accordingly.
- FoAM newsletter
- Manchester Airport Group newsletter
- Highways consultation on upgrading roads and paths- the Clerk would respond requesting that the antiskid coating on the Hollows Marbury Road should be surveyed to see if it needed replacing.

9) Finance

*Resolution 4 :21.11.2016 Councillors approved the following receipts and payments, proposed by Cllr Walmsley seconded by Cllr Green :*

- Income £476 HMRC VAT refund
- £12.80 Clerk stamps
- £792.90 Clerk salary July to November
- £118.80 HMRC tax
- £30 Poppy appeal donation for wreath
- The balance in the accounts as at 20 October was £13,616.15

10) Planning

- Councillors had no objections to the proposed change of use to residential accommodation at the barn at Manor Farm
- Councillors had no objections to the proposed play area at Anderton Boat lift

11) Matters for next meeting

Muir discussion on Housing Needs survey.

12) Date of next meeting

30 January 2017. The meeting closed at 7.45pm