

# Mollington Parish Council

## COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Council to be held on **TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2022** at 7.15pm in The Five Villages Hall, Station Road, Backford for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below.



Parish Clerk  
11 January 2022

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**Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend for the “Part 1” section of the agenda. Any reports in “Part 2” contain confidential information and only Councillors and the Parish Clerk can be present.**

If you have any general enquiries about the meeting, please contact Pauline English, Clerk to the Parish Council (Tel: 0151 339 1405, Mob: 07890 140412, email: [engy02@ntlworld.com](mailto:engy02@ntlworld.com))

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### AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**
4. **MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2021 as a correct record

5. **UPDATE REPORTS**

To receive reports on the following matters, where available.

- (1) Crisis management: Following the flooding earlier in the year and the recent storm disruption discussions have been held with a view to setting up a formal crisis management team to serve the five villages. A draft resilience plan has been produced and sent out for consultation. Potential volunteers have been contacted and a number of people have offered their services if required including one resident who has offered to be the co-ordinator of the crisis management team. It is proposed to invite him to a meeting of the Parish Council. Chairman to report.
- (2) Additional Waste Bins: A site meeting has been arranged with an officer of Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC) on 17 January. Chairman to report.
- (3) Hynet: The proposed route for the pipeline has changed. It will be routed further north of the Parish than originally planned. Councillor Jack Jones to report on any further information received.
- (4) Re wilding: Ward Councillor Eardley has informed the Parish Council that he is only permitted to support one rewilding scheme in his ward, to be undertaken and managed by CWaC. He is currently looking at two sites, one in Mollington (Townfield Lane/Parkgate Road junction) and one in Saughall and will make his decision on which site to support by 14 January. Councillor Mike Jones to report on options for the types of plants to be used for rewilding.
- (5) Representatives on Outside Bodies – Backford Charities: Chairman to report on progress with changing the constitution and the appointment of Trustees.
- (6) Communications: Councillor McKeagney to report
- (7) HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: The lighting time of the Beacons has been changed to 9.45pm. The Guide to Taking Part has been updated to show the progress made over the last months. This can be viewed and downloaded from [www.queensjubileebeacons.com](http://www.queensjubileebeacons.com). A letter from Pageantmaster Bruno Peek which provides additional information is attached.
- (8) Tree Planting projects in Mollington area: At the last meeting it was resolved that any Councillor who was aware of projects should contact the Parish Clerk. To date no projects have been identified.

## 6. PLANNING

- (1) **Applications Received:** To consider and, if appropriate, comment to Cheshire West & Chester Council on the following application(s)

Application No.	Application	Application Site	Comments by
21/04439/FUL	1.8m brick boundary wall and tree protection in retrospect	Eden House, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LD	18 January 2022 No decision made
21/04965/TPO	1x oak in front garden - reduce the tree height by about a half	The Hollows, 18 Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6NJ	1 February 2022
21/04742/FUL	Erection of detached single storey garage	Willow Farm Cottage, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LD	2 February 2022

- (2) **Decisions:** To note the following decisions made by Cheshire West & Chester Council

Application No.	Application	Application Site	Decision
20/02289/FUL	Change of Use of existing footgolf building and associated area to day care for dogs	Land At Mollington Grange Business Park, Parkgate Road, Mollington, Chester	Approved
21/01380/FUL	Demolition of existing garage, erection of detached garage to front, single storey side extension, two storey and single storey rear extensions	Greenacres, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6NJ	Approved

- (3) **Applications awaiting decision**

Application No.	Application	Application site
21/02008/FUL	Change of use of land to enclosed private dog day care/dog exercise facility including parking and addition of site office/timber store	Land At Mere Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire

## 7. FINANCE

- (1) To note income received since the last meeting of the Parish Council: None  
 (2) To note expenditure since the last meeting of the Parish Council

Date	Method	Description	Amount
29.11.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner – wages November	197.60
29.11.21	SO	Parish Clerk – salary November	194.82
17.12.21	DD	PWLB Loan repayment	1,117.35
29.12.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner – wages December	197.60
29.12.21	SO	Parish Clerk – salary December	194.82
31.12.21	Bank	Service charge	18.00
06.01.22	BACS	Five Villages Hall – Room Hire	20.00
Total			1,940.19

Reconciliation:	Opening Balance	11,471.71
	Add: Receipts	0
	Less: Payments	<u>1,940.19</u>
	Closing Balance	<u>9,531.52</u>

- (3) To consider the Parish Council's budget for 2022/23 and to decide the amount of precept required to meet this budget.

It is RECOMMENDED that:

- the Clerk's salary be increased by one column point to SCP23 (£14.42 per hour)
- the monthly fixed payment of £10 to mitigate the costs of having the Parish Council's registered office at the Clerk's home be agreed for 2022-23;
- the rate per mile for casual use of own transport by both employees and Councillors on Parish Council approved business should remain at 45p per mile;

- d) the Amenity Cleaner's wage from 1 April 2022 be increased to the amount agreed by Cheshire West & Chester Council as the local living wage and his hours of work remain at six per week;
- e) the budget for 2022/23 be agreed;
- f) the precept be set at £x,000 (a Band D payment of £x per annum);

## 8. HIGHWAY MATTERS AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) **Grove Road Speed Limit:** No date has been given yet for The Parish Clerk has purchased a Bushnell radar gun with case and batteries at a total cost of £224.45 and has made enquiries of the Police & Crime Commissioner's office about seeking a grant to cover the cost.
- (2) **School Bus Services:** To receive an update, if available, from Ward Councillor Eardley

## 9. MOLLINGTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD

To decide whether the Parish Council should renew the license for the use of the playing field during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

## 10. TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

This item was deferred from the last meeting. The attached email sets out the issues.

## 11. POLICE & CRIME PLAN 2021-24

The Police & Crime Commissioner's Plan for 2021-24 sets out his vision for policing, crime and community safety in Cheshire. It also details the strategic priorities for Cheshire Constabulary over the next three years and sets out how the Chief Constable will be held to account to ensure that the police service delivers on these priorities. The six key priorities for policing and crime in Cheshire from now until 2024 are to:

- Prevent and tackle crime
- Make Cheshire's roads safer
- Deliver justice for victims of crime
- Protect vulnerable and at-risk people
- Improve public confidence in policing
- Modernise our police service

The Plan is available using the following link [Police and Crime Plan 2021-24](#)

## 12. CONSULTATIONS

- (1) **Postal Service Regulation:** The Office of Communications (OFCOM) has recently launched a consultation into its review of postal service regulation from 2022–2027. NALC will be responding to this consultation as most rural councils will have an interest in the proposals. The attached briefing document sets out full details and the main consultation questions NALC will be responding to. NALC is seeking the views of County Associations and member councils in response to questions to help inform its submission to OFCOM. The deadline for responses is 17 February 2022.

- (2) **NACO (National Association of Civic Officers) Tree Planting Day - Friday 11 March 2022:** NACO is hoping that as many civic leaders as possible will all, on the same day, plant a tree to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The day chosen is Friday 11 March 2022 - the seventieth day of the year in which The Queen marks the seventieth anniversary of her accession. What they would like is simply an indication that the Parish Council is likely to take part; more information will be requested at a later stage. A bound book will be prepared including the names of all Councils taking part, with the name of the person planting the tree, the office they hold, the type of tree planted and where it was planted. The book will then be sent to The Queen. A response is required to [events@naco.uk.com](mailto:events@naco.uk.com) with the name of the Parish Council and saying either:

- Yes, we are hoping to take part; or
- Yes, we will take part; or
- Please send me further information.

- (3) **Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)  
Publication of the Upton-by-Chester Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Parish Council has been contacted by CWaC as it is a neighbouring Parish Council in relation to the Upton-by-Chester Neighbourhood Development Plan, which has now been submitted to CWaC in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). There will now be a six week consultation period running from **13 January 2022 to 5pm on Thursday 24 February 2022** during which interested parties can make comments on the plan, a copy of which is available on the CWaC website at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning). Comments should relate

to whether the plan meets the basic conditions, or whether it covers an appropriate area or appropriate length of time. The basic conditions are that the neighbourhood plan:

- has appropriate regard to national policy
- contributes to the achievement of sustainable development
- is in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the local area
- is compatible with human rights requirements
- is compatible with EU obligations

Comments can be submitted online, or by completing the response form and emailing it to [neighbourhoodplanning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) or posting it to Planning Policy, Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE. Comments are encouraged by email (to avoid unnecessary handling of post during the coronavirus pandemic) but postal comments will still be accepted. After this publicity stage, the neighbourhood plan will go before an Examiner, who will assess whether the plan meets the basic conditions set out in legislation and will review all comments submitted at the publicity stage. Please state in your response if you would like to be notified of the Council's decision on whether to accept the Examiner's recommendation and future progress with the plan.

### **13. EVENTS**

**Crowdfunding Workshop:** With nearly £300,000 raised by community projects through the Cheshire West Crowd to date, people are being encouraged to add their ideas to the platform ready to pitch for funding in the spring 2022 round. The Cheshire West Crowd, which is being run by Cheshire West & Chester Council in partnership with Spacehive, is an exciting digital crowdfunding initiative, providing an opportunity for community-led ideas to come to life so the borough can become more vibrant, resilient and connected. As part of the spring 2022 round, a workshop is being led by Councillor Louse Gittins and Jackie Weaver from 12 noon to 1pm on Tuesday 1 February to help projects get their ideas ready for crowdfunding. To attend this workshop please contact the Parish Clerk who will register you. Local projects providing a wide range of services, from an arts trail to walking wheelchairs, have used the Cheshire West Crowd to crowdfund. The Council's funding pots available in spring 2022 will be announced in the New Year. Projects will need to be added to the Cheshire West Crowd and pitch to relevant Council funds by Wednesday 23 March. Information on how to create a project is available using the following link:

[Create your project on the Cheshire West Crowd](#)

### **14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING**

### **15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 7.15pm in the Five Villages Hall, Station Road, Backford