

# Mollington Parish Council

## COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 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

8 March 2022

**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))

### AGENDA

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies from Councillors who are unable to attend and the reason for their absence

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items on the current agenda

#### 3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

To hear from members of the public about any issues they wish to raise. Members of the public wishing to address the Council must advise the Clerk before 10am on the day prior to the meeting of their wish to participate in the public forum and their topic. If residents fail to inform the Clerk prior to the meeting, permission to speak will be at the discretion of the Council. All participants are restricted to a maximum of three minutes each.

If the public wish to ask the Council a question, please note that it may not be possible to respond if the Council has not considered or resolved the question at a previous meeting. Should this be the case, the Council will advise contacting the Parish Clerk to request that the item be discussed at a future parish council meeting. If the question is considered to be outside the remit of Mollington Parish Council, residents will be referred to Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC).

#### 4. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022 as a correct record

#### 5. FINANCE

(1) To note expenditure since the last meeting

Date	Method	Description	Amount
17.01.22	BACS	Lea-by-Backford PC-share of donation re Chester 10K	50.00
17.01.22	BACS	Parish Clerk-expenses including Radar Gun & accessories	320.93
17.01.22	BACS	HMRC-Income Tax	350.00
28.01.22	SO	Staffing costs-January	392.42
28.02.22	SO	Staffing costs-February	392.42
28.02.22	BACS	5 Villages Hall-room hire Parish Council/Risk discussion	40.00
28.02.22	BACS	Cllr R Jones-reimbursement of cost of Zoom subscription	143.88
			1,689.65

(2) To note Income since last meeting: None

Reconciliation	Opening balance	9,531.52
	Add: Receipts	0
	Less: Payments	<u>1,689.65</u>
	Closing balance	<u>7,841.87</u>

(3) To appoint an internal auditor for the financial year 2021-22. Barnes Cooper, who provided this service last year, have confirmed they would be happy to continue in this role and have quoted 125 + VAT.

(4) To note the salary award for Parish Council Clerks with effect from 1 April 2021. Enc

## 6. PLANNING

- (1) To note the following application received for comment

Application No.	Application	Location	Comments by
22/00592/TPO	Chestnut tree in rear garden - 2-3 m (20%) crown reduction and crown thin	The Hollows, 18 Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6NJ	23 March 2022

- (2) To note the following decisions made by CWaC since the last Parish Council meeting:

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

- (3) To note applications awaiting decision

Application No.	Application	Location
21/04439/FUL	1.8m brick boundary wall and tree protection in retrospect at	Eden House, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LD
21/04742/FUL	Erection of detached single storey garage at	Willow Farm Cottage, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LD

## 7. HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) **Grove Road Speed Limit**

On 15 March 2022 Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council made the following Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will come into operation on 18 March 2022. The Order will introduce a 40mph speed limit on Grove Road, Mollington from a point 166 metres north of its junction with Gypsy Lane to a point 500 metres north west of its junction with Demage Lane. Signage is already in place.

- (2) **Parish Council Gardener**

The Parish Council has contracted with a local gardener to spend around 3½ hours a month working on those parts of the village that are not within the remit of CWaC. He has spent his first visit to Mollington working around Well Lane.

- (3) **Condition of the roads**

Concern has been expressed about the general condition of some of the roads in Mollington

- (4) **School Bus Services** Enc

Despite the suggestion in October 2021 that there might be possibilities around the 'green agenda' of CWaC this is not possible. All hangs on the outcome of resourcing possibilities from the Bus Services Improvement Plan process. The Council will not adjust their position despite the lobbying efforts of many parents in the area, supported by Ward Councillor Eardley. A copy of a report presented to Saughall & Shotwick Park Parish Council following a meeting with CWaC Members and officers is attached. Enc

## 8. MOLLINGTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD

Update on the community use of the school playing field

## 9. HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

To receive an update on arrangements to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

## 10. WARN AND INFORM

To receive an update on proposals

**11. COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT** Enc

In December 2020, the Local Government Association (LGA) developed and published a Model Councillor Code of Conduct in association with key partners and following extensive consultation with the sector. This was in response to the recommendation of the Committee of Standards in Public life Local Government Ethical Standards 2019. The code is a template for Local Authorities to adopt in whole and/or with amendments to take into account local circumstances. A copy of the new Code is attached and supporting guidance on the application of the new Code is available on the LGA website <https://local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct>

RECOMMENDED: That Members decide whether or not they wish to adopt the new Code of Conduct in full or with amendments

**12. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES**

The [Boundary Commission for England](https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/north-west/) (BCE) is holding a secondary consultation on its proposals for new parliamentary constituencies as part of the 2023 Boundary Review. The commission is required by parliament to undertake an independent and impartial review of all constituencies in England, to rebalance the number of electors in each constituency. The 2023 Boundary Review requires the number of constituencies in England to increase from 533 to 543. Residents and communities can respond to the consultation [in writing](#) or by speaking at a public hearing. The commission will analyse responses from the first and secondary consultations and will produce a report deciding whether the initial proposals should change and detailing any suggested changes. If the commission's recommendations vary, they will hold a further four-week written consultation on their revised proposals inviting views. Those comments will be published along with the commission's final report, which will be sent to parliament by July 2023 and subsequently made law. The secondary consultation is taking place from 22 February to 4 April 2022. Mollington is currently placed in the Chester North & Neston constituency.

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/north-west/>

RECOMMENDED: That Members decide whether they wish to respond to the consultation

**13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING**

**14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Meeting Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 7.15pm