



MOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Councillor

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST 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
2 August 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: pauline.english2@btinternet.com)

AGENDA

Part 1 – Matters to be considered in the presence of the press and public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To received apologies for absence

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

3. BROADBAND FOR THE PARISHES

The government’s solution to providing high speed broadband for rural communities is through voucher schemes. This relies on the community subscribing in sufficient numbers to one service provider in order that a project can become viable. In the past the Parish Council, in an effort to remain neutral, has not favoured one project over another but it may now be appropriate to actively encourage people to sign up to one provider in order to generate sufficient subscriptions.

The Parish Council has been informed that FactCo (a Liverpool based broadband provider) will be working with Connecting Cheshire to build a fibre broadband network covering the parishes of Saughall, Mollington, Lea-by-Backford, Backford, Chorlton by Backford, Croughton, Wervin and Stoak.

Charli George, Community Sales Manager FactCo, and Mike Dugine, Digital Sector Specialist, Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC) will attend the meeting.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

To hear from members of the public about any issues they wish to raise. The maximum time allocated for public speaking is 30 minutes and individuals are restricted to a maximum of three minutes each, subject to the Chairman’s discretion. It may not be possible to answer questions at the meeting and the Council will offer a written reply or 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 CWaC.

5. VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

An application has been received from a resident who is unable to attend the meeting due to a holiday commitment. If no further applications are received it is RECOMMENDED that the resident (name to be published if no further applications are received) be co-opted to serve on the Parish Council for the remainder of the year to May 2023.

6. MINUTES

RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17 May 2022 be approved as a correct record.

7. UPDATE REPORTS

Insurance (Minute 22.38): The Clerk was tasked with finding a better insurance quotation than that offered by Hiscox (£619.91). A quotation of £300 was received from Zurich and was accepted.

8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

At the last meeting it was resolved that Members consider appropriate areas of responsibility to be allocated to individual Councillors and send suggestions to the Parish Clerk for the next meeting. No suggestions have been received.

RECOMMENDED: That possible areas of responsibility be considered and allocated to Members.

9. FINANCE

To note receipts and payments since the last meeting to the end of July.

(1) Receipts:

23.05.22	Active Leisure-Marshalling assistance	250.00
06.06.22	S Jones-Purchase of unused wine from Jubilee event	169.90
08.06.22	R Jones repayment relating to Landstruction (Jubilee account)	656.06
		1,075.96

(2) Payments

05.05.22	BACS	Parish Clerk-backpay	8.60
12.05.22	BACS	Bpo.collections-Income Tax	50.92
12.05.22	BACS	John McDonald (Grasshopper Landscapes)	60.00
13.05.22	BACS	Workshop Aberfeldy-Tree plaque (Jubilee account) extra cost	33.00
24.05.22	BACS	Barnes Cooper-Internal Audit	150.00
24.05.22	BACS	Parish Clerk-expenses incl.£62.40 tree plaque initial cost	84.65
26.05.22	BACS	Zurich Insurance	300.00
30.05.22	SO	Parish Clerk-salary May	203.42
31.05.22	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages May	205.92
31.05.22	BACS	5 Villages Hall-Room Hire on 17 May	20.00
		Sub-total May	1,116.51
06.06.22	BACS	Landstruction	656.06
06.06.22	BACS	Jack Jones-Jubilee bar	354.23
06.06.22	BACS	John McDonald (Grasshopper Landscapes)	60.00
08.06.22	BACS	Roger Jones-Jubilee expenses	730.78
08.06.22	BACS	Cheshire Community Action-fee	20.00
08.06.22	BACS	Hadfield Photography-website	275.00
08.06.22	BACS	Roger Jones-Jubilee coronation oak	766.01
08.06.22	BACS	Roger Jones-Engraving trophy	16.95
17.06.22	DD	PWLB-Loan Repayment	1,117.35
24.06.22	BACS	HMRC-Income Tax	307.01
28.06.22	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages June	205.92
28.06.22	SO	Parish Clerk-salary June	203.42
30.06.22	Bank	Service Charge (3 months)	18.00
		Sub-total June	4,730.73
11.07.22	BACS	5 Villages Hall-Hire of Hall for Parish Assembly 28/06/22	20.00
11.07.22	BACS	John McDonald (Grasshopper Landscapes)	65.00
26.07.22	DD	ICO-Annual Fee	35.00
28.07.22	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages July	205.92
28.07.22	SO	Parish Clerk-salary July	203.42
28.07.22	BACS	John McDonald (Grasshopper Landscapes)	50.00
28.07.22	BACS	HMRC-Income Tax	102.34
		Sub-total July	681.68
		Total expenditure	6,528.92

Reconciliation:	Brought forward	19,846.21
	Add; Receipts	1,075.96
	Less: Payments	<u>6,528.92</u>
	Carried forward	<u>14,393.25</u>

- (3) **Bank Signatories:** Since the Parish Council last approved signatories to the Unity Trust bank account there have been a number of changes to the membership of the Council, and it now appears that there is only one signatory remaining.
RECOMMENDED: That the Parish Council nominates three Councillors to become signatories to the account, along with the Parish Clerk
- (4) **Donation:** Cllr Jack Jones has asked whether the Parish Council would be happy for the bar cash takings (£190) from the Jubilee event to be donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Backford. FOR DECISION

10. PLANNING

- (1) To note applications received by CWaC relating to Mollington since the last meeting

Application No.	Application details	Application site	Comments by
22/01847/FUL	Single storey rear extension	12 Overwood Avenue, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6NH	14 July 2022

- (2) To note decisions taken by CWaC since the last meeting

Application No.	Application details	Application site	Decision
21/04742/FUL	Erection of detached single storey garage	Willow Farm Cottage, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LD	Approved
21/04439/FUL	1.8m brick boundary wall and tree protection in retrospect	Eden House, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LD	Approved
22/01308/NMA	Non material amendment to planning permission 20/04324/FUL - external insulation, window/door amendments and additional skylights	Warren Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester Cheshire CH1 6LB	Approved
22/01847/FUL	Single storey rear extension	12 Overwood Avenue, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6NH	Approved

- (3) To note applications awaiting decision by CWaC

Application No.	Application details	Application site
22/00873/OUT	Conversion of an existing two storey barn into a residential dwelling and conversion of an existing detached barn into a residential dwelling	Rose Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6NJ

- (4) To note that the following application has been withdrawn

22/00314/LDC	Use of recreational fishing lakes for overnight fishing in excess of 10 years	Land at Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester
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- (5) **Appeal relating to former Mollington Grange Golf Club:** Attached is a copy of the decision by the Planning Inspector, which is to allow the appeal. Details are set out in the letter.

11. HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

To receive feedback from the Parish Council's Jubilee celebrations.

12. HYNET STATUTORY CONSULTATION

A letter has been received from Liverpool Bay CCS Limited in relation to their proposals to develop, install and operate a new carbon dioxide (CO₂) pipeline between Ince, near Stanlow, and Flint, and to repurpose an existing 24-inch natural gas pipeline between Flint and Point of Ayr Terminal for transportation of CO₂. The Parish Council has been identified as a statutory consultee and a copy of the letter with the new proposals is attached. This item was raised at the Parish Assembly on 28 June 2022. Because of the delay in holding the meeting of the Parish Council the deadline for responses has now passed but Members may wish to make a late comment. FOR DECISION.

13. HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- (1) Speed Limit at Rose Farm Cottage;
- (2) Planters around the Village

These issues were raised at the Parish Assembly on 28 June 2022.

- (3) Lea-by-Backford Parish Council has had some gardening work done on the Village Green and has asked if Mollington Parish Council will split the cost 50:50 and pay £70 towards the work carried out. FOR DECISION

14. VILLAGE GREEN

The Village Green was left in poor condition by contractors working for CWaC who dug a trough to lay a cable. CWaC were informed and undertook to have the area repaired. Some seed has been laid in parts where the major activity took place, but it would appear that there has been no levelling or remedial work of the surface trough caused by the work. Cutting the grass on the Village Green has always been done by CWaC when cutting the verges, but they do not look after it in any other way. The Green is now covered in weeds.

RECOMMENDED: That the Parish Council decides whether to leave it and wait for CWaC to cut it or to ask the Parish Council's gardener if he would be prepared to do additional cuts.

15. FIVE VILLAGES HALL

- (1) **Defibrillator:** The Parish Council has been asked to consider contributing towards the upkeep of a defibrillator at the Five Villages Hall. The defibrillator could be located outside the hall for use by anyone in an emergency. The cost has not yet been confirmed.
- (2) **Annual Contribution:** The Parish Council has been asked to consider making an annual grant payment to the Five Villages Hall. A grant was given annually before the loan was taken out but was discontinued due to the Parish Council having to meet the repayment costs of the loan.

RECOMMENDED: That the Parish Council considers whether or not to

- (1) contribute towards the upkeep of a defibrillator at the Five Villages Hall; and/or
- (2) reinstate the annual grant payment to the Five Villages Hall and decide the amount

16. NEWSLETTER

Cllr Skupski is proposing to take over from Christine Jones the production of a regular Five Villages Newsletter. His intention would be to invite each of the parishes to contribute to the newsletter and he would contact them in good time before each newsletter is produced to offer an opportunity to share anything important. As the newsletter is two sides of A4 these contributions will need to be short and sweet, if possible with a relevant photograph. Any comments, good or bad, to see how the newsletter can be improved will also be welcome. Ward Cllr Eardley gave the Parish Council a grant from his Members budget to cover the cost of printing the first Newsletters. FOR DISCUSSION.

17. ST OSWALD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ACADEMY STATUS

After many months of research, St Oswald's Primary School has decided to apply for academy status which will mean joining Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT). The attached letter was sent to the local community in May, and it explains the rationale behind the decision and asks a simple "Do you support the proposal for St Oswald's CofE Aided Primary School to convert to academy status and join Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT) Yes/No/Don't Know response. There is an option to add comments or questions by writing to the school. Although the consultation period has ended, Members may wish to make comments or ask questions. FOR DISCUSSION.

18. WEBSITE

Cllr Skupski has asked for a discussion about the website.

19. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER INITIATIVES

- (1) **Rural Crime Survey:** The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cheshire, John Dwyer, has launched a survey for people living and working in rural communities to better understand their policing needs. The feedback will be used to hold the police to account on tackling criminal activity in rural areas. Around two thirds of Cheshire is classed as rural and protecting these communities is a priority in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. The Rural Crime Survey aims to gather a range of people's experiences and build on the relationship that rural communities have with the police. The survey is open throughout the summer www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ruralcrimesurvey2022.
- (2) **Community Cashback Fund:** The PCC for Cheshire, John Dwyer, has launched a new £90,000 'Community Cashback Fund', which will see money taken from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) spent on projects to improve local communities. Each of Cheshire's nine Local Policing Units (LPUs) will be given £10,000 from the Community Cashback Fund during the 2022/23 financial year, with residents able to vote on how the money is spent. A 'Community Conversation' will be held by the police in each area to identify what provisions and offerings are currently available in the community, what may be missing, and what people hope to see in the future. A steering group will co-ordinate any agreed actions, consider the issues raised and carry out further research into potential solutions which can be implemented with the funding. Local people and groups will be able to submit bids to the Community Cashback Fund for their area, and a 'Participatory Budget' event will be held where residents can vote for the projects they feel deserve to go ahead. More information about the Community Cashback Fund, is available at www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-the-commissioner-does/commissioningand-funding/community-funding/community-cashback-fund

RECOMMENDED: That the Police & Crime Commissioner's initiatives be noted and every opportunity be taken to ensure the Parish Council can benefit from them.

20. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

CWaC have been awarded £12.6m from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, £1.5m of which will be used for Multiply, the Government's adult numeracy programme. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda. The national £2.6 billion funding is for local investments by March 2025. The funding is aimed at investing in local priorities and targeting funding where it is needed most to increase pride in places, support high quality skills training, support pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances. It replaces the funding that was previously available from the European Union. The following links to further information on the UKSPF and a webinar on this topic: [Shared Prosperity Fund \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](http://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

RECOMMENDED: That the Shared Prosperity Fund be noted

21. CHESHIRE WEST CROWD AUTUMN 2022 ROUND

Community projects are being encouraged to take part in the upcoming autumn 2022 round of the Cheshire West Crowd. The Cheshire West Crowd, which is being run by the Council in partnership with Spacehive, is the ideal chance for community-led ideas to be created, so the borough can become more vibrant, resilient, and connected. After launching in 2021, the Cheshire West Crowd has already had two funding rounds, and with around £400,000 contributed by the Council and more than £740,000 raised in total by local projects, it is one of the most successful initiatives Spacehive has run.

The following funding pots will be available from the Council in the autumn 2022 round - Community Innovation Fund £250,000, Youth Fund £20,000, Cheshire West Crowd Fund £90,000, COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Fund £47,885, Climate Change Emergency Fund £10,000 and Tackling Poverty Fund £9,865. With the Community Innovation Fund, a gold standard project will need to tackle more than one objective in the Council Plan, be an innovative idea, and be delivered in a high need area, such as rural communities, tackling poverty, aimed at tackling rural poverty, social isolation, or community transport.

Project creator workshops will be run by the Council and Spacehive to help projects get ready for crowdfunding, with monthly support sessions taking place in local libraries from August to November 2022 starting with a Project creator workshop on Thursday 11 August at 12pm: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) and a Project creator workshop on Tuesday 6 September at 12pm: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#). The deadline for projects being added to the Cheshire West Crowd is Wednesday 2 November 2022, as the Council will be allocating funds from the various pots in January 2023. All projects will need to reach their crowdfunding targets on the Cheshire West Crowd by Tuesday 28 February 2023.

RECOMMENDED: That the above funding pots be noted, and the Parish Council considers whether it has any forthcoming projects that might benefit from them.

22. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT MEETING

To raise any items for information and/or items which might be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council

23. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 7.15pm in the Five Villages Hall

24. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RECOMMENDED: That, under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours exclusion.

Part 2 - Matters to be discussed in the absence of the press and public

25. WARN AND INFORM

To discuss changes to the draft Warn and Inform document. Please bring the copy circulated recently by Cllr Roger Jones.

26. OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

Update