

Mollington Parish Council

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **Tuesday 16 November 2021** at **7.15pm** in the Five Villages Hall, Station Road, Backford for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below.



9 November 2020

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.

Please wear face masks until you are seated and maintain a reasonable distance between yourself and others
Members are reminded of the need to perform a lateral flow test prior to attending the meeting

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)

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

To allow members of the public to raise any issues relating to the parish

4 MINUTES

RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

5 UPDATE REPORTS

To receive reports on the following matters where these are available:

- (1) Village Hall
- (2) Fibre Broadband
- (3) Grass Verges and Hedges
- (4) Representatives on Outside Bodies: Backford Charities / WW1 Fund
- (5) Speeding on Grove Road and Townfield Lane
- (6) Communications
- (7) HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

6 PLANNING

(1) **Applications** received for consultation:

Application No.	Application details	Application Site	Deadline for response
20/03408/FUL	Conversion of existing garage, with elevation changes, to create annexe accommodation for the main dwelling house	Willow Brook House Well Lane Mollington Chester Cheshire CH1 6LD	Passed and Approved
21/03804/FUL	Single storey side extension and demolish and rebuild carport to side	Lyndale Bungalow Powey Lane, Chester Cheshire CH1 6LH	Passed and Approved
21/03831/S73	Change of Use of existing footgolf building and associated area to day care for dogs - Removal of conditions 1,3 and 5 of planning permission 20/02289/FUL	Land at Mollington Grange Business Park, Parkgate Road, Mollington Chester	8 November 2021 Not yet decided
21/03477/FUL	Single storey front extension, demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension, alteration to all existing windows and doors	8 Willow Lea, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6L	18 October 2021 Not yet decided

(2) **Decisions** taken by CWaC

Application No.	Application details	Application site	Decision
21/01339/FUL	Single storey rear extension	8 Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, CH1 6LD	Approved
21/01831/FUL	Change of use of Golf Clubhouse to form one dwelling with extensions, swimming pool and tennis court and use of former greenkeeper's building for purposes ancillary to the dwelling and maintenance of the land	Clubhouse Flat, Mollington Grange Golf, Townfield Lane Mollington, Chester CH1 6NJ	Approved
21/02304/FUL	Single storey front and first floor side extension	Warren Chase, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LB	Approved
20/03019/FUL	Demolition of the existing building and structures and the erection of 6no dwellings, creation of new public pedestrian and cycle path, and community car park, together with associated landscaping, ecology mitigation and infrastructure	Former Mollington Grange Golf Club, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, CH1 6NJ	Refused
20/04168/FUL	Two storey front and side extension and detached garage	Dilkhush, 3 Feilden Court, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LS	Approved
20/04324/FUL	Farm redevelopment including conversion of buildings to 5 dwellings, demolition of several existing buildings and the erection of new agricultural buildings	Warren Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, CH1 6LB	Approved
20/04612/FUL	Replacement garage with new garage and workshop	Willow Brook Meadow, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LD	Approved

(3) **Awaiting decision:**

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 on land at Mere Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester A letter containing comments and objections to the proposal has been received but cannot be considered as it is anonymous.
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7 FINANCE

To note receipts and payments since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

(1) **Receipts:**

13.10.21	Active Leisure-Assistance at Chester 10K	250.00
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(2) **Payments**

28.09.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages September	197.60
28.09.21	SO	Parish Clerk-salary September	194.82
30.09.21	Bank	Service Charge (3 months)	18.00
04.10.21	BACS	PKF Littlejohn-External Audit	240.00
28.10.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages October	197.60
28.10.21	SO	Parish Clerk-salary October	194.82
06.11.21	BACS	ChALC-Training Cllr Skupski	30.00

Reconciliation:	Opening Balance	12,294.55
	Add: Receipts	250.00
	Less: Payments	<u>1072.84</u>
	Closing Balance	<u>11,471.71</u>

8 HIGHWAYS

- (1) Grove Road Speed Limit: CWaC are finalising sign design for the Grove Road limit. They anticipate it will be finalised by the end of the year at the latest but hopefully much sooner.
- (2) Amendment to the speed limit on the Southern end of Townfield Lane from the fingerpost (30mph) to the Parkgate road (50mph) (currently de-restricted). The Parish Council has asked CWaC Highways about the cost of undertaking a review of the speed limit on this stretch of road. CWaC have advised that an estimated cost would be £2,000 based on a similar one elsewhere but it would depend on what the recommended limit was as this would impact on whether terminal signs were still needed. The cost is for the physical signage and to put the notices in the newspaper. CWaC do not currently pass on the staff cost of monitoring, undertaking SLA or design/TRO implementation. The contribution would be approximately £1,000 for the Parish Council. Councillor Eardley has kindly agreed to contribute £500 from his Member's budget. Commitment to contribute to it is required by CWaC before they undertake the assessment. CWaC have suggested assessing the other section from the 30mph limit westerly to the A540 for consistency,
Recommended: That Members consider whether they wish to commit £500 to enable this assessment to go ahead.
- (3) Speed Wires in Mollington: The Chairman asked CWaC for advice regarding the speed wires that have been laid in Mollington. CWaC have received information from Nationwide Data Collection that they are completing a number of surveys across Cheshire West and Flintshire, the data from which is required for use in Environmental Assessment and Transport Assessment to assess the environmental and traffic impacts of traffic associated with the construction and operation of the HyNet North West NSIP project. This data will be used to inform decisions on the future of the project for existing road, public transport, and non-motorised user infrastructure. There are two such surveys in the Mollington / Lea by Backford area - Overwood Lane between A540 and Townfield Lane and Station Road between A41 and Demage Lane. They have not mentioned any on Townfield Lane but may have added others to their list since it was sent to CWaC. CWaC have asked Nationwide Data Collection for a copy of all the surveys completed in Cheshire West but have not yet received a reply.
- (4) School Bus Services: There is a school bus service to and from Mollington to Upton High School, the "Nearest Qualifying School" for those living in Mollington. While this is good for those students attending Upton, the service is not without its issues, most notably the length of time the journey takes. There are also issues relating to parents being informed by CWaC that their child is not eligible to travel by bus as they live within three miles of the school and are therefore able to walk. However the route to school has been recognised by CWaC as an unsafe walking route for students so they are eligible to "receive travel assistance". Many parents (and children) choose to attend Bishops in Boughton and are not eligible to receive travel assistance. The uncertainty of a school bus service to Bishops continues to cause much concern and anxiety to local families with school age children and it has a considerable impact on the quality of life of those living in rural villages. This issue has also been highlighted by Saughall & Shotwick Park Parish Council.
Recommended: That Members decide whether they wish to join with Saughall & Shotwick Park Parish Council in bringing this issue to the attention of CWaC

9 TREE PLANTING PROJECTS IN MOLLINGTON AREA

An email has been received from eforests.co.uk who work with wildlife trusts, community woodlands and community farms around the UK, supplying them with free trees for their nature reserves, rewilding projects, etc. They are offering free trees for tree planting projects with a minimum of 150 trees. The trees are all UK native species, grown from UK seed and can be supplied with free shelters, stakes, weed mats, etc. Trees could also be available for private landowners that have public access to their land. Members are asked to advise of any schemes of which they are aware that would benefit from being given free trees.

10 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

See appendix

11 CONSULTATIONS

- (1) Police and Crime Plan 2021-24: The Police and Crime Commissioner launched his Police and Crime Plan covering the years 2021-24 on 1 November 2021. The Plan outlines his vision and aspirations for delivering on peoples' priorities for tackling crime in Cheshire. It also sets out how support will be offered to victims of crime and how a modern police service will be offered reflecting the diverse communities in Cheshire.

- (2) Cheshire West and Chester Council has launched a consultation on their "Land Action Plan: for the climate and nature emergencies". This consultation is open until 12th December 2021. You can view the Land Action Plan and take part in this consultation [here](#). The Land Action Plan focuses in detail on the "land use, adaptation and climate repair" theme of the Council's [Climate Emergency Response Plan](#). It sets out a vision for land in west Cheshire and 68 actions to achieve this. These actions are to be taken by the Council, working with a broad range of partners. Insight and feedback on the Land Action Plan would be welcomed from local communities, people who own or manage land and organisations. There are a number of ways to share your views, including completing the online survey or sending responses via email or post. The Land Action Plan will also be discussed at the next Climate Emergency Taskforce meeting which takes place between 6-8pm on Wednesday 17th November. This will be an online event. If you would like to attend or speak at the meeting, please email: ClimateChange3@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

12 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT MEETING

Council gives huge boost to community projects through the Cheshire West Crowd

Nearly £200,000 has been pledged by Cheshire West and Chester Council to community projects taking part in the Cheshire West Crowd. The Cheshire West Crowd, which is being run by the Council in partnership with Spacehive, is an exciting new digital crowdfunding initiative, providing an opportunity for community-led ideas to be created so the borough can become more vibrant, resilient and connected. A total of 20 community projects have been supported by the Council through various funding pots, covering areas like mental health support, the Climate Emergency and much more. Details of the funding made available by the Council can be found on the Cheshire West Crowd. A number of projects, such as Crossroads Community Hub's Greenway Grocer, Chapter Mental Health's Christmas meal and Incredible Edible Westminster Park, have now reached their crowdfunding targets, while others are still counting on support.

Residents, businesses, foundations and anyone else interested can donate to community projects through the Cheshire West Crowd and any pledge, no matter how big or small, could make a real difference to these initiatives.

- [Check out the community projects on the Cheshire West Crowd](#)

Rev Andy Glover, Minister of Hoole Baptist Church, Lead Partner of Crossroads Community Hub, said: "The Hub began helping provide emergency food parcels to those specifically impacted by the pandemic and we're now excited to have the opportunity to provide affordable food, alongside emergency food, through the Greenway Grocer project. It's always been our desire to provide food to feed bodies and communities and fill hearts with hope through the work of the Hub. With the amazing support from Cheshire West and Chester Council through the Cheshire West Crowd platform on Spacehive, we can really begin to fulfil this dream."

Councillor Louise Gittins, Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council, added: "Inspiring projects on the Cheshire West Crowd pitched to the Council and we're delighted to have been able to support so many of them. These projects will no doubt make a real difference to our communities and it's great to see some of them have already reached their targets. For those projects still crowdfunding, it'd be fantastic to see residents, businesses and funders get behind them through the Cheshire West Crowd. This platform is an innovative way for projects to raise funds and the whole community to come together. We'll be developing the Cheshire West Crowd further in the coming months and there will be more funding rounds in the future, so I'd encourage anyone with ideas to get involved."

For those interested in putting forward an idea, the next deadline is Wednesday 23 March.

- [Fill in a short online form](#)

Organisations wanting to explore supporting multiple local projects can contact: info@spacehive.com.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7.15pm