



MOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Councillor

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2022** at **7.30pm** in **THE FIVE VILLAGES HALL, STATION ROAD, BACKFORD** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below.

Parish Clerk
22 November 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

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To note any declarations of interest in items on the agenda
- 3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**
To hear from members of the public about any issues relating to Mollington that 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. Questions to the Council should be submitted to the Parish Clerk 10 days before the meeting. It may not be possible to answer questions put to the meeting without notice, in which case 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. Questions outside the remit of Mollington Parish Council will be referred to CWaC.
- 4. MINUTES**
RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 September 2022 be approved as a correct record.
- 5. VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR**
The Parish Council received confirmation from Cheshire West & Chester (CWaC) Council that no requests had been received to hold an election to fill the vacancy. A notice was put on Notice Boards and the Parish Council's website inviting applications to fill the vacancy by co-option. To date one application form has just been requested and its return is awaited.
- 6. UPDATE REPORTS**
To receive reports from Councillors on their areas of responsibility (unless on the agenda as a separate item).

(1) Finance and Audit	Cllr Roger Jones
(2) Five Villages Hall	Cllr Jack Jones
(3) Highways & Rights of Way	Cllr Dave Wells
(4) Planning	Cllr Dave Wells
(5) Police Liaison	Cllr Kate Brassington
(6) School	Cllr Mike Jones
(7) Website and Social Media	Cllr Rob Skupski
- 7. FINANCE**
To note receipts and payments since the last meeting in September:
 - (1) **Receipts:**

19.10.22 Cheshire West & Chester Council – Community Infrastructure Levy	3,605.10
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(2) Payments

30.09.22 Bank Service Charge	18.00
13.10.22 Lea-by-Backford Parish Council – mowing Village Green	70.00
13.10.22 Five Villages Hall – Room Hire	20.00
17.10.22 Parish Clerk – expenses	65.89
17.10.22 Cllr Skupski – Newsletter	135.00
26.10.22 John McDonald (Grasshopper Landscapes)	65.00
26.10.22 Cllr Roger Jones – Plants/bulbs for village locations	188.46
28.10.22 Amenity Cleaner – wages October	205.92
28.10.22 Parish Clerk – salary October	203.42
09.11.22 ChALC – Training	<u>25.00</u>
Total	<u>996.69</u>

Reconciliation	Brought forward	13,313.21
	Add: Receipts	3,605.10
	Less: Payments	<u>996.69</u>
	Carried forward	<u>15,939.62</u>

- (3) **Bank Signatories:** The Clerk enquired of Unity Trust Bank whether the forms sent to them in August to change the signatories on the bank account had been received. The bank was unable to find the forms but informed the Clerk that there was now an on-line request form which made changing signatories much easier. The Clerk is now finalising the on-line form and is waiting for information to complete it.
- (4) **Clerk's salary:** The pay settlement for 2022-23, backdated to 1 April 2022, has been agreed. The Clerk is currently paid for 4 hours a week on SCP23 of the NJC pay scales which has been increased from £14.67 an hour to £15.67 an hour. This is an additional £208 gross a year (£166.40 net after tax). In accordance with the Clerk's contract of employment, an adjustment will be made from November and 30 weeks backpay of £120 gross (£96.00 net) will be paid with the November salary.

9. PLANNING

- (1) To note applications received by CWaC relating to Mollington since the last meeting
22/03698/FUL - Proposed Extension to Stable Block at Brookside Farm Cottage, Parkgate Road, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6JS
- (2) To note decisions taken by CWaC since the last meeting:
22/00068/FUL - Retrospective application for external windows, doors and staircase canopy at Brookside Farm Cottage, Parkgate Road, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6JS - APPROVED
22/03138/FUL Creation of one pond on land adjacent Butler Green, Overwood Lane, Mollington, Chester - APPROVED
22/03189/FUL Creation of one pond on land rear of Butler Green, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LB – APPROVED
22/03442/LDC - Single storey side extension at Willow Farm Cottage, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire West And Chester CH1 6LD - APPROVED
- (3) To note applications awaiting decision by CWaC
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 at Rose Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6NJ

10. HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- (1) **Speed Limit on Overwood Lane:** CWaC have supplied the results of the speed limit assessment for Overwood Lane which recommends a reduction to 50mph speed limit. The Parish Council is asked to give formal approval to the reduced speed limit and to ask CWaC to start the consultation process.
RECOMMENDED: That CWaC be requested to go ahead with the implementation of the 50mph speed limit on Overwood Lane.

- (2) **Weeds:** Following the last meeting Councillor Eardley reported the weeds growing in the gutters, in particular on Townfield Lane, to CWaC and they have now been cleared.
- (3) **Water Leak on Parkgate Road:** Severn Trent are investigating the long-standing leak on Parkgate Road by the Mollington Banastre. They are keen to resolve the issue before the cold weather sets in.

11. **DOG FAECES**

The Parish Council is concerned about the amount of dog "poo" around the village. In the past CWaC have been asked to supply additional bins, but this request has been rejected on the grounds that there are already sufficient bins in the village and that pet owners should be told of their location and asked to use them.

RECOMMENDED: That the Parish Council decides on the best course of action to try to prevent dog faeces being left on roads and pavements in the village.

12. **PARISH PLAN**

Mollington currently has a Parish Plan which was first produced in 2008. A questionnaire seeking to update some aspects of the Plan was sent to all residents in 2016, but no further action has been taken to update the Plan since then. The Parish Council has decided to take the opportunity to review the existing Plan and, with the help of the community, to update it. A copy of the existing Parish Plan is attached.

13. **PLANTING AROUND THE VILLAGE**

Given the time constraints for planting, an informal discussion was held via Zoom at which it was agreed to plant approximately 1,000 crocus bulbs around the village and to put planters next to the notice board on Townfield Lane and at the entrance to Mollington Court. It was agreed that Cllr Roger Jones should purchase the croci on behalf of the Parish Council and reclaim the cost. The first areas to be planted would be the green area at the entrance to the village at Townfield Lane/Parkgate Road, ensuring the wild flower areas are maintained, and the green area outside the school (final position to be decided). The cost would be £400. Plants have already been purchased for the Coronation Oak and Well Lane/Willow Lea and have been planted with assistance from Woodfield Nursery at a total cost of £188.46.

Having considered several options for the planters the most cost effective company is Landstruction. A quotation has been received from Landstruction to install paving slabs and to supply and install four 600mm x 600mm timber planters, painted sage green, planted with spring/summer interest and some evergreen structure at a total cost of £2,492.00 + VAT. Cllr Eardley has agreed to make a contribution towards the planters from his Members budget.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) retrospective approval be given for the purchase of croci at a cost of £400;
- (2) Cllr Roger Jones be reimbursed the cost of £188.46 for the planting around the Coronation Oak and in Well Lane/Willow Lea; and
- (3) Members decide whether they wish to accept the quotation submitted by Landstruction for the installation and planting of four planters.

14. **HyNET**

At the second statutory consultation, which closed on 10 November, Hy-Net presented preliminary order limits, an indicative pipeline centre line, pipeline route options and potential Hydrogen Above Ground Installation (HAGI) and Block Valve Installation (BVI) locations. They are now analysing feedback, carrying out more technical, engineering and environmental work and continuing to engage key stakeholders with the aim of developing a final design. Once final proposals have been developed an application will be submitted for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State for BEIS. This is expected to take place in Spring 2023. The application will include a report summarising people's responses to the consultation and an explanation of how their views have been taken into account, and a statement setting out the environmental considerations for the project and how it is proposed to mitigate them. The Planning Inspectorate will examine the proposals and submit a report to the Secretary of State for BEIS who will then make the final decision on the application. This is expected to take place in mid to late 2024. If the application is successful, construction will

start in 2025 and will take around two years to complete. There will be further opportunities for people to get involved as part of a process led by the Planning Inspectorate following submission of the application.

RECOMMENDED: That the current situation be noted.

15. NEWSLETTER

It is proposed to issue a second Newsletter before Christmas. So far only four items have been identified by Mollington councillors and none by Backford or Lea-by-Backford. If the next issue was to be put together in January it would be possible to include information about the Parish Council's budget for 2023-24, information about the local elections in May and any

RECOMMENDED: That Members decide whether or not to issue a second Newsletter before Christmas.

16. 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

17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7.15pm in the Five Villages Hall