

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Present

Councillors Painter, Dutton and Wilson.

In attendance:

G Parker (Parish Clerk)  
Councillor Mark Stocks (CWAC)

### **24.084 Apologies for absence**

Councillors Jackson and Binyon

### **24.085 To note declarations of members' interests**

None.

### **24.086 Public Participation: -**

Four members of the public provided feedback to the Parish Council regarding the handling of noise complaints received about activities at the Crown Inn. A number of supportive comments were made about the benefits of having a vibrant public house in the village and the range of community activities undertaken and support provided to residents by the Crown Inn.

Further opinions were expressed about recent correspondence sent by the Parish Council to The Crown.

A request was made to clear the footpath on Crown Lane that runs from the Cobbles to the Crown Inn.

### **24.087 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and of the extraordinary meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and of the extraordinary meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

### **24.088 Addendum to the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

#### **Resolved that**

- the addendum to the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 be approved.

Signed

- the Parish Council will keep a record of complaints received rather than maintain a register.

**24.089 To receive the police reports.**

- **Resolved** that the police reports be received and noted.

**24.090 To appoint the panel to undertake the Clerk's annual review**

**Resolved that** Councillors Painter, Dutton and Wilson be appointed to comprise the panel.

**24.091 To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.**

**Resolved that** the update from Councillor Stocks be noted, including

- The current position regarding speed reduction measures on Middlewich Road.
- the relocation of the electronic speed sign.
- the provision of street lighting at the junction of Middlewich Road and the new development in Swan Green.
- the CWAC Council Tax increase of 4.99%.
- likely increases to garden bin charges.
- the probability of a mayoralty election once the devolution deal for Cheshire and Warrington is concluded.
- the forthcoming by parliamentary by election in Cheshire West.

**24.092 To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan.**

**Resolved that: -**

Workstream 1

- The update previously provided by Councillor Binyon be noted.

Workstream 2

- A grant from United Utilities has been approved in relation to the pond on Free Green Lane. The grant will pay for plants to go in the pond and equipment in relation to the pond.

Workstream 3

- completion of the fingerpost refurbishment at the Plumley Moor Road /Middlewich Road junction be noted.

Workstream 4

- it be noted that there is no update.

**24.093 Finance**

**Resolved that:** -

- a. the Receipts and Payments to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be noted.
- b. the budget and expenditure to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be noted.
- c. Payment of the £84.35 invoice from James Clark and Son for work on the fingerpost be approved.

**24.094 To determine the arrangements for the Spring Litter Pick.**

**Resolved that**

- the litter pick be arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> April and;
- the Spring Newsletter includes an invitation for volunteers to clear the footpath on Crown Lane between the Cobbles and the Crown Inn.

**24.095 To receive an update on the preparations for VE Day.**

**Resolved that** the update from Councillor Dutton be noted.

**24.096 To receive feedback on the CWAC Dog fouling survey.**

**Resolved that** the feedback be noted.

**24.097 To consider arrangements for improving communication with parishioners**

**Resolved that** a report setting out the issues regarding the establishment of a WhatsApp group for parishioners be prepared for a future meeting.

**24.098 Matters for the next agenda.**

**Resolved that** the following matters be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

- Replacement bench at Smithy Green
- Casual vacancy

**24.099 Future Meetings.**

Noted that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025.