**Minutes of The Meeting of Antrobus Parish Council**

**on Monday 17 March 2025 at 7:15pm at St Marks Church**

Present

Mrs H Metcalfe (Vice chair) Mr M Walsh Mr A Dunkley Mrs C Bunn Mr J Bloor Mrs L Patelaros Miss L Merry (Clerk) Cllr P Marshall (Ward)

**The meeting started at 7:15pm**

**Open forum.** None

1. **Apologies for unavoidable absence** were received from Mr S Batey, Mr C Wright, Mr P Harrison, Cllr L Gibbon (Ward), and N Wright (Ward).
2. **Members’ Declarations of Interest** - none
3. **Minutes of the meeting** on 17 Feb 2025 **- *(25/14) RESOLVED*** to accept the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
4. **Matters Arising** 
   1. Village shop & tearoom – Ward Cllr’s are chasing for update on decision. The Council noted the status of the planning application and potential need for the Parish Council to make a donation to support any match funding element against potential large grant application due to a potential stipulation for planning approval.
   2. Village News – A draft policy was accepted by the Village News
   3. Clerk Phone – New contact number for Clerk 07471193876
   4. Frandley bus stop – Clerk to contact bus services again for response to adding additional stops due to route change.
   5. Reed Lane closure – works redone after initial works were reported
5. **Ward Councillors** - The Cheshire and Warrington Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Local Habitat Map are out for consultation. Deadline is Monday 31st of March. The link can be found on the website. The Member Budget for year 24/25 was all allocated. The new budget for year 25/26 opens for applications in April. New speed limits of 20mph outside all schools across Cheshire West & Chester (24 schools will be impacted) has been agreed. Money (£425,000) was requested by Ward Councillors for our roads. Unfortunately, this was refused. Ward Councillors conducted a walk round Northwich with Kathy McArdle, Executive Director of Place and Growth, to discuss a plan for the centre.

*Please visit the website News section for the full update from the Ward Councillors.*

1. **Planning** 
   1. ***(25/15) RESOLVED*** to make Planningcomments (appendix 3).
   2. Enforcement – none.
2. **Highways** –
   1. Knutsford Road – 1 large pothole has been fixed
   2. Reed Gate Lane and Keepers Lane closure from the 18th March
   3. Pools Platt Lane – works are complete
   4. Chevron arrows on the A559 S bend – Signs have been reported, Ward Cllr expects works to be confirmed in April 2025.
   5. New Highways concerns – The pavement on Knutsford road has been damaged causing a safety issue. Highways to be contacted by PC and Ward Cllrs.

***All residents can report any concerns directly to Highways using the Cheshire West and Chester*** [***Report It app***](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it)***.***

1. **Open Forum** - no issues.
2. **Playground & Defibrillator** 
   1. Weekly Inspections – no issues
   2. Park surface clean up ***(25/16) RESOLVED*** to instruct Clerk up to £250 for appropriately qualified contractor to undertake.
3. **Fixed Assets Register *(25/17) RESOLVED*** to approve end 24/25.
4. **Accounts, Finance & Legal**
   1. The accounts in Appendix 1 were noted.
   2. Payments list Appendix 2 - ***(25/18) RESOLVED*** to approve
5. **Representatives & Working Groups** – Warm spaces trip for 12 people to High Legh garden centre – expenses £68.55. Mrs C Bunn volunteers to be the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee ***(25/19) RESOLVED***
6. **Notable Correspondence**. None

**The Meeting ended at 8:20pm**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **held on Monday 28th April 2025 at 7.15 pm** at Antrobus St Marks Church, starting with an Open Forum. *Please note later date due to bank holiday.*

Appendix 1 Accounts for previous month

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| Current a/c 5 Feb: | £ 4506.45 | Reserve a/cs | 23,741.20 & 1,931.44 |
| Cashbook: | £ 4506.45 | Income: | Interest 49.43 & 1.85 |

Appendix 2 Payments

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| Vision ICT – Annual website and email hosting | £ 273.76 | LGA 1972 s 111 |
| Clerk Netpay | £ 408.00 | LGA 1972 s 111 |
| Clerk Expenses | £ 41.63 | LGA 1972 s 111 |
| St Marks Church donation for meeting space – 3 winter months in arears – Dec, Jan & Feb | £ 180.00 | LGA 1972 s 111 |
| HMRC – Quarterly tax (Jan-Mar) due mid April and backdating Oct – | £ 955 est | LGA 1972 s 111 |
| Warm spaces trip to High Legh garden centre for 12 people | £ 68.55 | LGA 1972 s 137 |
| Park surface cleaning – to remove moss | Up to £250 | LGA 1972 s 14 |

Appendix 3 Planning applications.

[PC Parish Council; PWG Planning Working Group, CW&C Cheshire West]

**FOR PC CONSULTEE comment, or noting:**

25/00163/FUL - Land Off Arley Road - Erection of agricultural building for the housing of livestock (cattle) and associated agricultural bedding, feed and equipment (Building A) – **Deadline 20th March - PC no objection**

25/00164/FUL - Land Off Arley Road - Erection of agricultural building for the housing of livestock (cattle) and associated agricultural bedding, feed and equipment (Building B) – **Deadline 20th March - PC no objection**

25/00496/FUL - Bella Vista Gibb Hill - Loft conversion including front and rear roof dormers and side window. **Deadline 2nd April – PC no objection**

**CWAC DECISIONS MADE (SINCE LAST MEETING): None**

**AWAIT CWAC DECISION: 15**