CUERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF SUMMONS to attend the Meeting of the
CUERDEN PARISH COUNCIL on MONDAY 28th June 2020 from 7.00 p.m.

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.
Meeting to be held outside in a councillor’s garden due to meetings now not being permitted via zoom.
Meeting started 19.00 and closed at 20.30.
In attendance: JB, SE, NW, SN, JB Clerk
Apology: MB
1. Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests.
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of the Council’s Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, then the individual Member should not participate in a discussion on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting and not seek to influence a decision on the matter.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held in April 2021 - To confirm the minutes.
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3. Matters Arising from the minutes.

4. ADJOURNMENT- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:
Members of the Public are invited to give their views and ask questions of the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman (maximum of three minutes each). Members of the public who have questions that are more detailed should contact the Clerk for guidance on how to register their comments. Following public participation, the public are welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but can make no further representations. No decisions will be made in this part of the meeting.

5. Parish Council Accounts
All financial documents relating to year end to be shared and agreed as accurate during the meeting on the 28th June 2021.
Click icon to open or see attached
Documents shared:
Bank Reconciliation – shared, agreed and signed on 28/06/2021.
Confirmation of dates - shared, agreed and signed on 28/06/2021.
Explanation of Variances – shared, agreed and signed on28/06/2021
Assets – shared, agreed and signed on 28/06/2021.
Certificate of Exception – AGAR 2020/21 part 2. shared, agreed and signed on 28/06/2021.
Accounting Statements 2020/21 shared, agreed and signed on 28/06/2021.
Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 – shared, agreed and signed on 28/06/2021.

6. Planning Report.

a) Shady Lane Pipe Monaco/ Lichfield’s appeal
Concerns from the Parish council regarding this matter because it undermines local democracy as it has been thrown out three times and it keeps being relisted. This time the application is more transparent because they have said it will allow a housing development to take place. As a Parish Council we would like to comment that it has been democratically refused previously. There is a facebook page - Cuerden woods website etc. Mark Clifford has noted the anger the community feel regarding this matter. Councillors are concerned that the pipeline will allow wastewater from a new housing estate to discharge into the river Lostock and this cannot be environmentally feasible. Lichfield have requested to close one end of Nell Lane so that they could then use it as a vehicular access. This would then prevent the existing community from having continued access to the Parish via Nell lane. If the appeal goes to the next stage the Parish Council will make apparent their concerns to the council.
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b) Cuerden Hall
The council feel that the Parish Council should speak and be heard in relation to the following concerns.
Concerns:
~relating to the electric gates on Cuerden Close and on the hall drive which crosses the Cuerden Close land.
~The ecology report is limited in scope and detail.
~Basic tree survey lacking details particular concern due to ancient woodlands and TPO’s.
~Water issues relating to upkeep and payment of bills. Concerns relating to the proposed swimming pool.
~Change of use is an issue because of easements and drainage.
~Mitigation for the bats. Sarah Lancaster 2015 – currently working for LCC said there was no mitigation for the bats such as brown long eared bats. There has been no night-time assessment.
~Concerns over the impact of other wildlife e.g., light pollution
~The closure of the historical Cinder Path.
~Removal of long-standing trees

In short concerns - ecology reports, resident access, Water supplies and drainage - united utilities have not been consulted.

Historical information about former work undertaken relating to ‘Save Cuerden Woods’ etc. which is stored by a local resident may prove useful for the proposed developments.
Dave Dunlop from Lancashire wildlife shared correspondence relating to the bat ecology survey.

Correspondence Received relating to the hall developments:
Resident of the Parish SE concerned whether the council would be commenting on the plans.
Resident FB has sent written communication 24/06/2021 with many of the concerns above and also asked;
‘ whether the Parish Council will be commenting on behalf of residents and whether any of the Councillors are intending to speak at the Development Control Committee when the application is discussed’.

Clerk to respond to FB and SE on behalf of councillors – on the matters raised in their mail because as a collective we share the concerns. The Parish Council will produce a written comment on the plans put forward. In addition, in theory - if there was an opportunity to speak on behalf of the Parish then the Parish Councillor, as appointed, would speak.

c) Nell Lane development
- This has gone to appeal and there is a back log. The builder is Monaco Nell Lane limited. Awaiting an outcome of an appeal.

7. Accounts for Payment –
Zurich Insurance 13/05/20 £218.98
J Brown Salary (£41 per month May– June) £82.00

8.Parish Laptop – agreed to purchase for the purpose of parish business, up to the value of £1000 including purchase and set up.

9.Other Correspondence Received. Please see above.

10. Any Other Business. - Exchange of Information Only.
Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting. –
These dates are the proposed flexible dates for 2021 - 2022. They may change.

27th September 2021
29th November 2021
7th February 2022
11th April 2022
27th June 2022