

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING** of the  
**CUERDEN PARISH COUNCIL** on **MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> November 2022** from **18.30pm**

**THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. THEY MUST ADVISE THE CLERK TO THE PARISH OF THEIR INTENTION, PROVIDING A BRIEF OUTLINE OF WHAT THEY WISH TO DISCUSS, NO LESS THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE INTENDED MEETING.**

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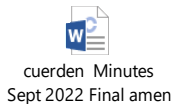
Meeting held at Clayton le Woods Primary School, meeting commenced at 6.30pm

In attendance Cllr Sarah Elsy, Chair; Cllr Martin Brown; Cllr Maureen Hesmondhalgh; Ann Phelan, parish clerk.

Invited guest Mr James Reilly of Easy Web Sites.

Apologies Cllr Neville Whitam.

1. Disclosure of interests – No interests to disclose.
2. Minutes of meeting held in September 2022 (amended) agreed to be true and accurate.



3. Matters arising from the minutes unless elsewhere on the agenda – none.
4. Items for discussion –  
Broadband in Cuerden – a Consultation from Chorley Partnerships delivery officer on the quality of broadband in rural locations (*Identifying the leading priorities for improving rural broadband provision across the district will help shape our Investment Plan submission to the Rural England Prosperity Fund*) has been passed on to the steering committee in Cuerden and the response from the Parish is that the provision is less than satisfactory.

Maintenance of the Parish noticeboard – deterioration of the board now at the stage where some repairs required – catches rusty and opening awkward, use of wd40 not always effective; back board swollen from damp etc. Cost of repair unlikely to be covered by Chorley council, contractor could be expensive. MB offered to inspect and tackle this himself in early Spring, Magnets to hold up notices could be considered, AP to source these. The large tree that partially blocks the view of the board from the road needs a light prune of lower, spindly “branches” - as this is protected and belongs to CVP, SE will ask for this to be done, also as to whether they have any objections to a gravel/cinder path to cut through the grass verge and make the board more easily accessible for the public to view.  
Actions MB;SE;AP

Winter Grit provision for the Parish – The Council has in the past supplied grit for the few bins around the area, however this does not appear to have been done in more recent years and seems individuals seem to be expected to obtain their own?

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Chorley Council to be approached as to whether the supply of grit is still a service they provide. Action AP

- 5. Public participation – None.
- 6. Bank update - The change of details/signatories at the bank has been problematic due to contradictory instructions from them of how this is to be done, SE has sent electronic signatures and will take over this issue and chase for an update as the bank will not deal with a non-signatory representative. Any emails from them to be directed to SE. Action SE

Chorley Electoral Services had notified the Parish of the need to ensure adequate funding, maximum circa £400, was available for the next round of Parish elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The current bank balance was examined and the financial judgement was that this will be available.

- 7. Planning report – Cuerden Hall – Refs. 21/00530/531 & 532. This is up for decision at the next planning committee. SE reports that neither the cinder path or recommended bat survey (Rachel Hacking Ecology) has been submitted to planning and queries whether this has been considered. The issue of retaining access from the main drive up to the Hall for residents of Cuerden Close has not been addressed as yet, this had been brought up as an important consideration during consultation as LCC had stated that Cuerden Close was not designed as a one access junction due to lack of a turning circle for larger delivery vehicles. SE will circulate a response and represent the Parish at the Planning meeting to ensure these issues are not missed/conditioned. Action SE

Other applications of concern in the area include Cuerden Farm ref. 22/00692 for 103 homes, awaiting decision, Bamber Bridge Cuerden Strategic site at the consultation stage ref. 22/00940 for a generic major mixed use development and the Nell Lane/Monaco housing development ref. 20/00377, the agents currently applying for discharge of various conditions which includes drainage of surface water via Nell Lane and sewage via Cuerden Residential Park to Wigan Road.

**8. Parish Council Accounts**  
Accounts for Payment – none

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- 9. Other correspondence received – none relevant.
- 10. Any Other Business – the meeting was suspended at 19.05pm.

Guest Mr James Reilly was introduced and gave a very informative presentation of his established company Easy Web Sites. The provision of a new website for the Parish was discussed, one almost identical to those used by the neighbouring wards of Clayton le Woods and Whittle le Woods. The existing Wix supplied website being deemed clumsy and not user friendly, plus, as the next years fee had substantially increased, it was not deemed worth the expense to the parish. A

decision to not renew this until other options had been explored had been made. Given the smallness of the Parish and limited use of the Cuerden website, the initial £500 set up fee was waived by James and an agreement of £23 plus vat per month management fee offered. A detailed discussion followed as to what would be required on the website and James organised the uploading of minutes, agendas and suchlike from the existing web site to the new site. The new website would be found at <https://www.cuerdenparishcouncil.org.uk> and the new email address to accompany this would be at googlemail not yahoo, [clerk@cuerdenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuerdenparishcouncil.org.uk)

Following the presentation and discussion the meeting reconvened at 19.50pm.

The decision to accept the offer and go for a new website was voted and carried by 3 votes.

AP will liaise with James over the next weeks to get any additional information, i.e. opening pages, contact details, supply photographs etc to get the site up and running. A direct debit would be set up by the parish clerk for the monthly fee in the interim and the bank could be approached in order to set up a direct debit at a future date by SE. The new email address will run along the yahoo email in the interim and communication of the new details made to interested parties.

The meeting closed at 19.55pm

**The next meeting - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
Ann Phelan Parish Clerk

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