

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING** of the  
**CUERDEN PARISH COUNCIL** on **MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> September** at **7.00pm**

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Meeting held at Clayton le Woods Primary School, Back Lane

In attendance Cllr Nev Whitham, Cllr Martin Brown, Cllr Alison Whitham; clerk Ann Phelan.

**Apologies for Absence.** None.

**1. Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests.** None

**2.** Approval of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

**3.** Matters arising from the minutes

**4. Items discussed**

- a) AGAR response from audit, action - clerk to ensure the internal control objectives are met for year 24-25
- b) Impact of new governments policy on housing – going forward we understand the parish is, eventually, likely to lose Clock Farm plus to housing and how can we be prepared to deal with the impact of quadrupling plus the size of the parish?  
Clerk/Councillors will maybe need to do some research in the near future as to how other parishes have coped in similar circumstances.
- c) Clerk/councillor recruitment flyer to be drafted. The parish notice board displays a notice of the vacancies, clerk to action
- d) Clerk honorarium – backlog of cheques now cleared HMRC to be updated.
- e) Hall hire – clerk to request renewal to be paid at the November meeting.
- f) Precept likely to remain the same as previous years given the current healthy bank balance and need to fund the following:-
- g) Neighbourhood Priority project funding – Forest schools had been the earlier choice, however MB suggested that the parish approach CVP Trust with regard to re-opening the Cinder Path – by extending and diverting the end of the path, now blocked by the owners of Cuerden Hall, to run parallel to the hall drive and to a CVP existing gateway (currently locked and unused) on CVP land that exits just outside the main drive to the hall entrance on Shady Lane. The proposal is that at the end of the Cinder Path the wall is opened up on the right and a simple woodland track created to go down the existing CVP gateway. This would re-enable the more interesting circular walk for the public to and from Shady Lane, potentially adding more footfall to the café, whereas the current blockage means a linear return journey. Action - MB and AW will draft up maps of the proposal to submit to CVPT, with a funding offer of £2000 to get it off the ground. Action MB & AW

**5. Adjournment for Public participation session – no public attending.**

**6. Planning report and any updates –** Nell Lane/ Rowlands development unlikely anything will stop this going ahead, work due to start before the current planning approval (3 years) expires next month. Disruption of Nell Lane inevitable and discharge of conditions for the proposed sewage pipes to go down Birch Avenue to Wigan Road has been submitted along with a number of variations i.e. for slightly fewer homes, changes to property designs and road layouts etc. No clarification as to whether these will be for rent or for sale or a combination. The affordable homes percentage will remain the same. Need to be vigilant for any breaches of conditions as the work commences. Action all.

Chair ..... Date .....

- 7. **Parish Council Accounts** – Bank reconciliation & forecast for year presented by clerk.
- 8. **Special Instructions to bank** – letter done, signed to be sent to NatWest re clerk to be allowed to access to view only online banking and statement address to be updated.

10. **Accounts for Payment** –

Clerk c/f till HMRC in place		
Easy Website fees August & September 2@30.36	60.72	Ref 00368

11. **Other Correspondence.** – none

**Any other business** - Exchange of Information Only.

- 12. *Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making*

*Draft version – for approval at the next Parish Council meeting scheduled to take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7pm (date/time may be amended) at Clayton le Woods Primary School. Ann Phelan [clerk@cuerdenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuerdenparishcouncil.org.uk) ; [www.cuerdenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.cuerdenparishcouncil.org.uk)*

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