

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN SHOCKLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, 12 MAY, 2011**

PRESENT:

Cllr Kathy MacKenzie (Chair)
Cllr Jim Blake
Cllr Marcus Chaloner
Cllr Lou Macchi
Cllr Mark Piggott
Cllr Jo Shone

1. **APOLOGIES:** none.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Lou Macchi and the Clerk, Mrs Alison Macchi, both declared a prejudicial interest in item 4.i).
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH, 2011:** Cllr Marcus Chaloner proposed that the penultimate sentence at item 9. (The Localism Bill) be amended to read as follows:

“The Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) was to be abolished and other planning instruments such as neighbourhood planning will, in the future, be employed.”

Cllr Lou Macchi proposed that the minutes, as amended, be accepted as a true record. Cllr Kathy MacKenzie seconded the proposal and all were in favour.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- i) Weight/width restriction/damage to hedges/letter from Stephen O’Brien MP: Cllr Lou Macchi and the Clerk left the meeting at this point and Cllr Marcus Chaloner took the minutes.

(Note: these are not considered suitable for the Shocklach website but are available for inspection by any resident on application to the Clerk.)

Cllr Kathy MacKenzie then asked the Clerk and Cllr Lou Macchi to return to the meeting.

- ii) Cheshire Association of Local Councils: funding by CWaC. It was agreed to defer discussion of this until the next meeting in July.
- iii) Parish Meeting 19 May, 2011: the Clerk would obtain refreshments and would speak to Sue Clisham about the equipment required by the speakers. Councillors also suggested that a speed gun rota be brought to the meeting to try to obtain support from residents.
- iv) Driveway across fields adjoining road through Shocklach. Cllr Lou Macchi had spoken to the Enforcement Officer and sent a follow-up email but had not received a response. He would chase again and report back at the next meeting.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i) Rural Regeneration and Housing Strategies Consultation: councillors Marcus Chaloner and Lou Macchi undertook to consider this on behalf of the council.
- ii) Promoting and Enforcing Responsible Dog Ownership: the Clerk was asked to write back to CWaC in support of the new initiatives outlined in this document but emphasizing the need for real CWaC officer support rather than merely the provision of signs etc..

- 6. FINANCE:**
- i) **Audit:** the Finance Committee had completed all documents as required and they had been approved by the independent auditor. The Council considered the Annual Return and Accounts and the Statement of Assurance for 2010/2011. It was proposed by Cllr Lou Macchi and seconded by Cllr Kathy MacKenzie that these be approved and accepted as correct. All were in favour and the document was duly signed by Cllr Kathy MacKenzie as Chair; minute reference: 6i)120511. Cllr Mark Piggott undertook to send the paperwork to the external auditors.
 - ii) **North West Air Ambulance:** Cllr Marcus Chaloner proposed that a donation of £30.00 be made. Cllr Jim Blake seconded the proposal and all were in favour.
 - iii) **Rural Council Insurance Scheme:** it was proposed by Cllr Lou Macchi that the renewal premium of £185.89 for 2011/2012 be paid. Cllr Marcus Chaloner seconded the proposal and all were in favour.
- 7. PLANNING:**
- i) Cllr Lou Macchi had received a request from the Chair of Worthenbury Parish Council to provide a professional opinion as to whether the location for the proposed Worthenbury bottling plant was site-specific. Cllr Lou Macchi was unwilling to do so since he and SODPC had already opposed the proposed development and any opinion would not, therefore, be impartial. All councillors agreed with this assessment and Cllr Lou Macchi undertook to inform Worthenbury Parish Council of this.
- 8. SPEED GUN ROTA:** 19 May: Alison Macchi and Cllr Jo Shone; 30 May: Cllr Mark Piggott.
- 9. RACE RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000/CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 1988:** the decisions made during the course of the meeting were duly considered and it was decided that there were no resulting direct or indirect implications in respect of crime and disorder and in respect of racial equality.
- 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 14 July, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in Shocklach Primary School.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.54.