**Mainstone with Colebatch Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes 14 November 2024**

1. **Apologies**: None.

**2.0 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 19/9/24 were confirmed as a true and accurate record by all. To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting as paper copy not present.

**4.0 Finances**

4.1. Current account balance was confirmed from agenda as £5644.17. Chairman

signed as accurate.

* 1. No new invoices were presented for approval.
	2. Clerk collected bank statements from the Chair for checking/filing.
	3. Clerk shared details regarding SALC Fees for 2024 which are increasing

 slightly.

**5.0 Planning:** No new planning applications received since last meeting.

**6.0 Policing Matters**

6.1 The latest policing report was discussed which continues to see low crime rates in the parish. The Autumn/Winter Policing Priorities email was also shared, with Councillors agreeing with the focus. For both Mainstone and Colebatch this is farm/outbuilding thefts and burglaries.

**7.0 Roads**

7.1 Potholes continue to be a concern in the parish. All matters of this nature now need to be registered via Fix My Street.

7.2 Clerk continues to add road closure information to website and social media for the community to see.

**8.0 Community Involvement**

8.1 Councillor Ellison reported back from the Village Hall Committee Meeting. The committee were delighted to learn about the Parish Council grant of £1500, as the Village Hall is in need of a lot of work inside out. Not only in terms of practical upgrades such as electrics, plastering, more storage and complete redecoration but also the injection of some personality in the form of local artwork. The village hall is the biggest community resource the parish has and is the meeting place for community gatherings large and small, so is important to the parish.

8.2 Village Hall Committee to finalise one project which the Parish Council can fund/contribute towards.

9.0 **Councillor Ruth Houghton**

9.1 Councillor Houghton joined the meeting this evening and updated Councillors on a number of matters, including the SpArC swimming pool appeal which had received a tremendous response.

9.2 Green Bin charging stickers have now changed and have been sent out to households.

9.3 Recycling Centre bookings system came into place on 4 November. Details are on the website.

9.4 Flooding in Colebatch. Ruth has submitted a report and asked highways to unblock affected drains. Ruth noted that you can establish a flood watch group in your area.

10.0 **Matters Arising (as per agenda)**

10.1 Clerk shared the introduction from Chris Mellings, all wish him well in his new role and many thanks to Dianne for all her work.

10.2 Clerk shared details from Breakthrough Communications regarding forthcoming training course dates and time. Councillors to pursue individual courses if of interest.

10.3 Clerk shared the Banner, Bunting and Lighting survey. Councillors agreed this did not really apply in this parish.

10.4 Clerk updated Councillors on the fly tipping communication received which details revisions to the way the council processes fly tips to make the process more efficient.

10.5 Nature Recovery Conference. Chairman shared details on this conference and is intending to attend. He will report back on this at the next meeting in January. He also reported back on a meeting with the Middle Marches Community Land Trust and the work they were doing on national meadows. He suggested that the Parish might want to make a small donation of £100 to aid this work and Councillors agreed. Chair to arrange with Clerk to pay this.

10.6 Clerk shared information about Warp It a council initiative to recycle and reuse within the council, town and parish councils, local schools and charities. Clerk has signed up to be part of this.

10.7 Clerk shared information about the Lord Lieutenant’s 2025 Garden Party and asked them come forward if they had anyone to nominate for the event.

10.8 A resident in Colebatch had asked if the Parish Council would fund a green bin for the grass clippings and green waste from Colebatch green. This was agreed and is being organised locally. Payment to be confirmed.

10.9. Flooding response. Ruth shared that residents could get sandbags from outside the highways depot in Craven Arms when flooding expected. It was also noted that the drains by the telephone box in Colebatch and the shared ditch need to be cleaned out.

10.10 Wind Turbine: Councillor Baccanello asked if there were any further details on the project as some concerns had been raised in Colebatch regarding the location of the wind turbine. No information was forthcoming at the meeting, so this will be looked into outside the meeting by the Councillor.

11.0 Date of next meetings:

January 16

March 13

May 15

July 17

September 18

November 20

**12.0 Matters for the Next Agenda: None**

**13.0 Meeting Closed at 9pm**