Minutes of the **Meeting of** **Kinnerley Parish Council** on **23rd October 2023 at** **Maesbrook Village Hall**.

**Present:** Cllrs Nicholas Barclay (Chairman), Mandy Chapman, Mark Cuthbert-Brown, Charles Green, Lorraine Jones, Alan Lewis, James Peto, Sharon Quayle.

In attendance: Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council) 2 members of the public; Ian Cruise-Taylor – Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Richard Greening, Desmond Hudson, Maurice Jones
2. **Declarations of interest and dispensations -** none.
3. **Minutes of Council –** Council unanimously approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th September 2023, for signature by the Chairman.
4. **Public participation session**

A member of the public raised the issue of speeding traffic in Kinnerley village and asked the Parish Council to do all it can to improve matters. He was advised that the Parish Council has already requested a 20mph limit in the vicinity of the school and into the village and has asked for the 30 mph sign in the vicinity of Willow Grove to be moved to help reduce speeds. The Council will continue to press for improvements and would register the matter again as a community concern.

1. **Parish matters**
2. **To receive a report from Unitary Councillor –** Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council) reported that:
   1. There was a consultation on plans for the Riverside Development in Shrewsbury
   2. The Marches Forward Partnership had been developed as an umbrella organisation between councils on both sides of the Welsh border to work collaboratively on strategic matters
   3. Government money has recently been announced to re-establish the Oswestry/Gobowen rail link with a platform at the Orthopaedic Hospital, subject to detailed design work including the A5 crossing
   4. The North-West Relief Road was to be fully funded by central government if approved by the planning authority
3. **To receive a report from Clerk, to include action log – and agree any next steps.** Council noted the report and agreed to placing the order for the Vehicle Activated Sign as per the renewed quotation.
4. **To receive a report back on any developments regarding flooding and agree any next steps.** Council noted the impact of Storm Babet, which included road closures, one house affected in Maesbrook and the Royal Hill flood bus being deployed. Agreement for the slides from both recent presentations to be circulated was still awaited.
5. **Police matters:**

**To receive a Police report -** none

To agree 3 priorities. Council agreed that the 3 priorities should be: Speeding traffic, substance misuse/County Lines, Theft

To consider Safer Roads Partnership grant bid – deferred for later round.

1. **To report any Highways or other parish matters**

a) Notice Boards:

1. Edgerley – council to determine next steps – Cllr Mark Cuthbert-Brown to identify suitable location, ownership and preparedness to allow board to be placed
2. Kinnerley – quote(s) received – Council requested quotes to include ‘composite’ material

b) Council agreed to carry out work on trees in Heathwaen Lane to allow better access for utility vehicles. Council also agreed to review the willow tree at the end of the Lane to ascertain likely ownership/responsibility and consider suitable reductions to improve sight-lines

c) Council agreed collectively to work on proposals for completion of the footpath through Maesbrook from Fields Lane in the west to the Methodist Chapel in the east, including possibilities for permissive paths over adjoining land.

1. **Planning – see appendix A (removed)**
2. **Planning decisions for information –** none to note
3. **Planning applications/appeals for decision** - To consider and determine response(s) – none to consider
4. **Financial Matters**
   1. To note Receipts – noted - none
   2. Council unanimously approved Payments – see appendix B.
   3. Council unanimously approved the Bank Reconciliation, see appendix B
   4. Council unanimously approved the purchase of remembrance poppy wreath at a cost of £25 plus delivery. (Council noted a generous offer from a member of the public to fund the wreath by donation)
   5. To receive and approve the 2023-24 quarter two statement – deferred for November meeting
5. **Items for consideration at the November meeting –** not for discussion or debate at this meeting:

Chairman – Cllr Nick Barclay reminded Council of his intention to stand down at the November meeting.

1. **Date and time of next meeting –** 27th November 2023, 7 p.m., Kinnerley Parish Hall

Chairman……………………………. Date…………………..

**Appendix B**

* 1. **Payments for approval: October 2023**

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| Woodpecker | tree work | 480.00 |
| ScotPower | electricity | 379.30 |
| Pritchard | Grounds Maintenance | 1,056.00 |
| KPH | room hire | 40.00 |
| HMRC | tax | 153.40 |
| Clerk | salary | 613.60 |
| RBLI | wreath | 28.99 |
| Woodpecker | tree work (2) | 960.00 |
|  |  | 3,711.29 |

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* 1. **Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2023 - revised**

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|  | Date: | 23/10/2023 |  |
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|  |  | **£** | **£** |
| **CASH BOOK** |  |  |  |
| Opening balance 1 April 2023 |  |  | 58,382.54 |
| Add: Receipts to 30th September |  |  | 30,457.81 |
| Less: Payments to 30th September |  |  | 18,330.87 |
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| Closing balance per accounts to date |  |  | **70,509.48** |
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| Balance per Unity Trust bank statement as at 17/10/23 |  |  | 70,509.48 |
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| Less: any unpresented payments |  |  |  |
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| Add: any un-banked cheques/payments |  |  |  |
| Locum Clerk |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | 0.00 |
| Total reconciled balances |  |  | **70,509.48** |