

**OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
14th MARCH 2023 (at 18.50hrs)
held in person and remotely**

PRESENT: Cllr Aston (Chair), Cllr Alstead, Cllr Copeman, Cllr Kellaway, Cllr Lynch, Cllr Pugh, Cllr Walker, Cllr Whittaker, Clerk

1. 5121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received: County Cllr McCusker, Cllr Hellingman, Cllr Herbert, Cllr Roberts

Absent: Dean Sawyer (PCSO)

2. 5122. TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

None declared

3. 5123. TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING

- None

4. 5124. TO CONSIDER ANY POLICE MATTERS <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/north-wales-police/overton/>

- Report received

5. 5125. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

County Cllr McCusker updated members on:

- LDP - Welsh Government Inspectors say “meets the tests of soundness “. Council not convinced as Government promised millions being spent on local upgrade to A483 with another slip road off and upgraded roundabouts. This has now been pulled so LDP will need looking at again.
- Sharp increase in young people being referred to counselling since coronavirus pandemic. The last quarter of last year 450 whilst whole year 2018 /19 pre-pandemic only 562 in whole year (Threefold increase).
- Museum of two halves. Welsh Government funding £5.45m extension of current property on Regent Street to have half Wrexham Museum and Half Football Museum of Wales.

Highway Matters

- Potholes: serious one reported weekend on top of hill from Wrexham has been filled. Other roads including Musley Lane and by Queensbridge on list just waiting update.
- Cllr Lynch noted the water drain damage to station road approximately 800m from the village. The damage was caused by a vehicle colliding with the road sign and verge.
- Cllr Walker proposed a new street light in a dark area on station road.

6. 5126. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 14TH FEBRUARY 2023

- **Approved** – that the Minutes of Full Council Meeting were approved by members. Proposed by Cllr Pugh and seconded by Cllr Walker

7. 5127. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Finance Committee Meeting minutes 21st February 2023

8. 5128. TO NOTE ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

For information only

- Cllr Lynch has installed 3 new benches.
- Audit Wales has been criticised by many North Wales Clerk regarding the issue of the 2021-2022 external audit. There are outstanding issues with OCC External Audit.

9. 5129. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM COUNCILLORS RE: CONSULTATIONS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

- Clerk reported on the WCBC Town and County Forum.
- Cllr Ashton attended the recent St. Mary's School Governors meeting. He alerted the council to a predicted shortfall in funding for 2024-2025.

10. 5130. TO RECEIVE REPORTS / ISSUES FROM

a) Finance

- Cllr Kellaway and Clerk have arranged a mock audit on 21st March 2023.

b) Cemetery

- Nothing to report

c) Playingfields

- Water leakage into the ceiling of the Football Pavilion – Clerk to follow up with plumber
- Exercise trail – chain suspended balance beam broke in the middle (rotten wood). A quote for repair has been requested.

d) Trim Trail

- Nothing to report

e) Main Car Park toilets

- Nothing further to report

f) Training for Councillors

- Clerk to schedule training sessions with One Voice Wales.

g) Warm spaces

- Cllr Copeman reported good attendance with a regular group of residents making return visits.
- Several additional councillors volunteered to attend the sessions.

h) Overton-on-Dee Jubilee Community Fund

- Nothing further to report.

i) King Charles III Coronation.

- Proposal for tree planting in St. Mary's Church - Cllr Whittaker to provide a further report to Council.
- Overton Recreational Club are organising events on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April 2023 in support of the Hope House Hospice charity.

22nd – Family Fun Night in Overton Recreational Club, with games, disco and mega raffle.

23rd – Great Overton Bake Off, with the theme, Kings Coronation.

TBC – Sponsored bike ride.

Bunting will be arranged throughout the village, as per Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and would be in place for the King's Coronation in May.

Resolution: Overton Community council to support the proposals. The Clerk will contact the Recreational Club and Village Hall committees.

Approved by Council

j) CPR training – Community First Responder

- Clerk to organise session for OCC and other interested parties – in progress.

k) War Memorial repairs as listed

- In progress

l) Fete lite – Saturday 24th June 2023

- Proposals to include a street market, picnic in the Playingfield and dog show

Resolution: Cllr Copeman to act as Chair of the working party
Approved by Council

11. 5131. TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE

- Councillor(s) and Clerk from Worthenbury may attend the next Full Council Meeting to observe proceedings
- Local resident asked if anything could be done to clear the residual Horse Chestnut leaf litter from the area to the left of the cenotaph. Moths cause damage to the leaves resulting in a brown discolouration, although they are not regarded as a pest.

Action: Clerk to ask WCBC if they can remove the leaf litter

12. 5132. TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

- Cllr Ashton discussed the problems associated with sewerage discharge in the river Dee in Overton. Any future housing developments in the area will have to seriously consider the resulting additional sewerage/surface water and the capacity of local treatment works.

WCBC are responsible for monitoring this and will make informed decisions to mitigate it.

Action: Clerk to write to Hafren Dyfrdwy (Severn Trent Water) to ask what plans they have to address this issue.

13. 5133. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF INCOME AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

PAYMENTS LIST 314-343 (February 2023)

Voucher	Status	Code	Description	Supplier	Total
314	Paid	Website Maintenance and Support - annual	Website hosting	WP Maintain	£432.00
315	Paid	Laurel hedge cut	Cutting laurel hedge	J D Bell	£160.00
318	Paid	Raking existing bark	Rake existing bark	J D Bell	£75.00
319	Paid	Litter Collections / Dustbins	Litter collection	J D Bell	£131.03
316	Paid	Litter collection and Litter bins	Litter collection	J D Bell	£75.00
317	Paid	Ad Hoc Tasks	Cemetery woodwork	J D Bell	£654.83
320	Paid	Emptying dog bin in Millennium Ave	Litter collection	J D Bell	£60.00
321	Paid	Removal of Christmas Tree VH	Removal and disposal of Christmas Tree	J D Bell	£25.00
322	Paid	Water at car park Public Toilets	Public Toilets car park - water	Hafren Dyfrdwy	£34.73
323	Paid	Litter Collections / Dustbins	Litter collection	WCBC	£56.00
324	Paid	Electricity at Car Park Public Toilets	Electricity charge for Public Toilets	British Gas	£48.88
325	Paid	Water bill at cemetery	Water bill - Cemetery	Hafren Dyfrdwy	£6.28
326	Paid	Electricity at Car Park Public Toilets	Electricity charge for Public Toilets	British Gas (Duplicated - see 324)	
327	Paid	Telephone and Broadband	Telephone and broadband service	Vodafone Limited	£29.03
329	Paid	Public Toilet Caretakers holiday cover	Caretaker holiday cover February	AVOW	£31.50
328	Paid	AVOW Payroll charges	AVOW Payroll charge - February	AVOW	£37.00
330	Paid	Public Toilet Caretakers holiday cover	Caretakers wages February	AVOW	£504.00
331	Paid	Public Toilet Caretakers holiday cover	Clerk's wages February	AVOW	£1,296.64
333	Paid	Benches	Three new benches plus security	Peter Lynch	£706.21
332	Paid	Mole clearance in Cemetery	Moles in cemetery	Shropshire Mole and Pest Control	£250.00
334	Paid	Parade expenditure	Items for fete	Minuteman Wrexham	£12.00
335	Paid	Community Chest Grant (solar farm)	Community Chest Grant payment	Overton Community Council	£500.00
336	Paid	Grant - Fete	Grant	Overton Community Council	£250.00
337	Paid	One Voice Wales	Membership	One Voice Wales	£266.00

341	Paid	Weeding barked area o/s Pavillion & Scout Hut	Weeding barked area	J D Bell	£30.00
339	Paid	Raking existing bark	Rake existing bark	J D Bell	£60.00
340	Paid	Litter Collections / Dustbins	Litter collection	J D Bell	£131.03
338	Paid	Litter collection and Litter bins	Litter collection	J D Bell	£60.00
342	Paid	Weeding barked area o/s Pavillion & Scout Hut	Emptying Dog wast bin MM	J D Bell	£60.00
343	Paid	Miscellaneous work	Clearing leafs from Playground carpark	J D Bell	£140.00
Total					£6,122.16

RECEIPTS LIST 75-78 (FEBRUARY 2023)

Voucher	Code	Description	Supplier	Total
75	Bank interest	Bank interest	TSB	£39.04
76	Cemetery - burials & headstones	Burial	Edgertons Funeral Directors	£255.00
77	Electricity at Car Park Public Toilets	Made in error Electricity charge for Public Toilets	British Gas	
78	Cemetery - burials & headstones	Burial A117	Roberts Brothers	£350.00
Total				£644.04

Resolution: Approval of income and expenditure proposed by Cllr Copeman and seconded by Cllr Whittaker – all in favour

14.5134. TO RECEIVE ANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR TO DATE

Forecast 2022/2023	£	Comments - Clerk
As at 3rd March 2023		
Opening Balance 1st April 2022	£ 59,297.59	
Precept 2022/23 received to 31st December 2023	£ 61,418.00	
Other Income (Burials, Bank Interest, JCF donations)	£ 6,153.00	
Community Chest Grant (Solar Panels)	£ 3,244.78	2022-23 allocation
Community Agent Contract - 1st April 2022 to 30th April 2023	£ 75,455.00	
VAT return	£ 5,303.00	
Income Total	£ 211,176.68	See bank reconciliation 3rd March 2023
Expenditure to date	£ 160,399.18	See bank reconciliation 3rd March 2023
Balance to date	£ 50,777.50	See bank reconciliation 3rd March 2023
Earmarked/Reserves		
Reserve Figure	£ 15,776.72	
Strat.Project reserve + Comm. Chest (31.03.22) + 2022 QPJ unspent + OvJuCoFund	£ 20,576.00	
Ringfenced Total	£ 36,352.72	Note: there will be £7779 less in precept 2023-2024
Remaining funds	£ 14,424.78	
Projected spend		
Community chest payments for 2022-23	£ 3,196.00	
Forecasted expenditure between 3rd March 2023 and 31st March 2023	£ 3,000.00	Predictable spend
End of year surplus	£ 8,228.78	

Resolution: Approval of the Financial Statement proposed by Cllr Kellaway and seconded by Cllr Walker – all in favour

15.5135. TO SET ANY DATES FOR MEETINGS

- Clerk's appraisal TBC on March 21st 2023. Cllr Ashton and Cllr Walker appointed as appraisers.
- Cllr Copeman to arrange a Website Committee Meeting.

16.5136. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA AND CONFIRMATION OF DATE (11TH APRIL 2023) - TO BE HELD IN PERSON (REMOTE ACCESS AVAILABLE)

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:10 hrs.