

## MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

#### MEETING HELD 18th JANUARY 2016

Present Cllr W. Pilkington (Chairman), Cllr A.Philpott (Vice Chair), Cllr D. Hatch, Cllr M. Holland, Cllr S. Blakeborough, Cllr H. Morgan, Cllr T. Wennell, Paul Findlow (Borough Councillor) R. Taylor (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : None
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : None.
3. Requests for dispensations : None.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 16th November 2015 : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters Arising : Village Hall management Committee advised of Council's support for their actions relating to the Foundation School. All Parental complaints individually responded to, some apologies received due to mis-understanding the Council's role. £405 raised in the Village to support the Cumbria flood appeal.
6. Public Participation :None
7. Superfast Broadband : Clerk reported on the response received from Connecting Cheshire to Council's request to be included in the £3.5m claw back payment and advised the meeting of the proposed event to be scheduled in early 2016 to investigate alternative providers and the Government Satellite subsidy scheme. The Chairman reported on progress with Vispa ( Wireless provider) only 65 households in the Parish have registered an interest. Vispa to attend the Village on 30th January to conduct further tests. After debate proposed Chair and seconded Cllr Holland to continue with Vispa investigations, to pursue Connecting Cheshire, to respond constructively to their proposals and to lobby David Rutley further **Resolved** unanimously. Investigations to be pursued to improve the mobile phone signal in the area.
8. Finance : Clerk reported the bank balance at 31st December £8,935.29. Paid since the last meeting Jacob Mobley £282, Chairs expenses £97.93, Wizard Garden Services ££336 and £60. Transparency grant received in full £464.88 recovering the cost of web site set up of £291.67, Scanner/Printer £83.31, Training £90. After debate proposed Chair seconded Cllr Holland no charge to be rendered to the Village Hall for any of the cost of web site start up **Resolved** unanimously. Precept request submitted and acknowledged. Pensions regulation issues up to date.
9. Planning : Chair and Clerk to attend a planning seminar 2nd February, Cllr Holland also to attend if a place can be reserved. Chair reported on his attendance before the North Planning Committee to represent Council's objections to the Alstonfield application 15/2780M. Application refused 7 to 5 and likely to proceed to appeal. Council **Resolved** unanimously to oppose an appeal if received proposed Cllr Philpott

seconded Cllr Wennell. Florence Farm application debated 16/0009M **Resolved** unanimously no observations.

10. Local Plan : Chairman provided a detailed and full report on the progress of the Local Plan, Council is monitoring the developments closely for any effect on Mottram St.Andrew.
11. Highways : Next meeting Cllr Wennell to attend. Decisions to be made by Ward Councillors in future not by Parish Councillors. Mill Lane schemes to be prosecuted with priority to be given to the improvement of the area at the junction used by children waiting to board the school bus. Photographs to be taken to emphasise the problem. Letter to be sent to set out clearly the Councils concerns and recommendations.
12. Web Site : Clerk reported on his attendance with M.Shaw esq at the Chalc/ SLCC training session. Council now has a presence on Twitter and Facebook. Web site being continually updated. Meeting to be arranged to develop the site further. Advertising to be progressed Cllr Blakeborough to be involved as he organises the advertising in the Mercury.
13. Handyman : Jobs allocated including litter picking at a rate of £10 per hour. Clerk to source the cost of acquiring salt bins.
14. Training : Councillors to advise the Clerk of any training sessions they wish to attend
15. Emergency Plan : Chairman completing the review and Plan to be posted on the web site when completed.
16. Garden Party : After discussion Clerk nominated to attend.
17. Other Business : Airport flight plan amendments to be on the next agenda.