

## MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

#### MEETING HELD 4th JULY 2016

Present Cllr S. Blakeborough (Chairman), Cllr A. Philpott, Cllr W. Pilkington, Cllr M. Holland, Cllr D. Hatch, Cllr H. Morgan, R. Taylor (Clerk), and No members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Cllr T. Wennell (Holiday)
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : Cllr Morgan expressed his interest in item 14 on the agenda
3. Requests for dispensations : Cllr Morgan having requested a dispensation **Resolved** unanimously to grant.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 16th May 2016 : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters arising : Flowers planted round the Village green, Dean Farm Letter sent. Consent received for the Bench and tree to be planted on the Rec in memory of Gail Rowbotham. Response sent to CE consultation by Cllr Pilkington.
6. Public Participation : None.
7. Councillor Don Hatch : Councillor Hatch has tendered his resignation both verbally and in writing. **Resolved** for the Clerk to commence Casual Vacancy procedure and for resignation to take effect at the end of the meeting. Cllr Pilkington proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Hatch in recognition of his selfless service to the Community.
8. Finance : Clerk reported that the Bank Account stands at £11,337.75 at 3rd June 2016. Payments made SLCC Subs £88, Former Chairman's expenses £76.82, Mercury losses refund £187.60, Insurance renewal £280.90, Chapel Rent £33, Queens 90th Birthday celebration contribution £100, Computer training and stationery £128.35. Income Allotment rent £50, VAT refund received £186.10. Old recreation ground rent due £60. Audit procedure continuing with public notice to expire 14th July. Nat West mandate forms produced for signature to remove Cllr Hatch and appoint Chairman. Clerk reported on the cost of the Telephone Box relocation £587, proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Pilkington to complete the refurbishment at a cost of £190 to clean up and decorate the interior **Resolved** unanimously. **Resolved** to update the Council honours board.
9. Planning : Clerk reported on the Alstonfield appeal being granted 15/2780M. Longemeade 16/2102M application granted with conditions. Chairman reported on a meeting with Mottram Hall representatives to resolve Council issues relating to the pre-application consultation. Application 16/2236M after debate proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Holland that the Council should support the application **Resolved** unanimously. Hare Hill gardens 16/2751M no observations.
10. CAA Consultation : Cllr Wennell has dealt with the Council response. Vote of thanks to Cllr Wennell and a letter of thanks to be sent to Marilyn Leather of Prestbury P.C. for her cooperation.

11. Village Maintenance Projects : Cllr Pilkington advised that the Finger post signs require refurbishment, hedges require cutting back, Road signs to be cleared of obstructions, strimming required around the diamond wood trees and on the Allotments. Proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Holland that a Village Handyman be recruited to carry out these jobs **Resolved** unanimously. Proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Holland to write to residents to request hedges obstructing the highway be cut back **Resolved** unanimously.
12. Council Representation Cllr Pilkington to attend Chalc meetings, Cllr Pilkington and Cllr Philpott to attend Airport liaison, Highways Cllr Wennell, Police and Crime Commissioner Chairman, proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Morgan **Resolved** unanimously.
13. Village Hall Report Chairman reported that the Village Hall is in profit in all areas and has substantial reserves.
14. Village School : Chairman concerned to improve relationships and cooperation with the Academy School after debate proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Holland that the Chairman arrange a meeting with Headmistress Christine Bowen and or Chair of Governors Rebecca Morgan to explore the opportunities available to stimulate liaison. **Resolved** unanimously.
15. United Charities Chairman requested more proactive steps be taken by the Trust to ascertain candidates for distribution. New Trust Chairman Cllr Morgan acknowledged the Chairman's views and after debate, together with the other Trustees, will consider the steps necessary to progress matters.
16. Allotments : Clerk advised that 2 plots remain vacant, no response yet received to the proposal to set up a Management Committee. A volunteer Ann Readman has indicated an interest in assisting with the running of the Allotments. Proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Pilkington **Resolved** unanimously that steps be taken to improve the Allotment management with rents being used to finance works necessary.
17. Kirkley Ditch Contamination : Clerk reported on the complaints received re contamination from sewage discharge and a report made to the Environment Agency(EA). Letter to be sent to residents by the EA advising them of their individual obligations to maintain their individual sewage discharge arrangements, proposed Cllr Morgan seconded Cllr Holland **Resolved** unanimously.
18. Chalc Area Meeting : Proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Philpott to finance the refreshments at the next meeting **Resolved** unanimously.
19. No 2, Bungalows : Complaints received regarding the untidy nature of the front area of the Bungalow, proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Holland that the resident be requested to moderate the display by letter from the Council **Resolved** unanimously.
20. Highways Concern expressed relating to the surface of Wilmslow Old Rd, Priest Lane and Alderley Rd matter to be raised by the Clerk with Cheshire East.
21. Other Business None