

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 3rd JULY 2017

Present Cllr W.Pilkington (Chairman), Cllr A. Philpott, Cllr Hughes, R. Taylor (Clerk), and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Cllr S. Hatton (Holiday), Cllr H. Morgan (Holiday) Proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Hughes **Resolved unanimously** that Cllr Hatton's absence be approved.
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : Chairman expressed his interest in item 11 on the agenda Local bus consultation as he is a regular user.
3. Requests for dispensations : Chairman having requested a dispensation to speak on item 11 **Resolved** unanimously to grant.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 15th May : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters arising 5 Rural watch signs erected thanks to the chairman. CAA consultation response filed by the Chairman within the time limit. Insurance renewed last of 3 year agreement.
6. Public Participation : From the floor Mr P. Wheeler requested the opportunity to address Council on item 10, granted by the Chairman. Matter of the prejudiced visibility at the junction of Mill Lane and Lees Lane raised from the floor, matter to be addressed later in the agenda.
7. Casual Vacancies Notices served and time expires 14th July, Council likely to be able to co-opt. As there are more candidates than vacancies debate ensued to agree a selection procedure. Proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Philpott and **Resolved unanimously** that each candidate should be requested to make a short confidential submission to Council in support of their application, the Clerk to organise for the September meeting unless a Poll is requested.
8. Finance Audit report submitted together with Chairman's letter of explanation, public notices posted on notice board and on web site, Transparency regulations complied with and posted on the web site itemising all payments over £100. Audit queries received requiring clarification of the increase of 11% staff costs and 13% overheads, Clerk has responded. Bank account reconciled today at £12,102.73, payments made since last meeting £293.06 Insurance, ChALC membership £176.75,Community Action £20, Chapel Rent £27, Cheshire playing fields donation £10. Chairman's expenses paid £112.48. Old Recreation ground rent received £60.
9. Planning Oak Manor application 17/1898M refused, Clerk requested to ascertain the reasons for refusal for future guidance. Local Plan, inspector's final modification document considered. Council will continue to monitor development of the Consultations and finalisation of the Local Plan.

10. Lawful Development Certificate Mr P. Wheeler addressed Council to update on the present position, Application for LDC withdrawn, applicants reconsidering the matter. Mr Wheeler arranging to see David Rutley MP regarding the use of LDC's as a device to circumvent planning applications. Council unable to assist in this matter further at present.
11. Local Bus Consultation Chairman reported that requests had been received from electors to support the retention of the current Little Bus Service to the Village. After debate proposed Cllr Hughes seconded Cllr Philpott and **Resolved unanimously** that the Chairman write on behalf of Council to support the continuation of the service.
12. Highways Chairman reported on his meeting with Simon Wallace from Highways at C.E. re the junction at Mill Lane and Gully emptying. Chairman also in contact with Andrew Simpson from Highways and he will keep in contact with them to ensure progress is made on both matters. Clerk will also pursue the Gully emptying progress.
13. Emergency Plan New document completed and to be placed on the Web Site and circulated by the Chair to the relevant authorities, thanks to Cllr Hughes.
14. Broadband Schedule for improvements to service still remains by September 2018
15. Web Site New pictures updated for summer, thanks to Pauline Taylor, Audit information posted, freedom of information statement updated, Councillors C.V's to be updated. Councillors encouraged to view and request inclusion of any information they believe should be included.
16. Village Maintenance Meeting to take place between the Clerk and a candidate to take on the role. Mottram Cross refurbishment proceeding slowly.
17. Village Hall C/f next meeting.
18. Allotments Still 6 vacant plotsn no response to the Mercury publicity, adverts to be placed.
19. Other Business None.