

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 28th NOVEMBER 2016

Present Cllr W. Pilkington , Cllr M. Holland, Cllr T. Wennell, Cllr Philpott, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Hughes, R. Taylor (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1. Chairman : Cllr Pilkington took the Chair to commence the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence : Borough Councillor Paul Findlow
3. Declaration of interests from Councillors : None.
4. Requests for dispensations : None.
5. Minutes of meeting held on 19th September 2016 : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
6. Matters Arising : The Clerk reported that the Allotments are now being organised by Ann Readman reporting to the Clerk on financial matters.
7. Public Participation : I. Wright thanked the Council for the flowers planted round the Village Green throughout the summer.
8. Casual Vacancy : Council having received authority to co-opt on 13th October proposed Cllr Holland and seconded Cllr Philpott that Stephen Hatton be co-opted as a Parish Councillor for the Mottram St. Andrew Ward, **Resolved unanimously.**
9. Chairman : After discussion Proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Philpott that Cllr Pilkington be appointed Chairman till the A.G.M. in May 2017 **Resolved unanimously.**
10. Finance : The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank a/c to date is £10,712.80 having paid £160 for strimming work, Hedge cutting £120, Clerks Salary £1,515.95, Tax £378.80, Expenses £454.85 received income of £27.50 allotment rent. The Clerks Salary after discussion was reviewed and increased to £13.50 p.h. The Allotment rents were reviewed and after debate allowed to remain the same. The Recreation ground rent was reviewed and after debate allowed to remain at £60. All matters proposed Cllr Holland, seconded Cllr Pilkington **Resolved unanimously.** The Clerk produced budgets for 2017/18 which after debate and amendment were accepted and the Precept was reviewed. Proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Pilkington that the Precept be increased by 4% to £7,280 **Resolved unanimously.** Cllr Pilkington lead debate on the Cheshire East (C.E.) Pre budget consultation and proposed a response, after discussion proposed Cllr Hughes and seconded Cllr Philpott that Cllr Pilkington respond to C.E. as agreed **Resolved unanimously.**
11. Planning : Cllr Pilkington reported on the substantial development proposed in Woodford and the possible impact on the Village infrastructure. Proposed Cllr Holland and seconded Cllr Wennell that Cllr Pilkington respond and support the Woodford objections outlined **Resolved unanimously.** 16/5550M Long Crendon application considered and after debate proposed Cllr Wennell seconded Cllr Morgan that no observations be made **Resolved 5 in favour, 1 against and 1**

abstention No Observations. A Neighbourhood Plan for the Village was debated and proposed Cllr Wennell and seconded Cllr Holland that no action be taken **Resolved unanimously.** A complaint from 2 residents was considered regarding the presence of 2 storage containers and the apparent use of the grounds of the Old School House as a builders yard, proposed Cllr Philpott seconded Cllr Holland that the clerk write enquiring of the resident whether this use of the land is to continue **Resolved unanimously.**

12. Broadband : The current inadequate state of the broadband services available to residents was debated and proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Holland that the Broadband action group be reformed under the leadership of Cllr Hughes and all avenues available be pursued with Government, C.E., B.T. and VISPA et al to improve the service **Resolved unanimously.**
13. Crime and Police Commissioner : Cllr Hughes reported on attending a meeting with David Keane the new Commissioner on 10th November. Not considered a particularly useful or constructive gathering. Proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Philpott that meetings in future be attended only when an issue of direct interest to the Village is to be raised or debated **Resolved unanimously.**
14. Highways : Cllr Wennell reported on attending with S. Blackwell from C.E. Highways at the junction of Mill Lane and Wilmslow Rd to discuss the dangers presented by the Junction. C.E. will as a result be preparing plans for submission to Council to improve Road Safety which are currently awaited. Next Highway meeting March 2017 Cllr Wennell will attend proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Philpott that the matter of the Junction and the gullie emptying be raised **Resolved unanimously.**
15. Village Maintenance : Proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Philpott that the coronation seat area be tidied up, the Finger post signs be painted, replacement trees be sourced and planted for the Diamond wood and quotes be obtained for renovation of Mottram Cross **Resolved unanimously.** Provision of Village green flowers be carried forward to the Spring meeting.
16. Village Hall : After debate proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Hatton that Cllr Morgan be appointed as Council representative with the Village Hall Trustees, **Resolved unanimously.**
17. Academy School : No Councillor representative considered necessary as liaison with the School, the Clerk directed to deal with the matter on appointment of the new Head Teacher.
18. Training : Councillors to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend any of the Chalc training sessions in 2017.
19. ChALC : Change in constitution noted, annual report produced meetings to be attended in future as considered appropriate.
20. Airport : Clerk requested to attend the next meeting at the airport on 24th January 2017 and report.
21. Other Business None