

## MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

#### MEETING HELD 7th SEPTEMBER 2015

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, R. Taylor (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Paul Findlow (Borough Councillor)
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : None.
3. Requests for dispensations : None.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 6th July : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters Arising : The clerk reported that the V.A.S. (SID's) have been installed, The hedge obscuring the Village sign has been cut. Planning training workshop has been postponed till after the Chalc course to be attended by the Chairman and Cllr Holland and the proposed meeting with the Planners has taken place.
6. Public Participation : Issue raised regarding accumulation of rubble opposite Brookhouse Farm, matter to be placed on the November meeting agenda and the Clerk in the interim to speak with the Farmer.
7. Super Fast Broadband : Chairman reported that he has read and considered the Ofcom report which emphasises the inadequacy of Mottram St. Andrew's broadband service. The Steering group and Council after debate decided to await the outcome of a meeting on the 3rd October at Gawsforth with commercial supplier Vispa. R. Hughes will attend. Chair to ascertain the results of BT trials. Clerk requested to enquire of David Rutley when the Autumn meeting he is intending to Chair will take place.
8. Finance : The Clerk reported that the following payments have been made since the last meeting, Chapel rent £30, Stationary £102.99, Cheshire Community action £20, Knutsford I.T. £350, Chairs expenses £131.99. Receipts Bulls Head donation £162.32 (Total now received £1052.80), Precept 50% £3,500. Reconciled bank a/c £11,348. Half year budget review considered and explained proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Philpott for approval **Resolved** unanimously. NALC grant availability to support compliance with the Transparency code explained, proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Philpott to apply for a refund of Council's outlay and acquire a scanner **Resolved** unanimously. After debate proposed Cllr Wennell seconded Cllr Hatch to refurbish Mottram Cross utilising the Bulls Head donations **Resolved** unanimously.
9. Planning : Council resolved after debate to raise objections to the reclassification of areas of Mottram St. Andrew relating to their contribution to the green belt, proposed Chair, seconded Cllr Holland **Resolved** unanimously. Chairman to draft

response and submit to the Clerk for onward transmission. Council debated a complaint received from a resident relating to the legality of an access gate to land adjacent to Cherry Cottage on Priest lane, after debate proposed Cllr Hatch seconded Cllr Holland that the matter is not an issue requiring Council intervention, **Resolved** unanimously. Carry forward the re-location of Kings School to the next meeting.

10. H.S.2. : Chairman produced a draft reply to D. T. proposed Cllr Holland seconded Chair and **Resolved** unanimously to forward and send a copy to David Rutley M.P.
11. Highways : Chair reported on his attendance at last Highways meeting and his objection to the change of priority for minor highways improvements being taken by Cheshire East in place of Parish Councils. Cllr Wennell will attend next meeting on 23/9 at Hockley Centre, Poynton. Issue raised from the floor regarding parking on pavements in Wilmslow Old Rd, Cllr Wennell will raise the matter.
12. Council Representation at forthcoming meetings : 17/9 Congleton Town Hall Police commissioner Cllr Philpott. 23/9 Highways as above Cllr Wennell. 24/9 Planning seminar Chair and Cllr Holland. 29/9 M/C Airport Chair and Cllr Philpott. 29/10 Chalc AGM Chair and Cllr Blakeborough.
13. Wilmslow Old Rd/ Moss Lane : Complaint received from J. Hillary that sewage is still being discharged on to her land at the triangle and the professionally planned destruction of Japanese Knotweed is being interfered with by residents taking matters into their own hands. Issue debated and Council reluctant to be involved in the matter, proposed Chair seconded Cllr Holland that the Clerk write to the Chairman of the residents association concerned and draw the matter of the complaint formally to them **Resolved** unanimously.
14. Village Hall : Chair read out an invitation from the Chairman of the Village Hall for the Council to be represented at the next meeting of the Hall trustees who are to Hear proposals for the Foundation School to construct a School building in the Village Hall grounds. Council content for their representation to be left to Cllr Blakeborough and on this occasion to be accompanied by Cllr Philpott.
15. Affordable Housing : Chair raised the Chancellors proposal that favourable Government support would be given to the construction of Affordable housing in rural areas. Debate followed investigating whether there was considered to be a demand for Affordable housing in Mottram St. Andrew and Councillors were unable to identify such a need.
16. Handyman duties : Clerk requested to push handyman to complete outstanding jobs, including finishing the Telephone box, Danish oil on the seat and Owl carving, cleaning up the road signs where appropriate, refurbishing the finger post signs, and strimming and clearing invasive species.
17. Other Business : Council Xmas dinner to be organised at Bulls Head. Next Meeting 16th November Village Hall.