

## MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

#### MEETING HELD 18th SEPTEMBER 2017

Present Cllr W. Pilkington (Chairman), Cllr R. Hughes, Cllr A. Philpott, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Hatton, R. Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P. Findlow Borough Councillor, PCSO E.Blair and 3 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 3rd July 2017 : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters arising Mottram Cross has been cleaned by Aura Conservation, Chairman sent a letter of thanks and the Clerk met with Craig Liddle, The Aura Chairman and extended thanks personally on behalf of the Council. Emergency Plan update still awaiting posting on the Web Site. Chairman wrote to Cheshire East and David Rutley, who have responded to our concerns over the potential loss of the D&G Little Bus.
6. Public Participation : Nil.
7. Casual Vacancies : The Clerk reported that a letter of Authority to Co-opt 2 New Councillors had been received from Cheshire East. Andrew Forbes Levis offered himself as Candidate for the Newton Ward and Yvonne Catherine Struthers Dodd offered herself as Candidate for the Mottram St. Andrew Ward. The Clerk had previously met with them and ensured that both were aware of their obligations and Duties and were in possession of all relevant documents to take up the role. Proposed Chairman and seconded Cllr Philpott that both be co-opted onto the Council **Resolved** Unanimously. Both signed their acceptance of office declarations and produced Financial Disclosures taking up their seats on the Council.
8. Finance : The Clerk reported the conclusion of the 2016/17 YE Audit and read out an issues arising report recommending that all subsequent Audit reports are reported to Council and minuted as received together with a recommendation that in future administrative expenses refunded to the Clerk should not be included in Staff costs. The report has been posted on the web site. Notice of Conclusion of the Audit has been posted on the web site and on the Council Notice Board. New Auditors appointed PKF Littlejohn for YE 2018. Bank Account at 5th September £15,443.05 Payments made since last meeting Chapel Rent £18, Wizard Garden Services £515, ChALC Guides £13.50, Printer Cartridges £30. Payments received 50% Precept £3,640, Allotments Rents £70, Mercury Profit £259.30. The Mercury profit eradicates last year's loss thanks to the efforts of Former Chairman S. Blakeborough.

The Clerk was requested to write and express Council's thanks for his efforts. Bank Mandate now extended to 3 to include Cllr H. Morgan. Annual Budget review debated and queries raised after prior circulation, Proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Hughes that the Budget review be adopted **Resolved** unanimously. The availability of further funds from the Transparency fund was discussed, proposed Cllr Philpott seconded Chairman that the Clerk should formulate and submit a further claim to include administrative costs of the Web Site. **Resolved** unanimously.

9. Planning : Clerk had previously circulated notes on the Cheshire East Planning update he attended on 25th July and had obtained a copy of the Oak Manor Decision 17/1898M and the officers report which is available for Councillors. The Decision Notice and Report confirmed the Council's objections. Recent applications considered, Primrose Cottage 17/4623M No observations, Newton Hall Stables 17/4617M No observations. St. Andrews House 17/4611M as this application has not been considered fully due to late receipt before the Meeting an application will be made to extend the time for a response. Proposed Public Space Protection Order Consultation debated and after some contributions from the floor, it was **Resolved** unanimously that no observations would be made.
10. Highways : Chairman reported on the progress with Cheshire East having cleaned the gullies and swept the roads. United Utilities endeavours to cure a water leak he reported on Wilmslow Old Rd. Problems of fly tipping being experienced. A map of the proposed 20MPH zone and signage around the Academy School was produced and approved. A scheme to improve the junction of Mill Lane and Wilmslow Rd/ Lees Lane is being prepared. The cost of the scheme will be in excess of £10,000 and therefore will have to be funded from an alternative source as it is in excess of the minor works budget limit. Next Highways meeting would be March 2018. Cllr Morgan advised that the Pathways around the Village were in general good order.
11. Broadband : Cllr Hughes reported on the availability of a further £7.25m for phase 4 of Connecting Cheshire, though this increase will not directly benefit the Village as phase 3 applies to this area due for completion still within one year.
12. Local Policing Matters : PCSO Emily Blair was thanked for attending the meeting and reported on the continuing low incidence of crime in the area. Speed control was briefly considered and carried forward to the next meeting.
13. Residents Complaints : The matter of noise pollution caused by the extended music festivals **held** over the weekends of 8th and 16th of September at Goose Green Farm were raised by the Chairman and Former Councillor D. Hatch was allowed to address the Meeting to respond to matters raised on behalf of Residents by Councillors Morgan, Hughes and Hatton. No apology for disturbance to Residents was tendered on behalf of the proprietors as the events were said to be Lawful and for a good cause. The meeting was advised that such events could become an annual occurrence and there was little tolerance demonstrated for those who find the noise levels over consecutive weekends unacceptable. An assurance was given that the

earlier festival will be more widely advertised if repeated in 2018. D. Hatch agreed to provide details of the sums of money generated by these charitable events.

14. Attendance at Forthcoming Meetings : 19th September Airport Liaison to be attended by Chairman and Cllr Philpott, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September Wilmslow Civic Service to be attended by the Chairman, 19th October ChALC AGM to be attended by Chairman. No volunteers to attend Cheshire East **D**ecision **M**aking event (31/10) or Poynton Community Partnership (7/11)
15. Allotments : The Clerk reported that all plots are now let and the rents received during the financial year are £1040. Proposals were discussed to carry out improvements to the site over the Autumn clearing overgrown areas, pathways, tree and shrub removal and gate maintenance. Proposed an initial 10 hours work at £20 per hour. Proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Philpott **Resolved** unanimously. Cllr Morgan requested further consideration be given to the installation of a water supply carried forward to the next meeting.
16. Village Maintenance : Paul Warburton instructed to paint the inside of the Phone Box and to paint the finger post signs such work to be done on 6th October at a cost of £20 per hour. The Phone Box shelves will then be fitted and arrangements made to follow up on the proposal made for a local resident to run a lending library as originally agreed. Many of the road name signs require painting and Chairman will enquire of Highways whether this work can be carried out, if not Council will consider arranging for the work to be done.
17. Data Protection Changes : Clerk requested to familiarise himself with the Councils obligations and ensure compliance.
18. Village and Local Communication System : Carry forward to the next meeting
19. Village Hall Report : Cllr Hatton reported that the Nursery School had now closed and left the Village Hall with rent arrears outstanding, the Foundation School was liquidated and the Village Hall had decided to write off the debt. The Hall has been cleaned up and redecorated as a result of the voluntary efforts of Residents and a new sign is to be erected. Interest in day time bookings is growing and the future looks promising.
20. Web Site : Cllr Morgan suggested that Councillor's CV's should be made easier to access, The Clerk will arrange. CV's awaited from the 2 new Councillors. Emergency Plan to be posted asap. Councillors requested to look at the web site with a mind on improvements.
21. Other Business None, other than the matters raised during the agenda to be dealt with at the next meeting.