

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 16th NOVEMBER 2015

Present Cllr W. Pilkington (Chairman), Cllr A.Philpott (Vice Chair),Cllr M. Holland, Cllr S. Blakeborough, Cllr H. Morgan, Cllr T. Wennell, R. Taylor (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Cllr D. Hatch, Paul Findlow (Borough Councillor)
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : None.
3. Requests for dispensations : None.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 7th September: **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters Arising None
6. Public Participation None
7. Super Fast Broadband The Chairman reported on the demonstration by Vispa on the availability of wireless broadband and a Meeting with Connecting Cheshire and BT which took place at Alderley Park. The Clerk produced a draft letter to be sent to Connecting Cheshire urging them to include Mottram St Andrew in the Claw back funds which have now become available. After debate it was **Resolved** to promote registration of interest in Vispa with residents and to send the letter to Connecting Cheshire, proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Philpott.
8. Finance The Clerk reported the reconciled bank account is £9,217.29 and the following payments have been made Rent £24, Planning Seminar £50, Clerks Salary £1,450.42, HMRC £327.40, Hedge cutting £120, PC World £158.96. Clerks salary reviewed and increased to £13 per hour proposed Cllr Holland seconded Chairman **Resolved** unanimously. Allotment rents reviewed proposed Cllr Wennell seconded Cllr Philpott no increase **Resolved** unanimously. Draft budgets perused and debated proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Philpott to adopt subject to increase to £1000 the budget for handyman work, **Resolved** unanimously. Debate followed to fix the Precept for 2016/17 proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Blakeborough to remain at £7,000 **Resolved** unanimously.
9. Village Hall The Clerk reported on Council receiving complaints from 7 concerned parents relating to the closure of the nursery school containing a number of inaccurate criticisms of the Council's involvement in the matter. The Chairman had previously circulated a statement from the Village Hall Trustees setting out the history of negotiations with the proprietor of the School and their present proposals to keep the School open till the end of the academic year. Vigorous debate ensued fuelled by Councillors irritation at the ill-informed allegations directed at them for allowing the School to close when the decision to take that course rested squarely

with the proprietor of the School and no one else. Proposed Cllr Wennell and seconded Cllr Phillpott that the Council supports the actions taken and to be taken by the Village Hall Trustees in their negotiations with the Foundation Nursery School **Resolved** unanimously. Proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Philpott that the Clerk respond to the complaints advising the correspondents of the Council decision **Resolved** unanimously.

10. Planning Clerk requested to arrange for the meeting with Planners to be re-arranged and the Planning workshop to take place. A request received by Council for a meeting to take place with the proposed applicants and their architect of a development on Oak Road for the construction of Dormer bungalows. After debate and restatement of Council policy to protect the Green Belt proposed Cllr Holland seconded Cllr Philpott that nothing constructive could be achieved by the meeting proposed and the request should be declined **Resolved** unanimously.
11. Local Plan The Chairman reported on the response to the Green Belt assessment conducted by Cheshire East consultants rectifying the mistake made in locating part of Mottram St. Andrew within the Prestbury boundary. Chairman also referred to the necessity to respond by 23rd November to a further report received which Council were content to be dealt with by the Chairman and the Clerk.
12. Highways The Chairman reported on the last Highways meeting and the results of our objections to a proposed change in the decision making process being changed to allow Borough Councillors to approve priority of work in place of Parish Councillors.
13. Web Site Grant application approved £464.98 to include scanner, set up costs and training. Clerk reported on progress including the inclusion of a stats counter. Free training session being attended by Clerk and Mick Shaw. Consideration of advertising space sales to be considered. Council to set up a presence on Facebook and Twitter.
14. Chalc Meeting report Chairman reported on the contents of the last meeting including the proposed increase in Chalc fees for the next year.
15. Handyman Report The Clerk advised on the appointment of a new handyman Alan Burgess who will be instructed to carry out jobs around the village.
16. Triangle drainage Chairman expressed concern that the land remained contaminated, discussion followed and it was accepted that all that could be done was being pursued by the Land owner and the residents concerned.
17. Emergency Plan The Chairman agreed to undertake a review and it was noted that an annual review should be scheduled for the Annual meeting.
18. Other business None