

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 19th SEPTEMBER 2016

Present Cllr W. Pilkington , Cllr M. Holland, Cllr T. Wennell, R. Taylor (Clerk), Paul Findlow (Borough Councillor) and 8 members of the public.

1. Chairman : Cllr Pilkington was elected Chairman for the meeting only in view of the resignation from the Council of S. Blakeborough due to ill health.
2. Apologies for absence : Cllr A. Philpott (Holiday), Cllr H. Morgan (Holiday)
3. Declaration of interests from Councillors : None.
4. Requests for dispensations : None.
5. Minutes of meeting held on 4th July : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
6. Matters Arising : A reply has been received from R. White to the effect that he is intending to arrange for an architect to advise on the future of his dilapidated barn. Amendment to the Council honours board has been delayed till a new Chairman is elected at the November meeting. The tenant at Bungalow No2 has received a letter and spoken with Cllr Philpott, A statement of support from a resident has been received by Council which was read out by Cllr Holland.
7. Casual Vacancy : Council having received authority to co-opt proposed Acting Chairman and seconded Cllr Holland that Robert Hughes be co-opted as a Parish Councillor for the Mottram St. Andrew Ward, **Resolved unanimously.**
8. To Declare a Casual Vacancy : Councillor S. Blakeborough's resignation on health grounds having been accepted by Council the Clerk to be directed to put in hand the procedure required to fill the vacancy, proposed Cllr Holland, seconded Cllr Pilkington **Resolved unanimously.**
9. Finance : The Clerk reported Bank a/c at 5th September was £13,314, second instalment of the precept having been received and £60 rent paid for the Old Recreation ground. The following payments having been made to Gardeners Wizard £680 to cover creation of boarders, bedding plants and maintenance at the Village Green, £150 Web Site annual service charge, Chapel rent £33. Clerk produced a half year budget review which had been previously circulated to Councillors, no queries raised.
10. Planning : 16/1887M Beaver Lodge, the Clerk reported that the application had received a temporary grant for 12 months with conditions to assess the suitability of a grant for this business in the green belt, The Clerk was requested to ensure that the residents who complained to Council were aware of the decision and the need to monitor progress. 16/3225M Newton Heath Farm Cottage, this refusal had been included on the agenda at the request of Cllr Philpott and the applicant was in

attendance at the meeting. Council had not objected to the application and did not consider that further involvement was appropriate. 16/4407M Clover Cottage, Greendale, no observations, 16/3668M Tree Tops, Withinlee Rd, no observations.

11. Highways : Proposed Cllr Pilkington seconded Cllr Wennell that gully emptying be raised as an issue with the Committee and Hedge cutting by Highways where safety (visibility) had become an issue **Resolved unanimously**.
12. Allotments : Clerk reported only 1 plot left to let and maintenance work proceeding. Clerk to hand over the running of the Allotments to volunteers reporting to him.
13. Village Maintenance : Strimming done on the recreation ground in the diamond wood. Replacement trees to be sourced and if necessary financed by Council for consideration at the next meeting. Finger post sign painting to be quoted for. Hedges cut back by S. Kennerley and Clerk to write to any land owners whose hedges are causing danger through obstructing visibility.
14. Village Hall Report : Replacement of S. Blakeborough on the Village Hall Committee to be resolved at the next meeting.
15. Village School Report : In view of the resignation of Cllr Blakeborough the matter of liaison to be addressed at the next meeting.
16. Next Meeting : As the Clerk is unable to attend Council **Resolved** unanimously to rearrange the date for a later Monday.
17. Other Business : Clerk to arrange the Christmas Dinner at Bulls Head 10th December. Broadband progress to be included on the next agenda, Old School House to be included relating to builders storage on the House frontage.