

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 6th JULY 2015

Present Cllr W. Pilkington (Chairman), Cllr A. Philpott, Cllr S. Blakeborough, Cllr H Morgan, Cllr M. Holland, Borough Cllr P. Findlow, R. Taylor (Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Cllr T. Wennell pre-arranged holiday
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : None
3. Requests for dispensations : None
4. Minutes of meeting held on 18th May 2015 : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters Arising : Insurance renewed, Community pride organisers advised of Council's resolve not to participate this year and consider 2016 entry.
6. Public Participation : None other than the participation of R. Hughes, R. White and A. Levis in item 6 as members of the Superfast broadband steering group.
7. Superfast broadband : The Clerk updated Council on progress since the meeting with B.T. and Connecting Cheshire on the 19th June. Chairman has written to D. Rutley M.P. to lobby Government and a reply is awaited from Minister. Chairman has written to Cllr P. Findlow to place pressure on Connecting Cheshire to seek funding for Mottram St. Andrew. Clerk has written to B.T. to investigate a community funded scheme and been requested to provide details of the properties to be included and the body with whom B.T. would contract. Chair reported on his recent conversation with David Brown of Cheshire East and his assurance that funding was likely to be become available. Cllr Findlow agreed to pursue this matter in a scheduled meeting with David Brown and report back. After debate Clerk to respond to B.T. and endeavour to obtain more details of the proposed scheme and to advise B.T. of the Councils resolve to include all properties in Mottram St. Andrew in the scheme. R. Hughes agreed to contact Tim Clapham from Wincle to obtain details of the proposed scheme and financing to solve their similar problems. Clerk to advise the residents in the Mercury and on the website.
8. Finance : Clerk reported that bank balance at 30th June £8,782.73 including V.A.T. refund received of £129.10. Chapel rent of £21, Insurance premium of £283.73 and Wizard garden services of £508 paid since last meeting, reconciled balance £8,274.73. YE 2015 audit completed and clear, Annual report produced and posted on website. Proposed Chair seconded Cllr Holland and **Resolved** unanimously that M. Shaw be appointed internal auditor for 2016.
9. Training : Councillors provided with Chalc schedule and Cllr Blakeborough to attend on 20th July. Clerk to schedule a Planning work shop for Councillors and investigate convenient dates.

10. Council representation at external meetings : Cllr Philpott and Chair Airport liaison, Cllr Wennell and Blakeborough Highways and L.A.P., All Local Plan. Chair and Cllr Holland Town and Parish meetings. Chair reported on his and Cllr Philpott's attendance at Chalc meeting.
11. Planning : Alstonfield 15/2780M debated and proposed Cllr Philpott and seconded Cllr Blakeborough that the application be objected too on the grounds set out below **Resolved** unanimously. Property in Mottram St. Andrew which is green belt and not in Prestbury as stated. Application prejudices residential amenity, Highway safety implications, Too close to adjoining property. Plum Tree Cottage 15/2705M No observations, Sunridge 15/2866M No observations, Newton Heath Farm 15/2963M No observations. Budley Barn situation raised by Newton Councillor and Clerk requested to complain regarding the conduct of the Planners in effectively ignoring Council's representations and requests.
12. H.S.2. : Chair reported that he has written again to Central Government and a reply is awaited. Matter debated and concern expressed by Cllr Morgan that this matter does not need to be an issue of concern to Council as it is not likely to be built until 2030 or possibly 2035/40 and the technology by then will be so different it may never be built. Matter to be included on next agenda after a reply received.
13. Website : Clerk reported that Council now have full control of the website and all matters that should have been posted on a free publically accessible website by the 1st July (Transparency Requirements England Regulations 2015) have been complied with. Clerk assisted by M. Shaw and Pauline Taylor will continue to develop the site and manage all postings. Discussion on charging in future for web advertising debated and carried forward to a future meeting. Clerk to request the Village Hall to consider a contribution to the cost of setting up and maintaining the site. Vote of thanks proposed and agreed to the Clerk and M. Shaw for their efforts to finalise the project without cost.
14. Village Shop : No information to report.C/F
15. Highways : S.I.D. on Priest lane should be installed in the next few weeks. Cheshire East to be requested to clear the gutters of weeds proposed Chair and seconded Cllr Holland **Resolved** unanimously.
16. Crescent Bungalows : untidy frontage of one of the bungalows (No2) has been the subject of complaints to the Council. After discussion proposed Cllr Holland seconded Chair that the Clerk write to Peaks and Plains and register the Council's disapproval of the state of the frontage **Resolved** unanimously. Clerk also requested to draw to the attention of Paul Schofield the state of the old nursery on Wilmslow Rd
17. Handyman Tasks : Hedges need cutting back around the Village Sign, Clerk to write to the land owner. Strimming round the Jubilee trees needed. Clerk to arrange for completion of the jobs already authorised.
18. Other Business Re-location of Kings School.

