

## Mottram St. Andrew Parish Council

### Minutes

#### Meeting Held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Present Cllr W. Pilkington (Chairman), Cllr R. Hughes (vice chairman), Cllr A. Philpott,

Cllr S. Hatton, Cllr H. Morgan, Cllr Y. Dodd, Cllr A. Levis, Ron Taylor (clerk), Hayley Shenton (trainee clerk), P.C.S.O Hannah Jackson and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Cllr P. Findlow Borough Councillor
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : None
3. Requests for dispensations : None
4. Minutes of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 : **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters arising : All Councillors attended Christmas function at their own expense, trainee clerks cost of £40 met by the Council. Chairman reported emailed Cheshire East with comments regarding school transport consultation and is awaiting reply.
6. Resident participation : None
7. Finance : The clerk reported that the bank balance was £14,026.31 at 5/1/18. Paid since last meeting wizard garden service £515, chapel £33, Handyman £200, clerk expenses including parish laptop £173.95, stationary £27.26, Christmas meal £40 amounting £241.27, Allotment refurb £200. Reconciled bank balance A/C 15/1/18 £13,385.04. Details of clerks salaries obtained from SLCC and NALC. Precept for £7,462 request submitted for 2018/19 and has been acknowledged. Hayley Shenton has been registered with accountants. Chairman reported that he had responded to Cheshire East pre-budget consultation.
8. Clerk Training : The clerk reported Hayley Shenton has been recruited, contract of employment has been signed. She is progressing well already completing three (hour long) training sessions. Schedule of training has been agreed and parish laptop obtained, current agenda completed by Hayley Shenton. We are in progress of obtaining a parish email. Working towards handover in the summer at which point three council meetings including A.G.M, Audit and annual parish meeting would have taken place. Ron Taylor clerk intends to remain available to mentor and advise. USB to be obtained by the clerk to help keep parish laptop backed up proposed by Chairman seconded by Cllr Morgan **resolved unanimously**.
9. Planning : Mottram Wood Farm 17/6061m after debate proposed by Chairman seconded by Cllr Morgan to object on the basis of inappropriate development in the green belt **Resolved unanimously**. Blackers Hall Farm 18/0047m no observations **Resolved unanimously**.
10. Highways : Chairman reported that he had emailed Cheshire East highways regarding the sweeping of Mill Lane, cleaning of roads signs and removal of redundant school signs. No response received. Chairman to attend the February highways meeting, date unknown. Cllr Dodd raised a concern over the imposition of restricted parking in Moss Lane. Chairman agreed to investigate.
11. Airport grant : After discussion proposed by Chairman seconded by Cllr Hughes that a subcommittee be created to review councils social media, data base creation including the

mercury magazine and to assess whether set up cost can be sourced from the airport community grant **resolved unanimously**. Committee to include Cllr Levis and Cllr Hatton

12. Mercury : Future of magazine assured for 12 months efforts to recruit a new editor continuing future administration to be reviewed. Syd Blakeborough was requested to go ahead and contact the advertisers.
13. Police report : New PCSO Hannah Jackson attended to present report. Surveys provided to outline main issues. Prestbury report to be made available. Benefit of a more obvious police attendance in the village discussed together with the possibility of PCSO clinic. PCSO advised that she was being trained to use the speed radar device and will be using it around the village.
14. HS2 : Chairman reported that Cheshire East had included £1.5million in their pre-budget document for improvements around Crewe railway station in connection with HS2.
15. Handyman work : Clerk reported Telephone box has been completed, shelves to be fitted. book swap scheme to start administrator needed. Road signs to be considered for cleaning and re-painting in the spring.
16. Allotment : Clearance of the allotment is underway with 10 hours work already been completed, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Phipott to hire skip £150 and to complete remaining 5 hours work (£100) **Resolved unanimously**.
17. Parish data base : see item 11
18. Rural business funding : Chairman reported that Cheshire East had made available £5.4million funding to help rural businesses that can be applied for by contacting [business@sikllsandgrowth.co.uk](mailto:business@sikllsandgrowth.co.uk) or telephone 0300 123 5001. The grant can also be used for sourcing faster broadband connectivity through a £600,000 voucher scheme worth up to £4,000 per company.
19. Poynton area community partnership : Chairman and Cllr R. Hughes to attend meeting.
20. Manchester Airport meeting : Chairman and Cllr Philpott to attend.
21. Website : technical problems being experienced clerk to resolve.
22. Councillor training : Chairman produced ChALC training schedule councillors to indicate to the clerk their preferences
23. Other business : Cllr Levis requested details of councillors email address, post code and telephone number.