

## Mottram St. Andrew Parish Council

### Minutes

#### Meeting Held 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Present Cllr W. Pilkington (Chairman) Cllr R. Hughes (Vice chairman), Cllr A. Levis, Cllr A. Philpott, Cllr S. Hatton, Cllr H Morgan, Cllr P. Findlow (Borough Cllr), Hayley Shenton (Asst Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Cllr. Y. Dodd due to illness.
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 : Chairman reported that he had contacted Cheshire East regarding the concern over the imposition of restricted parking in Moss lane that Cllr Dodd had raised and found no plans to make any changes. .
6. Residents participation : Richard Park, owner of E.Park and co, a wholesale potato distributor whose business is on Lees Lane outlined his proposals to modernise and expand his premises on Lees Lane which he has already consulted Cheshire East planners and his neighbours. His proposals are to demolish the existing building and replace it with a new building that will be sited further away from the main road, improve the access to the site and provide additional employment in the village. He asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to give their support to his proposals. The proposal was agreed to be discussed under the planning agenda item.
7. Finance : Asst Clerk reported that the bank balance was £13,167.29 at 5/3/18. Paid since last meeting, accountants £60, chapel rent £35 and handyman £100. Cheques issued but not presented to date Knutsford web it (web hosting) £150 and Vice Chairman's expenses £18.20. Reconciled account £12,999.09 at 12/3/18.
8. Planning :The councillors examined Richard Park's proposal and all agreed that they would support his proposal in principle. Planning application 18/1248M discussed and agreed no observations on a majority decision of 5 to 1. Application 18/0955M discussed and agreed no observations unanimously. Cheshire East to be advised that the Parish Council have no observations on these two proposals.
9. Highways : Chairman reported that he had requested details of Cheshire East's plans for the improvements to the crossroads on Lees Lane. Unfortunately, no plans had been received. It is understood that the proposals are a safety measure to prevent vehicles attempting to overtake on the left vehicles waiting to turn right into Mill Lane. Next Highways meeting is in Poynton on the 3rd of May, hopefully the plans will be available for discussion at that meeting that will be attended by Paul Findlow and Bill Pilkington. Discussion continued on the poor sighting for motorists exiting Mill Lane and the Chairman agreed to write again to Adlington Hall
10. Airport Grant : Cllr Hatton reported he had applied to the airport grant and has received acknowledgment hopefully it will be heard at there next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July.

11. Media coordination sub-committee : Cllr Hatton reported that he and Cllr Levis had concluded at the sub-committee that the Mercury magazine Editor to be re-advertised as a Paid vacancy. The Asst Clerk to run the Parish council social media to be discussed further at the next meeting **Resolved unanimously**.
12. Police report : Chairman reported that PCSO Hannah Jackson has passed her police driving test and will be about the village with her speed Radar device. It was also reported that there have been several cars broken into, in and around the village. The suspicious individual causing a disturbance on Oak road near the village pump was apprehended.
13. PACP : Cllr Hughes reported that at the meeting it was discussed that Cheshire East had a new 2 million pound fund for houses that are less than 5 years old. It was also reported that they were very interested in our phone box library (to be featured in there local magazine) and that they have plans for 4 of there own to be used as defibrillators.
14. Handyman : Asst Clerk reported that the finger post sign in Newton still needed attention. Also the Clerk to arrange a date for group litter picking to be discussed at next meeting. The Chairman is going to write to the national trust at hare hill regarding the railings that were damaged in relation to the maintenance of the village pump. It was agreed to ask the handyman to renovate the village pump in Oak Road.
15. Cheshire East : The chairman reported that significant changes have been made to the pre budget consultation and the approved budget has now reversed the planned cuts to highway maintenance and have increased the budget by £5 million, they have reversed the decision to close the libraries in Alderley Edge, Disley and Prestbury by keeping them open. No decision has yet been made regarding the proposed cuts to Community Transport that serves the village. Cheshire East state that the above changes have meant that the planned Council Tax increase will now be 1% higher than the previously proposed figure of 4.99% thus meaning that Council Tax will go up by 5.99%. Cheshire East's response to the number of their staff who have been suspended pending disciplinary proceedings and police enquiries was discussed and it was agreed that the chairman would respond by making further enquiries.
16. Manchester Airport meeting : Chairman reported there was some changes discussed one of which being the Airport to introduce charges when dropping and picking up from the airport. Also changes to the current flight path making it narrow, due to improved navigational systems and there would be an increase in the use of the second runway allowing dual operation. Notes subsequent to the meeting have now been received from the airport and circulated to all councillors.
17. Broadband : Cllr Hughes reported that he had been pressing Andrew Arditti of Connecting Cheshire for an update of the proposed roll out of fibre broadband in the village. Unfortunately Andrew's response was not received until after the meeting, this has now been circulated to all councillors showing what is proposed. Chairman reported that he had seen planning signs in Oak Road and Priest Lane posted by BT for new poles, presumably in connection with Connecting. Cheshire's planned roll out of fibre.
18. Training : Asst clerk reported that her training was going well, and she was preparing for the annual village meeting. Cllr Hatton to attend a CHALC training course.
19. Business outreach : Chairman reported that he feels more needs to be done with regards to our local businesses and what can be done to secure better communication with them, to be discussed further at next meeting.
20. Other business : To include on the next agenda, the need to update the honours board in the village hall, the renewal of the Parish councils insurance.