

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 20th JANUARY 2020

Present Cllr R. Hughes (Chairman), Cllr Levis, Cllr Dodd, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Hatton, Cllr Davis, R. Taylor (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Cllr Walker, recuperating from surgery, Boro Cllr Findlow unwell.
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : Cllr Morgan declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda.
3. Requests for dispensations : Cllr Morgan granted a dispensation unanimously.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 28th October 2019 : signed by the Chairman as correct record.
5. Matters Arising Cllr Levis apologised for the delay on implementation of the web site hosting transfer, matter now proceeding.
6. Public Participation J. Winstanley esq indicated a desire to be heard on item 8, Chairman delayed his contribution till the item was dealt with.
7. Finance The Clerk reported that the Bank balance at 3/1/2020 £15,393.59, payments made since the last meeting £150 Knutsford IT web hosting, £38.50 Chapel Rent, £79.68 Village Hall historic Mercury Losses, £65 Handyman pump painting, £51.35 Chairman's expenses, £144 Hedge cutting. Further payments £515 Village Green maintenance, £75 ChALC Internal Auditor Training, £52.30 SLCC Clerks manual. Reconcilled account to date £14,751.29. Clerk reported the precept application for 2020/21 submitted for £8,035 and acknowledged.
8. Planning Clerk reported on Tree Tops application refused, Council observations not considered and a complaint has been made and referred to Boro Cllr Findlow in view of a lack of response. Northfields appeal result awaited, Former Hardy Plant Nursery enforcement CE ignoring PC E Mails matter referred to Cllr Findlow. J. Parker poly tunnels application granted subject to a removal of 50% of the already erected tunnels. Triangle decision still awaited target date now 31st January matter now with a different planner. Park potatoes application received Secretary of State approval. Mottram Hall granted footpath diversion order. Land North of Alderley Road erection of a dwelling debated (20/0003M) After detailed consideration and observations made by the Applicant proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Levis and **Resolved 4 votes to 2** that the Council should support the Application as a Green Belt exception of Limited infilling in a Village subject to conditions being suggested that a satisfactory drainage plan be agreed by the Planning Authority and that Bore Piling be used to limit damage and disturbance to adjacent properties.
9. Highways Cllr Levis reported that the further improvement work to the Lees Lane/ Mill Lane junction will be carried out by CE Highways this financial year at no cost to

the PC. The proposed work is considered by Council to represent as far as Highways can go to improve this junction. Priest Lane/ Wilmslow Rd Junction still under consideration with Highways approaching the Land owner to assist with improvements. Councillors to advise Cllr Levis of any Highways issues they consider an improvement in the Parish before the next CE Highways Minor works meeting. Greendale Lane investigation into adoption of the Lane debated, proposed Cllr Dodd seconded Cllr Hatton and **Resolved Unanimously** that Council will support steps being taken for CE to adopt the Lane. After discussion proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Dodd and Resolved **Unanimously** that Painting of Road signs be carried out at Council expense, Clerk delegated to organise conduct of the work including attempts to recruit a willing resident to undertake small handyman tasks. Cllr Hatton addressed the meeting regarding the Parking problems being experienced by residents, visitors and Service vehicles, proposed Cllr Dodd seconded Chairman and **Resolved Unanimously** that Peaks and Plains the Landlords of the Alderley Road bungalows be approached to construct a further four car parking spaces on the right hand side of the access road to the Crescent.

10. Village Defibrillator The provision of a defibrillator at the Village Hall debated and Cllr Hatton indicated that the Village Hall Trustees were in agreement with the provision of such a device. Proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Hatton and **Resolved unanimously** that the Village Hall should be requested to pay for it and that the Chairman research the cost of providing a similar device to the one in place at the School. C/F to the next meeting.
11. Climate Change Action After debate and the lack of a Councillor willing to volunteer to progress the Tree Planting initiative and to address the issues facing the Community and wider environment the matter was adjourned to be considered at the next meeting.
12. Mercury Magazine Proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Hatton **Resolved Unanimously** that Cllr Davis be appointed to the Mercury Editorial Committee.
13. Village Maintenance Clerk reported that the Village Green seat would be refurbished by Peter Pownall as soon as the weather was suitable. Councillors indicated the jobs requiring attention during the coming months.
14. Training Chairman reported on the Internal Auditor training course to be attended by Mick Shaw at a cost of £75. Councillors considering whether they wish to attend the Planning training Courses being arranged by ChALC in July.
15. Village Hall Cllr Hatton reported that the Village Hall were arranging to have the Female Toilets refurbished and some decorating work carried out.
16. Emergency Plan Councillors agreed that a clause ought to be inserted in the Plan at the next review to encourage residents to report concerns regarding flooding or the potential thereof to a co-ordinator.
17. Poynton Area Partnership Cllr Levis reported on Mental awareness event and the need to publicise them.

