

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 6TH JULY 2020 Via Zoom

Present Cllr R. Hughes (Chairman), Cllr Levis, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Hatton, Cllr Davis, Cllr Walker, Borough Cllr Findlow, R. Taylor (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence : Cllr Dodd business issues.
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors : None
3. Requests for dispensations : None
4. Minutes of meeting held on 18th May 2020 : amended by agreement clause 29 and signed by the Chairman as correct record.
5. Matters Arising None
6. Public Participation B. Pilkington esq. had raised 3 matters in advance which will be dealt with under agenda items
7. Finance The Clerk reported that the bank balance on 5th June was £16,844.64 paid out since the last meeting Insurance renewal £360.32, web site design deposit £233.64, Chapel Rent £73.50, Village Hall £83.35, Accountants £72. The reconciled account today is £16,379.15. The 2020 Audit has been concluded and acknowledgement received from PKF Littlejohn, the Public Rights notice remains exhibited on the notice board and web site. The Clerk advised that the Council indebtedness to the Village Hall in respect of the Mercury magazine had been settled in full with the payment of £83.35. The budget of £95 had not been increased after last meetings resolution as the negotiations to conclude the matter were clearly going to render the increase unnecessary, Clerks Salary had been reviewed consistent with the budget. Insurance renewed the final year of the 3 year agreement with Hiscox. Electronic Banking will require the amendment of Standing Orders, **Resolved Unanimously** for the Clerk to proceed with the necessary draft changes and to contact the Bank to progress matters, issue to be included on the next meeting agenda, proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Walker.
8. Web Site upgrade The new draft web site had previously been seen by all and the proposed content was debated. The Clerks appraisal of relevant issues was considered and directions given to the subcommittee on the Council view on all policy matters with a direction for Cllr Levis to proceed accordingly, matter carried forward to the next meeting.
9. United Charities Resignations have been received from four trustees proposed Chairman seconded Cllr Morgan that Cllr Levis, The Clerk and the Chairman be appointed trustees for the Charity leaving 1 vacancy to be filled **Resolved Unanimously**. Council debated the future for the Trust in view of the antiquated

objectives and consideration to be given for amendments to be made to utilise the funds for the benefit of those in need.

10. Highways Priest Lane/Prestbury Rd Junction improvements now in the hands of Cheshire East (C.E.) and nothing further at the present time Council can progress. Cllr Levis has raised matters of Gully emptying with C.E. and will monitor action taken. Road Sign cleaning has been carried out. Large Pot Hole reported by B. Pilkington esq in Alderley Rd. to be raised with Over Alderley Parish Council by Borough Cllr Findlow.
11. Planning Fiddlers Elbow 20/2679M supporting documents previously absent from the Planning portal now available and Councillors will consider the matter and advise the Clerk of their views.20/2133M The Oaks no observations. The Clerk provided an update on outstanding applications and decisions awaited.
12. Poynton Area Partnership The Chairman indicated that he has been invited to Chair the PACP which was met with unanimous approval from the Councillors.
13. Wild Flower Planting Project Cllr Levis proposed that steps be taken to plant wild flowers throughout the Parish on suitable areas of land, he volunteered to spear head an initiative to achieve this objective. Suggestion met with unanimous approval and issue to be researched including costing for consideration at the next meeting.
14. Village Maintenance Council will attempt to organise a concerted effort from residents to join Councillors in an organised litter pick to clear up the Village roadside verges. Chairman will send E mails to residents suggesting a Saturday A.M. event with equipment being provided by the Council. New Allotment gate quote approved at £400.
15. Rights of Way Officers report All pathways through the Parish are currently open. A sign is to be erected at the entrance to the recreation ground to assist walkers to find the correct route of the pathway to Alderley Edge. Sign to be erected by Council but provided by C.E.
16. Village Hall Cllr Hatton advised the meeting that arrangements to reopen the Village Hall after lockdown were likely to be protracted as the issues involved in operating Covid 19 compliant were complex. The Hall is unlikely to be operating normally before September and possibly not then. The proposed Toilet refurbishments were proving more costly than anticipated and without income the project was likely to be delayed.
17. V.J.Day Celebrations After debate Councillors decided that the Parish Council was not intending to be involved in preparing to mark the occasion but encouraged all in the Village who wished to do so.
18. Next Meeting Proposed that the scheduled meeting on the 21st September be arranged when The question of venue is clear as it may be necessary to either change the date or hold the meeting on line. No other business.

