

Mobberley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Location: Rajar Building, Mobberley.

Time/Date: 19:30 Monday 6th January 2020.

Present: **Cllr. Janet Cookson (Chair)**, Cllrs., Colin Booth, David Elves, Anne Holloway, Sally Kendall, Justyn Lambert, Viv Pike, David Swann, Sean Thompson, John Unterhalter.

Also present: PCSO Emma Darroch, Cheshire East Cllr. Charlotte Leach, Bob Marshall (Neighbourhood Watch), Paul Thomson (Cycle Knutsford).

Apologies: None.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved: Cllr. Thompson. Seconded: Cllr. Holloway.

Adjournment for public participation – A period of not more than 15 minutes made available for the public to submit comments.

- Paul Thomson – Advised the meeting that he had contacted the CEC Cycling Champion (Susie Acresmith) with his ideas for putting cycling “on the agenda” but to date had not received any response. He has offered his services as a {cycling} trainer to the village FOC though there may be some costs. Cllr. Cookson asked that he email his proposal to the Clerk to the Council together with his qualifications.
- Bob Marshall – Thanked Cllrs., Elves and Holloway for attending the recent NW meeting. The meeting unanimously approved a grant of £250 to NW. A proposal to combine the NW bulletin with the Parish Magazine is being considered.

Report from PCSO Darroch:

- Instance of sheep worrying by dogs accompanied by persons unknown on land near Wood Lane. The effects on pregnant ewes is not yet known. Cllr. Swann advised that he has warning signs available for posting. (CP Rural Crime Team involved).
- One attempted break-in.
- Instance of a brick being thrown at another vehicle.
- Five people have been arrested in connection with the Co-Op robberies together with 29 other offences.
- Suspected drug dealing taking place in the lane that leads to the sewage farm.
- Cllr. Booth mentioned that parking on the pavements outside the Co-Op and Bakery had worsened since the opening of the Well Being business and that this was compromising the Pelican Crossing.

Report from Cheshire East:

- CEC Cllr. Leach has been advised that the replacement lamps for the lighting standards in Hall Lane are due for delivery this month and should be installed within the next few weeks. Cllr. Booth emphasised that “yellow” lights were required.

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- Following a complaint from a member of the public the CEC Enforcement Officer had visited Lady Grey Farm regarding a contravention of planning. *{Note from DVE. Unable to trace planning application.}* An alcohol and entertainment licence has been applied for which is said to be for a family wedding in February. Cllr. Leach has a meeting planned with the complainant on Tuesday 7th January.
- CEC have refused to consider traffic calming along Town Lane as it forms part of a 'B' road.
- Cllr. Leach is still trying to get permission from CEC to allow the school to sow wild flowers on grass verge(s).

Correspondence:

- Email received from Jean Underhill advising that no grant had been received during 2019 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. To be investigated.
- Card received from Mrs Margaret Groves on behalf of Mobberley Senior Citizens Committee thanking the PC for their donation.

Finance Report: Approval refused. It was felt that in the absence of the Clerk to the Council (now retired) more understanding was required regarding how the report worked. The report will be resubmitted at the next PC meeting.

Receipt of committee reports:

Planning:

- Discussion on when to hold the monthly planning meetings during which various options were put forward. Decided: The planning meetings will take place on the last Tuesday of each month.
- The equipment to allow 'paperless' meetings has been successfully tested. It will be used at the next planning meeting.
- Cllr. Unterhalter suggested that the newly appointed Clerk to the Council attend the next planning meeting to gauge whether future {planning} meetings require her attendance.
- Cllr. Unterhalter thanked Cllr. Kendall for her assistance at previous meetings

Highways:

- Road sweepers have attended 'most' of the roads in Mobberley.
- Cllr. Booth advises that potholes etc., should be reported to CEC.

Victory Hall:

- 'Conservation' has approved the proposed composite alternative to tiling. The composite is lighter and will allow hall closure to be shorter than the original proposal. Cost is in the region of £80k.
- Discussion regarding ownership of the hall which currently is not at all clear. The PC are custodians only at present. Cllr. Pike has taken legal advice and has a proposal to

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regularise ownership which she will discuss with the TDC. The cost could be up to +/- £10k.

- Cllr. Swann asked if somebody could take a look at the marketing for the hall.

Community meadow:

- Cllr. Swann advised that the village has 210 trees being delivered in November the largest of which will be about 60cm tall. The trees will be delivered in two packs one of which is specifically designed to encourage wildlife. He will be looking for suggestions re siting and some assistance at the appropriate time.

Footpaths: No report.

Hedges: No report

Village matters:

- Cllr. Booth advised that the PC has £809 in the Community Clean Up grant that has to be spent before the end of March. Some discussion ensued with various proposals made but no firm decision made.
- Cllr. Lambert advised that a litter picking event is being organised.
- The new village notice board is being erected week beginning 13th.
- Discussion regarding a proposal to erect posts on the grass verges at Tatton Stile, also verges at Town Lane/Edenfield Road/Oldfield Road junction. No decision.

Manchester Airport: No report

Police Liaison: See PCSO report

Youth Council: Mobberley Youth have got through to the final.

Parish Newsletter: Sara Sherwood (recently retired clerk) will organise the January newsletter.

Neighbourhood Plan: No report

Meeting closed 21:45. Next meeting Monday 3rd February