



MOBBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 1st March 2021 (taken from Zoom recording)

Present:

Chair: Hannah Moss

Councillors: C. Booth, A. Holloway, S. Kendall, V. Pike, D. Elves, D. Swann, J. Gow, J. Unterhalter, Heidi Gilks.

Also present: Charlotte Leach (Cheshire East)

Agenda: Public.

1. Apologies: None. Chair advised that Cllr. Paterson has resigned and that Cllr. Booth has stepped down as Vice chair.
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Election of Vice Chair: Cllr. Holloway sole nomination. Approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes 1st February 2021: Councillor Kendall requested a minor change to section 10.4 – Community Meadow.
Minutes approved. Cllr. Holloway and Cllr. Gow
5. Public participation: None
6. Report from Knutsford Community Police: None received.
7. Report from Cheshire East Council Cllr. Leach:
Asked for any questions regarding the information she has provided so far on the two Broad Oak Lane planning matters.
First application refused. The applicant has appealed, no appeal date at present.
Second planning application. Not yet considered by CE. Cllr. Leach will chase.
CE plan to auction the car parks behind Goostrey's Bakers and Oldfield Drive. No information available.
CE consultation document regarding changes to parish councils which proposes a minor border change for Mobberley. Documents to be distributed.
Cllr. Leach now a member of the Tatton Board.
Collapsed drain in Mill Lane. CE currently have no plans to repair before businesses reopen.
Cllr. Leach will chase.
8. Correspondence: None received

9. Finance, Cllr. Elves:

No finance report presented due to *[temporary]* inability to access online banking. February report to be presented at next meeting. Update on the set up of the replacement system. Zoom meeting(s) planned for week beginning 15th March to explain the system to interested councillors.

Victory Hall VAT discussions, Cllr. Pike: She has been speaking to an accountant who is looking into the matter. Currently this is free of charge.

Committee Reports

10.1. Planning, Cllr. Unterhalter:

The Planning Committee considered nine applications; only one objection. Cllrs. Gilks and Swann thanked for their support.

10.2. Highways/Amenities/Hedges, Cllr. Holloway:

Cheshire East 20 is Plenty list of suggestions from the general public sent to CE. Mentioned specifically were Town Lane, Church Lane, Broad Oak Lane and New Hall Lane. Full list available. **Cheshire East Cycling/Walking initiative.** Publicised via Facebook/'Mobberley Matters'. Detailed response from Paul Thompson (copy sent to Clerk and Cheshire East) including a comment that he would like to be the nominated person *[for Mobberley]*. Mr Thompson had attended a previous Council meeting with a view to becoming Mobberley's 'Cycling Champion'. He was asked to provide some qualification but this was not received. Cllr. Unterhalter questioned why the Council needed to be involved and suggested that Mr. Thompson dealt with the matter himself. There was some agreement with this. Cllr. Holloway will follow up.

10.3. Victory Hall TDC, Cllr. Pike:

If permitted they hope to reopen the building to the public in April. The Booking secretary has been asked to promote the building for weddings etc., for later this year and next. Unlikely that the Bingo will return this year due to the nervousness of the mainly elderly residents. Update after the TDC meeting later this month.

10.4. Community Meadow, Cllr. Pike:

Action from last meeting regarding removal of hedge. Cllr. Swann has obtained a plan which shows that part of the affected area may belong to United Utilities. UU contacted. Cllr. Pike has acquired the deeds and confirms that the Parish owns the land abutting the hedge. She also advised that it is an offence to remove a hedge without replacing it with something unless it is causing an obstruction. Regulations relating to hedges apply to common land, nature reserve or SSI, the CM falls into all three categories. Cllr. Swann mentioned that the hedge has barbed wire running through it that could be considered a health and safety issue. He suggested that if the wire were removed users of the meadow would find their own route through the hedge.

10.5. Footpaths: No serious issues. A parishioner has complained of signage on a path which states no right of way, CE informed, no response. General comment regarding lack of response from CE.

10.6 Village Pride/Events, Cllr. Kendall:

Flag Protocol *[now issued to Council]* especially relating to the death of the Monarch or senior royal. It is unclear where we would get our instruction from since nothing has been received from CE. Cllr. Kendal suggested that the protocol be distributed to those parishioners that fly flags. Question raised regarding whether communication to parishioners should be sent in the name of the Clerk. Cllr. Moss agreed but in the absence of a clerk she was happy for Cllr. Kendall

to communicate the protocol direct.

Cllr. Kendall will organise litter picking event(s) previously organised by another councillor, *[now resigned]*. Two competitions mentioned; Christmas lights to remain, suggestion to replace garden competition with a treasure hunt in the Community Meadow. Request for more support for Village matters prompted a positive response from several councillors.

10.7. Rajar Building, Cllr. Pike:

Question to Chair regarding whether anything had been heard about the gas meter move. *[Clerk's email being monitored by Cllr. Moss]* Email forwarded to Cllr. Booth but not received so will be resent.

Developing Room lobby fire exit door rotted at the bottom. *[it will need replacing in the next month or so]*. Some moisture ingress noted around the new fire exit door. Rotting floorboard removed and area dried out ready for replacement. *[moisture has been getting in for some time but no indication of how.]*

Intermittent fault on the front door mag lock. Door being locked via the Yale lock and all lessees have been given a key *[technician planned for week beginning 8th March]*. Discussion ensued regarding Covid-19 risk assessment for May elections, delivery of voting booths and the need for marshals on election day.

10.8. Public Transport/Airport, Cllr. Kendall:

No meetings during Covid-19 crisis. MAG using email to distribute updates and any articles for inclusion in the Newsletter.

10.9. Manchester Airport Consultative Committee, Cllr. Booth:

Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting 12th February. Main topic was changes to airspace. Some confusion in that they have said that anything discussed at the TAG meeting was considered confidential until released by the *[TAG]* Chair. Night noise policy extended to 2023/24 due to Covid-19. TAG will be involved when reactivated.

10.9a. Cheshire Resilience Plan, Cllr. Gow: Document reviewed *[now distributed for comment]* and some changes required to contact numbers in the 'telephone tree'. Discussion regarding the council responsibilities and designation of councillors. Cllr. Gow opined that the 'tree' should be flexible to take into account that a designated councillor may not be available.

10.10. Police Liaison, Cllr. Booth:

No report received from local PCSO, nothing on Police website relating to Mobberley. Zoom meeting with Homewatch regarding crime prevention methods. Also mention of updated scams circulating and a request to make people aware through whatever platform we can. A particular scam concerns receipt of a text with a response number which when 'clicked' connects with a fictitious organisation that demands money to pay an 'unpaid tax bill' incurred by a 'previous employer'.

10.11. Youth Council, Cllr. Moss: No report

10.12. Newsletter/Website, Cllr. Moss/Cllr. Gow: Gathering information during the week. Plan to put the Newsletter together Saturday (6th) for distribution. Cllr. Booth will liaise with Neighbourhood Watch, Cllr. Kendall will liaise with MAG. The Newsletter will be published online this month.

Website: Cllr. Gow mentioned updating the website which was made 'live' during the meeting after unanimous vote by council. Some discussion regarding the booking system for the Rajar and the link to the Victory Hall website.

10.13. Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr. Elves: Nothing to report.

11.0. Broad Oak Lane, Cllr. Gilks: Update provided for the Newsletter. Currently waiting for the applicant's grounds for appeal and a court date for sentencing the applicant for ignoring a court order.

AOB, Cllr. Moss: Good response from councillors regarding training courses. Cllr. Kendall organising.

Cllr. Moss in touch with CHALC concerning the replacement of the Clerk and the recruitment of two councillor vacancies.

Date of next Meeting: 19:00 Monday 12th April