

MOBBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 2nd October 2023 held at the Rajar Building, 7pm.

Present:

Chair: Hannah Moss

Councillors: Karen Baker, Jackie Jones, Viv Pike, Anne Holloway, Sally Thomas, Susan Bellamy, David Swan.

Clerk: Kate Marsh

Also present:

Public Forum.

0 members of the public was present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs: Heidi Gilks, David Brush, Janet Cookson.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

3. **Minutes:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

4. **Public participation:** None.

5. **Report from Representatives of Outside Bodies:**

Cheshire East Ward Councillor, Cllr Moss, provided the following update: Blocked gullies and pot holes have continued to be reported. Planned work is due to take place on Hobcroft Lane this week for flooding at the top of Slade Lane. Cllr Moss has had a number of queries from concerned parents about the bus service that takes children from Mobberley to Knutsford Academy. Cllr Moss is raising this with Cheshire East. Cllr Browne, Chair of Highways at Cheshire East has met with Cllr Moss to discuss particular issues being faced in the ward. The road around the school is of particular concern. There is not enough space to accommodate a pedestrian crossing but Cllr Browne has offered some flashing lights to indicate a 20mph around the school. Cllr Moss will put in an application for these. Cllr Moss is going to apply for a traffic assessment on Faulkners Lane. Cllr Moss is hoping to get all the parishes in the ward to sign up to the 20 is Plenty campaign.

PC John Millman was not present at the meeting but provided the following report: To keep you updated on staffing I am still short of a PCSO on the ward however the SGT post has now been filled and they have started in the role. The good news is that a further police constable is set to join me on the ward to make up for the lack of PCSO. I do not have a timeframe at this stage for when they are due to start. Once I know more, I will be in touch. We have been called out to three property

alarms this month. At each alarm it was all in order. A complaint about noise nuisance was received. Unfortunately, this is not a police matter and was referred to the correct agency. There have been two reported road traffic collisions during the month which have been dealt with. A vehicle has been stopped in the area due to issues with their number plate. A ticket has been issued for the alleged offence. Following a traffic stop a driver has been summoned to court for alleged driving offences. A stop and search was conducted and a suspect was found to be in possession of suspected drugs. The matter is still under investigation. There was one reported theft of motor vehicle taken during the month. However, at this stage no suspect has been identified. We have taken no burglary reports or any new information regarding suspected drug dealing in the area.

Manchester Airport Representative. Noise complaints May to July – 83 for Mobberley, Knutsford was over 220 and Bowden had nearly 300. They are back to normal pre-Covid levels day and night. Air traffic will go totally to sat nav in Manchester at the end of 2024. Surveys have been carried out with staff about how they travel to work, the bus companies are low on the list of types of transport that staff are using. Talks will be carried out with the bus companies about providing a better service from the south of the airport. A survey needs to be carried out with residents about whether such a service would be used by staff or passengers etc. It was agreed that a piece would be put in the newsletter to gather some information.

Victory Hall, TDC. Cllr Pike gave an update. Cllr Moss will request to attend the next Club committee meeting. It was agreed that the wording of the Trust Deed will be amended as per the advice of the legal firm instructed in this matter. A letter will be sent to the Land Registry stating that the registration hasn't been finalised yet which is impeding the application to the Charity Commission for the Victory Hall to become a registered charity. The Clerk will draft this correspondence.

Youth Council. No update.

6. Correspondence

A response has been approved to the correspondence that was read out at the meeting in September. This will be sent by the Clerk.

7. Cheshire East Asset Transfer of Garage Sites

No update. Cllr Moss will endeavour to get an update from Cheshire East.

8. Neighbourhood Plan.

A new consultant has been found to work with the working party to complete the Plan.

9. Community Meadow / Field Side Close Trees

The TPO maintenance request to work on the trees at the edge of Field Side Close has been sent to Cheshire East.

10. Hall Bank

Correspondence to all the residents of Hall Bank has been approved which details the proposal to do the repair work to the entrance to the unadopted road. The letters will be hand delivered to all 19 properties.

11. Finance

The finance report for September was approved by full council. The bank reconciliation was approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The payments for approval were approved and signed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would register the Council for VAT. This will mean more flexibility for ticket sales and newsletter advertising going forward.

12. Planning Committee

4 planning applications were considered at the committee meeting on the 18th September 2023.

4 no objection.

0 objection.

13. Rajar Committee

The new leases have now been signed by the tenants. Cllr Brush has done some checks on the electricity meter readings as the bills seem quite high. These appear to be correct. It was agreed that a reminder would be sent to all regular hirers and people who book a party to switch the lights off after the event.

The fire alarm maintenance has been carried out and new batteries are required on the base unit.

The maintenance firm are going to fit these.

14. Village Events Committee

A committee meeting was held last week. The charity event is going to go ahead on the 21st October. Bingo is now back on with a councillor rota. Trick or Treating is going to take place at the Rajar on Halloween. The Christmas Lights Switch on will be on 24th November and the Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch will take place on the 21st December. Monthly quiz nights are going to take place at the Rajar over the winter months. Two wreath making events are being run by an outside organisation at the Rajar. A Pie and Pint Night will take place next year at the Victory Hall.

It was agreed that a plaque would be engraved to go at the base of the Queen Elizabeth II memorial to give some background to the piece.

15. Village Amenities Committee

Cllr Swan has sewn wildflower seeds on the Broadoak Lane verge. The flowers have been cut off the Ragwort on the Community Meadow and disposed of so that the seeds don't spread. Plans for the accessible Community Meadow path have now been drawn up and were viewed. Options for grant funding will be researched by the clerk. A broken gatepost at the end of Edenfield Close has been replaced. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to landowners with hedges that need cutting back along the footpaths. It was agreed that the hedge on the main road and around the path would be cutback at a cost of £450.

16. Clerk's Report

The Complaints procedure was circulated prior to the meeting and adopted by full council.

The Clerk attended the Cheshire SLCC Annual Clerk's Conference and provided a report.

The regular playground inspection report was noted.

17. Member's Report

The funding for the water butt and noticeboard has been agreed at the Station from the Community Rail Officer. Another station meet up will be taking place on Friday morning.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of next Meeting: Monday 6th November 2023 at 7pm.