

# **MOBBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 held at the Rajar Building, 7pm.

## **Present:**

Chair: Hannah Moss

Councillors: Karen Baker, David Brush, Jackie Jones, Viv Pike, Anne Holloway, Sally Thomas, Janet Cookson.

Clerk: Kate Marsh

Also present:

## **Public Forum.**

0 members of the public was present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs: Heidi Gilks, Susan Bellamy, David Swan.

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

3. **Minutes:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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. Various pot holes have been submitted and fixed. The tree canopies on Bucklow Avenue have been cut. Two separate issues of fly tipping have been dealt with. Two leaks have been reported – one has been fixed and the other scheduled to be fixed. Various blocked gullies have been reported. The Field Side Close trees have been determined that they belong to the Parish Council and they need maintenance work. The footpaths on Newton Hall Lane are to be sided out using the ward councillor highways budget. Green bin charges are going to be coming in later in the year.

Cllr Moss read out a letter from a resident regarding a planning application. It was agreed that the Parish Council will draft a response to this letter.

PC John Millman was not present at the meeting but provided the following report: I am still short of a PCSO on the ward however the sergeant post has now been filled and they are due to start this week. The main incidents this month in Mobberley have been two robbery/burglary incidents which saw armed officers and the helicopter deployed. These reports are being investigated by detectives and all lines of enquiry will be explored. Further patrols have been requested in the area to increase visibility. Police are asking for any information or suspicious activity to be reported via 101 or the

website. An arrest was made during a domestic incident. The full file of evidence has been assessed and no further action will be taken against the suspect. Two house alarms were attended by police during the month and were all in order on arrival. A neighbour issue involving possible criminal damage is under investigation by local officers. Two calls were taken over possible drink drivers in the area. One report saw a search made and no trace of the vehicle. The second call was determined to be a malicious call for the attending officers. A report of damage was received to a church in the area. This has been investigated by police and no suspects were identified following a lack of evidence. A civil issue has been reported to police over building work. Suitable advice has been passed to the reporting person. A possible report of fraud has been taken and has been passed to Action Fraud for their assessment. There has been an incident involving theft of number plates. Due to a lack of evidence no suspect has been identified. Police are advising vehicle owners to be cautious over their own vehicles.

Manchester Airport Representative. No update.

Victory Hall, TDC. No update.

Youth Council. No update.

#### **6. Correspondence**

One piece of correspondence has been received from a resident which was read out by the Cheshire East Ward Councillor and discussed under Cheshire East.

#### **7. Cheshire East Asset Transfer of Garage Sites**

Approval has now been obtained to advertise loss of Public Open Space. Cheshire East Council have instructed their solicitor to proceed as soon as possible.

#### **8. Neighbourhood Plan.**

The Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report has been finalised. Cheshire East Neighbourhood Planning Team have sent through their comments on the first draft of the plan. A consultant will be engaged to incorporate the comments prior to the next stage of the consultation process.

#### **9. Local Council Award Scheme.**

It was resolved that the Council meet the criteria for the Quality Award and the application will now be sent into the panel.

#### **10. Community Meadow / Field Side Close Trees**

Quotes for the maintenance work that is required on the sycamore trees have been obtained. One quote was agreed and it resolved that this will be paid for using the contingency fund.

#### **11. Hall Bank**

The unadopted road at Hall Bank was discussed. It was agreed that letters would be sent to all properties with the suggestion that all residents, the Scouts and the Parish Council share the costs of the repair work that is needed at the entrance to the road. A list of properties will be requested.

#### **12. Finance**

The finance report for August 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. Committees were reminded to send any spending proposals for the 2024/25 budget to the Clerk by the October meeting.

**13. Planning Committee**

7 planning applications were considered at the committee meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

7 no objection.

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**14. Rajar Committee**

The proposal for the electric vehicle charge points were discussed. The proposal is at no cost to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the charge points will be installed and the Clerk will make arrangements with the contractor for the work to go ahead.

**15. Village Events Committee**

The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Statue will be unveiled on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Bingo has started again on a Friday evening. Monthly quiz nights are also planned at the Rajar for the remainder of the year.

The main fundraising event of the year is to support Prevent Breast Cancer with a ladies night on the 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Victory Hall. 100 tickets are available.

A small event will be put on for Halloween.

Senior Citizens Christmas lunch is to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Another station volunteer group in Cheshire has come up with a proposal to put together a long borders for the RHS Show at Tatton. This will be in collaboration with other Cheshire Station Groups. It was agreed that the Mobberley Station Volunteers will be asked whether they want to take part.

**16. Village Amenities Committee**

No update.

**17. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reminded members about the use of Mobberley Parish Council email addresses and that any correspondence received from residents needs to be deleted once the correspondence / matter has been dealt with.

The conclusion of the external audit was noted. The publication for this has been posted on the noticeboards and on the website.

It was agreed that a ROSPA annual playground inspection would be quoted for in the future rather than going directly through the insurance company.

The regular playground inspection report was noted.

**18. Member's Report**

Cllr Moss and the Clerk attended the Knutsford Area Parishes Meeting and reported back. There are a number of ideas that are of interest to the Council, particularly the idea to share the cost of, or set up a loan scheme, of the mobile speed indicator devices.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

[Date of next Meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at 7pm.](#)