

MOBBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 4th December 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
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes:** Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 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: Following a request for more dog poo bins, Cheshire East have confirmed that they are not issuing any new bins at present due to budget constraints. Reports have been made about the lack of winter gritting. A flooding report has been submitted for the ongoing issue on Smith Lane. Cllr Moss submitted comments on the Green Space Review regarding the five Mobberley sites under review. A review meeting is taking place on Wednesday night to discuss the options for the car parking charges. This will go to Highways for a vote in January.

PC John Millman was not present at the meeting but provided the following report: *I am PC 30219 John MILMAN, and I am the beat PC for Mobberley. Please accept my apologies for not attending as I am on a day off. To keep you updated on staffing I am still short of a PCSO on the ward and the plan was for another PC to join me. However, this has once again changed, and I am still working the area on my own. Mobberley has seen 22 incidents this month. An arrest by local officers for an allegation of drug driving. We are awaiting the results of the blood test prior to a charging decision. Cheshire officers have assisted colleagues from Greater Manchester Police with an arrest for an offence on their force area. A house alarm was attended, and officers have checked the property to ensure it was all in order. A suspicious van has been reported in the area. Local officers are looking to progress*

this enquiry. A road traffic collision was reported, and all details have been exchanged for the insurance companies to manage. A report of fraud has been received and this has been passed to Action Fraud. Officers were called to a report of a pedestrian walking in road during the middle of the night. Officers attended the area and could not locate the male.

Manchester Airport Representative. No update. A meeting is due to take place in the New Year.

Victory Hall, TDC. The Land Registry have now completed the registration of the Victory Hall. No further progress has been made with regard to the tenancy agreement.

Youth Council. It was agreed that a discussion would take place with The Beacon about working with their youth group to gather ideas for work that the younger members of the community would like to see in the village.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received regarding setting up a communal composting site in the village. Concerns were raised about pest control and how this would be maintained. It was suggested that there was guidance on the Cheshire East website about home composting.

7. Cheshire East Asset Transfer of Garage Sites

The following update has been received from Cheshire East: - Following the completion of the statutory public open space process, approval is now required to proceed with the proposed leases. The Councils legal team are instructed on this matter.

8. Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Brush and the Clerk are meeting with the planning consultants on Thursday 7th December to go through their recommendations for the plan.

9. Great Oak Square Bench

£105 was raised at the Christmas Lights Switch On event to go towards the Great Oak Square bench. A quote has been received for £450. It was agreed that the Clerk will instruct the work to go ahead.

10. Hall Bank

The Clerk is still waiting to hear back from three properties. Two of these are Peaks and Plains flats. The Clerk has written to Peaks and Plains to explain the situation. It was agreed that a further quote would be obtained for the piece of land from the Scout Hut gate to the newer tarmac section. The cost for this will be split between the properties that use this section of the road.

11. Fieldside Close Trees

The Clerk confirmed that the 6-week period has passed allowing the maintenance work to go ahead on the trees with a Tree Preservation Order on the edge of the Community Meadow.

12. Friends of Mobberley Station

Cllr Jones attended the Northern Health and Safety briefing to enable her to brief any new volunteers that join the group. The Parish Ranger is liaising with the Community Rail Officer about the placement of the restored bench on the platform.

There is an RHS Tatton Long Border Bid being put together by the Mid Cheshire Lines. Two of the volunteer group for Mobberley have agreed to get involved.

13. Councillor Vacancies

Cheshire East Council have confirmed that no election has been called and that the Council can go ahead and co-opt.

14. Finance

The finance report for November 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 confirmed that the Parish Council will pay a contribution of £2,000 towards the Knutsford Citizens Advice Bureau for the next three years.

15. Planning Committee

3 planning applications were considered at the committee meeting on the 20th November 2023.

1 no objection.

2 objection.

16. Rajar Committee

A meeting took place last week. The Clerk has written to the Family History Society regarding allocating two spaces in the car park to EV charge points. Cllr Brush is continuing to monitor the electricity usage. A date was confirmed for the Rajar caretaker annual review. Cllr Jones and the Clerk will carry this out.

17. Village Events Committee

A meeting took place last week where an outline for events in 2024 was put together.

There was a great turnout at the Christmas Lights Switch On.

The senior citizen's Christmas lunch will take place on the 21st December at the Rajar.

18. Village Amenities Committee

A discussion took place about lighting the Horse Sculpture. It was agreed that contact would be made with Cheshire East Planning to enquire as to whether this was viable.

19. Clerk's Report

It was agreed that the 2024 newsletter advertising rates would be £375 for a full page, £220 for a half page and £135 for a part page. VAT will be added to these rates.

The regular playground inspection report was noted.

20. Member's Report

None.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next Meeting: Monday 8th January 2024 at 7pm.