

MOBBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 5th February 2024 held at the Rajar Building, 7pm.

Present:

Chair: Hannah Moss

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

Clerk: Kate Marsh

Also present:

Public Forum.

7 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Pike and Cllr Brush.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes:** Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2024 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Public participation:** Seven residents attended the meeting. One resident attended to discuss an ongoing planning application at Saltersley Hall. The resident discussed the history of the site and the plan that has been agreed with Cheshire East Planning and Enforcement. A topological survey has been done on the site. The resident is working to bring Saltersley Hall back to where it should be. All the material that is brought in is being monitored. The resident has an understanding of why neighbours are concerned and he wants to keep an open dialogue with the community.

Cllr Anthony Harrison gave an update on the Mallory Foundation work. A musical called Mallory at the Mountain has been performed at various venues. The quest to put in three blue plaques across the UK has continued, one of these being at Hobcroft House in Mobberley. A month of events are planned for Mobberley in June. Cllr Harrison would like the Parish Council to discuss whether to work collaboratively with the charity to help with events and generate support from local residents.

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

Cheshire East Ward Councillor, Cllr Moss, provided the following update: Cllr Moss is continuing to report potholes on a regular basis. The Green Space Consultation has come back at a slightly higher rating, the green spaces in Mobberley are going to continue to be maintained. Initial drawings have come back on the school safety plan. Some amendments have been requested to this.

No update on the Newton Hall Lane and Faulkners Lane speed survey

PC John Millman was not present at the meeting but provided the following report. *There is no update on the staffing situation. There have been several crashes in the area this month. We are trying to get out with the speed gun to monitor when possible. A male was stop and searched in the area with Class B found. This is still under investigation. Officers have attended a house alarm and it was all in order. There are no obvious patterns or repeat issues in the area at the moment.*

Manchester Airport Representative. Cllr Brush attended a recent meeting. The airport is trying to get involved with FlexiLink to give Mobberley residents and those south of the airport more public transport options. FlexiLink is in need of volunteer drivers. The airport is experiencing a lot of illegal parking and scam companies working as 'park and go.'

Victory Hall, TDC. Cllr Pike was not present at the meeting but provided the following update. Ian Blay and Cllr Pike are meeting with an architect and a builder, recommended by the architect, with a view to finalising the kitchen plans and requesting a quotation from the builder. Two other quotes will also be sought. There is no further progress with regard to the signing of the Tenancy Agreement. An application to Cheshire East Community Fund has been submitted.

Youth Consultation. Cllr Pike has spoken with John at The Beacon who runs the Youth Club. He is going to ask the young people what they would like to see progressed in the village but he said it could be a while before he gets any worthwhile feedback.

Friends of Mobberley Station – The next volunteer session will be Saturday 16th March. This will be advertised in the newsletter. The RHS long border submission has been approved and submitted to the RHS. The Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards is on the 12th March and Cllr Bellamy and Cllr Jones are attending on behalf of the group.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received in regards to the Mallory Anniversary celebrations. This will be discussed further at the village events meeting next week.

7. Cheshire East Asset Transfer of Garage Sites

Cheshire East have still not obtained legal sign off. The Clerk will continue to chase weekly.

8. Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan working group met and have incorporated the findings of the consultant into the draft plan. The planning consultant has received the updated document with a view to advising on the next steps to proceed with Regulation 14.

9. Hall Bank

It was agreed that a meeting would take place at the Scout Hut with the Parish Council and residents to discuss this further. The Clerk will organise this for a Saturday morning and send a note round to the residents.

10. 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

No update.

11. Victory Hall Gardening Arrangements

The current gardener has given notice of his plans to retire. It was agreed that Cllr Swan would liaise with the current gardener about the specification of the work.

12. Newsletter Costs

A document was circulated prior to the meeting giving details of the costings of the newsletter. Printing costs have increased and the amount brought in through advertising has decreased. An email will be sent out to local businesses to try and recruit some new advertisers. It was agreed that a piece would be written in the newsletter to make residents aware of potential changes in the newsletter format and to gauge their views.

13. Affinity Lottery

A report was circulated prior to the meeting giving details of the Affinity Lottery scheme and the benefits it can bring to local communities. It was agreed that a piece would be written in the newsletter to seek opinion on the scheme.

14. Finance

The finance report for January 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. The insurance policy was circulated prior to the meeting and approved by full council. It was agreed that the recently received CIL monies would be consulted on with a piece in the newsletter. Members will draft a list of potential projects prior to the March meeting. Cllr Bellamy and Swan agreed to become signatories on the bank account. The contract for the summer hanging baskets and the cutting of the Scout Hut Playing Field was approved.

15. Planning Committee

1 planning application was considered at the committee meeting on the 15th January 2024.

1 no objection.

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Cllr Craig Browne is going to attend the meeting on the 19th February to give a Cheshire East Highways update.

16. Rajar Committee

One of the building tenants has queried whether they can pay for and install a washing machine in the kitchen. This would be used by them a few times a week and could also be used by the Rajar Caretaker for tea towels, cloths etc. The Council were worried about other people interfering with it and it getting damaged at a children's party etc.

17. Village Events Committee

There is a meeting of the events committee next week. A further update will follow at the March meeting.

Cllr Jones agreed to see whether she could repair the Union Jack flag at the Victory Hall.

18. Village Amenities Committee

A power line pole that had come down over a footpath near Smith Lane has been reported and

repaired.

Cllr Swan is doing some work to maintain the willow on the Community Meadow.

It was agreed to meet at the horse sculpture on the 19th February at 6.30pm to make a decision about lighting.

Stiles on Newton Hall Lane need looking at behind Newton Hall. Three of them need replacing with kissing gates. The Clerk will liaise with Cheshire East and make enquiries whether they fit the criteria for installing kissing gates.

A query was raised about starting the Community Award Prize again. The Clerk will make enquiries about locating the vase.

19. Clerk's Report

The regular playground inspection report was noted.

One of the pieces of the old goal post on the Ilford Playing Field needs removing. Cllr Swan will arrange for this to be removed.

20. Member's Report

A vote took place about whether meetings should be live streamed on Facebook. Members voted against this.

Cllr Bellamy discussed the Mobberley pensioners day out to Llandudno. This year will go ahead but this will be the last one with the current organisers. The village events committee will carry out some research to see whether the Parish Council can carry this on in future years.

Meeting closed at 9.12pm

[Date of next Meeting: Monday 4th March 2024 at 7pm.](#)