



MOBBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 7th June 2021 held at the Victory Hall Building, 7pm.

Present:

Chair: Hannah Moss

Councillors: Sally Kendall, David Swan, John Unterhalter, David Elves

Also present: Charlotte Leach (Cllr. Cheshire East)

Public Forum.

0 members of the public was present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Gilks, Cllr. Gow.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes:**
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2021 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Public participation:** None
5. **Report from Knutsford Community Police:** The PCSO was unable to attend the meeting.
6. **Report from Cheshire East Council, Cllr. Leach:**
Mode Cottage, adjacent to the primary school, is now on the market.
There has been a 30% increase across the borough in planning applications submitted to Cheshire East since the easing of Covid restrictions. Cllr Unterhalter asked Cllr Leach to arrange for a meeting with one of the planning officers and the planning sub-committee so that decisions are made more in align with the planning officers.
Moss Lane – a new owner has been found for the site and has submitted a planning application.
Brodoak Lane – Cllr Leach suggested that the council consider a suitable person to be a witness at the trial who has planning experience.
Quaker's Burial Ground update – Legal, archaeological and planning are all getting their heads together around the matter. Cllr Swan spoke to Planning Enforcement and suggested that when the enforcement team visited the site, they did it softly. The Enforcement Team did the opposite and have made the situation worse. Cllr Swan wanted to make his dissatisfaction known and feels that Cheshire East have not handled this well. Cllr Leach will liaise with the Complaints Department on Cllr Swan's behalf if he feels he wants to make a complaint against Enforcement.

Mobberley Garages – Cllr Leach is waiting for further information. Cllr Swan discussed the matter of the right of way being a burden on the land and residents are raising concerns about whether this will affect the sale.

Cllr Leach left the meeting at 19:22.

7. Audit and Local Councils England 2020 / 21.

The internal audit report was circulated prior to the meeting and the recommendations were noted by full council.

The Annual Governance Statement of the AGAR 2020 / 21 was circulated to full council prior to the meeting. This was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.

The Annual Accounting Statement of the AGAR 2020 / 21 was circulated to full council prior to the meeting. This was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.

The Public Inspection Period (Notice of Public Rights) was approved from Monday 14th June 2021 to Friday 23rd July 2021. The information will be posted on the website and noticeboards.

8. General Power of Competence 2021 / 22.

Full council approved the requirements to exercise the General Power of Competence for the forthcoming year and to no longer use S137 as a power to spend on certain items.

9. Financial Regulations 2021.

The financial regulations were circulated prior to the meeting and adopted by full council.

10. Standing Orders 2021.

The standing orders were circulated prior to the meeting and adopted by full council.

11. Volunteers Policy 2021.

The Volunteers Policy was circulated prior to the meeting and adopted by full council.

12. Data Retention Policy Appendix.

The Data Retention Policy Appendix was circulated prior to the meeting and adopted by full council.

13. Councillor Co-option

The clerk confirmed that the 14-day period following the public advertisement had expired and the Monitoring Officer had given the go ahead to co-opt.

A discussion took place about putting in place an induction for new councillors.

14. Correspondence:

Ongoing correspondence regarding the Quaker Burial Ground concerns.

Concerns have been raised regarding the field by the Victory Hall and the children's play equipment left lying around. This was discussed at the meeting in May and the Clerk has since written to the secretary of the Club to make them aware of the issue. The Clerk will follow up with this.

Permission requested from Mobberley Scouts to lay loose gravel on top of the grass in the damp corner of the scout hut was discussed at the last meeting. The Clerk wrote to the secretary to ask them to come up with an alternative solution for the Parish Council to consider. Nothing further has been received following this.

Correspondence received regarding parking at the Rajar Building. The resident has since

corresponded to say that repainting the markings and having clearer signs would help the issue. This will go onto the agenda for the next Rajar Committee meeting.

A query has been raised about whether there are plans for a zebra crossing outside the Rajar Building to help children across to the bus stop at rush hour. This had been discussed previously and it was decided that it would be erected opposite the Co-Op. The Clerk will update the resident in this regard.

15. Finance, Cllr. Elves and Responsible Finance Officer:

The financial report for May 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 2022 grant application process was discussed and it was agreed a piece would go into the newsletter to invite applications.

Cllr Elves asked all councillors to give a thought to plans for the 2022 budget.

Cllr Holloway queried whether it would be worth approaching the GP practise in Knutsford that was in need of an interim option for their building needs about renting the Rajar Building. A meeting will be arranged with the general manager and options assessed.

Committee Reports

16.1. Planning, Cllr. Unterhalter: 9 planning applications were considered on 24th May.

No objection – 5

Objections – 4, details available.

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

2 issues have been referred to Cheshire East.

16.3. Victory Hall TDC, Cllr. Moss:

No update.

16.4. Community Meadow, Cllr. Swan:

A meeting is being held on 9th June to allocate responsibilities for the committee.

Cllr Swan has cut growth back around the newly planted trees. The amount of litter on the site has increased. Cllr Swan will liaise with CADDIS regarding timings for mowing.

Feedback has been received from residents that the meadow is looking the best it has ever looked.

16.5. Footpaths, Cllr. Swan:

Three broken stile have been reported twice to Cheshire East and are still broken.

16.6 Village Pride/Events, Cllr. Kendall:

Terms of reference have been agreed for the sub-committee. Christmas trees have been written off for this year in order to give Alistair more budget to do work in the village. If the money is not available for Christmas trees, then the committee will look at sponsorship for these.

Purchasing benches is a priority for any underspent budget. Cllr Kendall discussed the competitions that will be planned for the forthcoming year – two for summer and one for winter. The summer one is in memory of the Manchester Arena bombing with school children painting bees on rocks.

Cllr Swan is liaising with the Mobberley Beavers about building a bug hotel on the Community Meadow. Related to this will be a community picnic with painted bug stones to be scattered around the area of the bug hotel.

Poppies are going to be placed on lampposts in November with gold bells put on the lampposts when the poppies are taken down.

16.7. Rajar Building, Cllr. Elves:
No update.

16.8. Public Transport / Manchester Airport, Cllr. Kendall:
No update.

16.9 Cheshire Resilience Plan, Cllr. Gow:
Did not attend but advised nothing to report.

16.10. Police Liaison, Cllr. Moss:
Cllr Moss held a meeting with Emma Darroch, PCSO, and she is going to try and attend parish council meetings going forward.
Police clinics will now be held inside the Rajar Building following the easing of Covid restrictions.

16.11. Youth Council, Cllr. Moss:
Mobberley Football Club have a need for further storage on the football ground next to the Harman site. They have requested to put in a brand new dark green shipping container to go into the corner of the playing field. The proposal is to put it against the back hedge of the football field. The Parish Council would support the football club with this as long as it is carried out with the necessary permissions.

16.12. Newsletter/Website, Cllr Moss, Cllr. Gow:
The distribution list for the newsletter is to be looked at to make sure all residents are receiving it. Cllr Gilks will be councillor of the month in the newsletter for July.
The website domain is due for renewal on 30th June and the hosting is going to be moved. Cllr Gow is going to organise this and he will also put in place arrangements for councillors to have their own MPC email addresses.

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

16.14 Broad Oak Lane, Cllr. Gilks:
No update.

17. Clerk's Report

Full Council voted for the change of the bank mandate for the clerk to become a signatory on the NatWest account.

18. Member's Report

It was agreed to continue to have full council meetings on the first Monday of the month going forward.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next Meetings: Monday 5th July.