

MOBBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 8th January 2024 held at the Rajar Building, 7pm.

Present:

Chair: Hannah Moss

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

Clerk: Kate Marsh

Also present:

Public Forum.

0 members of the public was present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Swan and Cllr Brush.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes:** Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2023 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Public participation:** Two residents attended to listen to the meeting.
5. **Report from Representatives of Outside Bodies:**
Cheshire East Ward Councillor, Cllr Moss, provided the following update: Cllr Moss has been reporting issues with pot holes in the area. There are currently a lot requiring urgent attention. No further update with regard to the Broadoak Lane site.

PC John Millman was not present at the meeting. Cllr Pike has contacted one of the Knutsford PCSOs who is going to organise some training for the Speedwatch group. The Clerk will put a piece in the next newsletter asking for volunteers to come forward to attend the training and be part of the group

Manchester Airport Representative. Responses to the question posed in the Mobberley newsletter regarding the bus service between Mobberley and Manchester Airport were sent to the Airport. The Airport have looked into this and there isn't a commercial operator in the Mobberley vicinity who would be able to extend the route but there is the possibility of the Cheshire East Flexibus operator putting on a demand type service. Further updates will be provided when this has been explored in more detail.

Victory Hall, TDC. Next meeting is the 16th January. Cllr Pike is submitting an application to the Cheshire East Greener Communities Facilities Fund for funding for the kitchen refurbishment

project. A new booking secretary has been appointed following the resignation of the previous booking secretary. They are due to start on the 8th January.

Youth Consultation. It was agreed that Cllr Pike will liaise with The Beacon to work on gathering ideas from members of their youth group about how they would like to shape their community.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Councillor Resignation

The resignation of Cllr Gilks was confirmed. The Council would like to pass on their thanks for all the years of work that Cllr Gilks has put in. The Clerk will let Cheshire East know of the vacancy.

8. Councillor Vacancies

The Council currently has vacancies for three councillors. It was agreed that a full page will be put in the February newsletter to advertise this and a post will be put on the Facebook Page and website.

9. Cheshire East Asset Transfer of Garage Sites

It was agreed that Cllr Baker will take over this project.

10. Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Brush and the Clerk met with the planning consultants who have provided a detailed report following the comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan by Cheshire East. A meeting with the working group is due to take place on the 15th January to incorporate all of the findings into the Neighbourhood Plan document.

11. 2024 Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment was circulated prior to the meeting and approved by full council.

12. Local Council Award Scheme Feedback

The Clerk circulated a report prior to the meeting with action points following the feedback from the Local Council Award Scheme panel.

13. 2024 Action Plan

The Clerk has drafted an Action Plan for the year ahead which was circulated prior to the meeting. This was approved and will be monitored throughout the year.

14. 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Clerk will send invitations directly to community groups and an article would be included in the March newsletter with details about the meeting. Refreshments will form part of the evening. Ideas will be put forward for a speaker from a local organisation to attend the event.

15. Grievance Policy

The grievance policy was circulated prior to the meeting and adopted by full council subject to one amendment. Paragraph 3, bullet point 7 will be amended to state that 'if an employee who is

already subject to a disciplinary process raises a grievance, the grievance will normally be heard before the completion of the disciplinary procedure.'

16. Staff Performance Review Document

The document was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed by full council.

17. Clerk Annual Review

It was agreed that the personnel committee would meet on the 26th February to conduct the Clerk's annual review.

18. Hall Bank

A quote has been received for the repair work from the Scout Field gate to the newer section of road. It was agreed that the Clerk will request a revised quote for the first part of the work as the quote has now expired. The Clerk will then write to residents with the details of the new work and the proposal to extend the work to the line of the newer tarmac. The aim will be to complete the work in the spring. The Clerk has been unable to get a response from Peaks and Plains regarding paying their share of the work.

19. Friends of Mobberley Station

Cllr Jones provided an update. A couple of the planter barrels had become flooded – holes will be drilled in the bottom of these at the next Friends meeting so that these can be planted up for the spring. The RHS long border project was discussed. The project is moving along quickly with the group having finalised the design. The design will be presented to the Community Rail Partnership at their next meeting. The submission has to be with the RHS by the 12th February.

20. Finance

The finance report for December 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 resolved that the recently received community donation would be spent on an agility trail to go on the Scout Hut Field to sit alongside the current play equipment.

A decision about the recently received CIL money was postponed until the February meeting.

21. Planning Committee

4 planning applications were considered at the committee meeting on the 11th December 2023.

4 no objection.

0 objection.

22. Rajar Committee

The quote for the ECIR inspection was approved.

The Electric Vehicle Charge Point lease was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will query the section regarding the rent review before they draft the lease that is specific to Mobberley.

The potential three-day event booking was discussed. The event was agreed in principle but it was felt that the request to have the building open over the weekend without staff in the building presented a security risk.

23. Village Events Committee

Bingo is now back on a Friday evening. The Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all those who attended. It was unfortunate that a number of people who booked on did not turn up to the event. This will be discussed at the next village events meeting.

24. Village Amenities Committee

No update.

25. Clerk's Report

The regular playground inspection report was noted.

26. Member's Report

The ChALC training timetable for 2024 was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk will book Cllr Bellamy onto the planning training sessions.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Date of next Meeting: Monday 5th February 2024 at 7pm.