



MOBBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 12th April 2021 (taken from Zoom recording)

Present:

Chair: Hannah Moss

Councillors: A. Holloway, S. Kendall, D. Elves, D. Swann, J. Gow, J. Unterhalter.

Also present: Charlotte Leach (Cllr. Cheshire East)

Prince Philip:

The council observed a period of silence in memory of Prince Philip who died 9th April.

Agenda: Public.

1. Apologies: Cllr. Booth, Cllr. Pike (clash with Scout meeting) and Cllr. Gilks.
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Approval of Minutes 1st March 2021: Approved Cllr. Holloway, Seconded Cllr. Swann
4. Public participation: None
5. Report from Knutsford Community Police: None received. PCSO was invited to the meeting.
6. Report from Cheshire East Council Cllr. Leach:
 - Broad oak Lane (Traveller site)** – Court hearing for sentencing (*relates to refused planning application 20/3462M*) scheduled for 23rd April and remote access ‘dial in’ details should be as before. A leaflet was included with the Newsletter giving details of how to contribute to the local fund. (*£1638 at 16 04 2021*)
 - Cllr. Leach mentioned that she had been contacted by a few residents questioning the purpose of the fund. No decision on the second application. (*20/3409M*)
 - Quaker’s Graveyard update – Liaison with CEC Enforcement Office. Cllr. Unterhalter asked whether a letter from the Parish Council expressing our concerns would be of benefit. The Chair mentioned that the owner had sent an email (to the council) that had yet to be responded to.
 - Bulls Head** – Cllr. Leach advised that she had received a number of enquiries and that enforcement had visited. No planning permission is in place so an application would need to be submitted. Cllr. Unterhalter observed that it would be easy to put back to grass. Cllr. Leach opined that it was a fairly minor matter and that CEC would probably take a pragmatic view.
 - Garage auction** – a few enquiries received but no information received from CEC.
 - Mill Lane** – Drain collapse and flooding, some works carried out. Person taken to hospital

after falling into one of the potholes.

[Lady Grey Farm](#) – Discussion ensued after a question from Cllr. Swann. Some work carried out but paused when Covid-19 lockdown imposed.

[Roadside Finger Posts](#) – Cllr. Kendall mentioned that the Parish Ranger was refurbishing the finger posts and enquired as to whether CEC had any replacement ‘pointers’ stored.

7. Correspondence:

Email received regarding hard copy Newsletter. Resolved.

Correspondence received from Mr. Trafford. Response required.

8. Finance, Cllr. Elves:

January, February and March (end year) Finance Reports distributed.

Approved: Cllr. Moss. Seconded: Cllr. Gow.

Cllr. Elves mentioned an email he had sent to all councillors concerning to their access to the new finance system (Reports). He also mentioned that since the new system included bank reconciliation functionality certain 2021/22 budget allocations have been increased to cover payments made relating to 2020/21.

Committee Reports

10.1. Planning, Cllr. Unterhalter: Nine planning application considered.

No objection – Six.

Objections – three, details available.

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

Cllr. Holloway attended an HS2 Zoom meeting and has distributed the PowerPoint. Two bases being built between Mobberley and Ashley. Expected increase in heavy traffic (approx. 200 vehicles daily) on A556 and M6. Contracts not yet awarded so other routes not yet known.

Something to be aware of rather than imminent concern.

Discussion regarding overfilled waste bins on Ilford Way playing field. CEC have offered additional bins but this is not likely to be soon. Conversation took place regarding methods of control. Cllr. Swann mentioned the presence of a fox rummaging through the rubbish.

10.3. Victory Hall TDC, Cllr. Moss:

No TDC meeting between last MPC meeting and this. They have taken more bookings and there has been increased interest and there has been a piece in the last Newsletter. Awaiting update on the charitable status after which the tenancy agreement (social club) can move forward.

10.4. Community Meadow, Cllr. Swann:

Increase in litter noticed since the improvement in the weather. The trees planted last year are growing nicely. Discussion regarding car(s) parked and blocking the gated entrance and recently established walkway. The car(s) belong to a nearby house which is having major work done to the drive, now almost complete. There was a suggestion made to write to the house concerned but since the work is almost complete this may not be necessary. Cllr. Kendall mentioned that the new entrance was being well used.

10.5. Footpaths:

Nothing to report

10.6 Village Pride/Events, Cllr. Kendall:

Nothing to report. Question regarding finance and the need for the council to approve expenditure even if minor. It was agreed that the main spending committees (Village Pride,

Community Meadow and Rajar Building) should have Terms of Reference which included a discretion to spend an amount (£500?) providing the relevant budget allocation was not exceeded.

10.7. Rajar Building, Cllr. Elves:

Sub committee met and agreed that the Government guidelines enabled us to open the building subject to Covid-19 precautions. Signage refreshed and bookings are now being taken.

Discussion regarding the main door maglock which occasionally fails to engage.

10.8. Public Transport/Airport, Cllr. Kendall:

Community Relations Team normally meet twice a year and has been attended by various MPC councillors though not during Covid-19. The CRT team has been restructured due to retirement and reassignment of personnel. New contacts are Rob Patterson and Helen McNab both currently on part time furlough. Intention is to reintroduce meetings but in the meantime contact is via email.

10.9. Manchester Airport Consultative Committee, Cllr. Booth:

Did not attend but advised the Chair that there was no update.

10.9a. Cheshire Resilience Plan, Cllr. Gow:

Discussion regarding the 'Telephone Tree'. Cllr. Moss requested that an email be distributed to councillors outlining what is required. Once resolved the plan can be published.

10.10. Police Liaison, Cllr. Booth:

Did not attend but advised the Chair that there was no update.

10.11. Youth Council, Cllr. Moss:

No update.

10.12. Newsletter/Website, Cllr. Moss/Cllr. Gow:

Newsletter - Extended edition printed this month and delivered. Comment regarding a feature called 'Meet the Councillor' and a request for contributions.

Website – Still some work required to make it more engaging. Improvement made to PDF reader and a suggestion to get residents to send in their pictures. Also a suggestion to produce a calendar using residents pictures.

10.13. Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr. Elves:

Nothing to report.

11.0. Broad Oak Lane, Cllr. Gilks:

See update from Charlotte Leach.

AOB, Cllr. Moss:

Question regarding vacancies for two councillors. CHALC have advised us to wait until the new Clerk has started. (Start date 4th May)

Date of next Meeting: Monday 10th May