

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MELLOR PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT MELLOR METHODIST CHURCH ON THE 2nd JUNE 2016 AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllrs- Bernard Murtagh (**BM**-Chairman), N. Marsden (**NM**- Vice-Chairman), Noel Walsh (**NW**), Ian Moss (**IM**), Mrs. M. Johnson (**MJ**), Mrs. P. Young (**PY**), Mrs D Crooks (**DC**)

Also in attendance in the public gallery: Mr John Hymas (Chair MCA) and 2 other persons unknown

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, and asked Fiona Murtagh to lead all in prayers

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Mr. Alan Upton(**AU**), Mrs Stella Brunskill (**SB**), Clerk -Mrs T. Taylor (**TT**), Mrs M Young (**MY**)

2. Public Session

- 2.1 Mr. J Hymas (**JH**) passed on a copy of the judging criteria for the best kept village competition.
- 2.2 **JH** also volunteered the services of the Guerilla Gardeners.
- 2.3 **JH** also asked for financial support from MPC to install WiFi at the village Hall. He thought first year cost may be in the region of £500.00, self funding thereafter. After a brief discussion he was asked to present MPC with detailed costings.
- 2.4 **JH** also thanked MPC for the positive result regarding the amendment to the lease.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

- 3.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interest.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2016 were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Matters Arising from Those Minutes

- 5.1 No matters arising only a comment from NW that he thought £1500.00 was still available from RVBC Grant scheme.

6. Planning

- 6.1 No comments made.

7. Consider action re blocked culverts and drains

- 7.1 **BM** has invited Dixons to check for issues and has also spoken to a Yorkshire firm "Hartleys".
ACTION: All agreed that BM should obtain a quote from "Hartleys".

8. LCC Property Strategy

- 8.1 NW reported that Mellor Library had been reprieved and would likely become a "Neighbourhood Centre".

9. To consider Church Lane Postbox reinstatement

- 9.1 A discussion took place regarding the positioning of a new post box. **IM** thought that the existing box at the junction of Mellor Lane and Nicky Lane should be removed and a new box sited near the War Memorial. This idea was well received as the box on Mellor lane is dangerous to motorists and pedestrians.
- 9.2 **RESOLVED:** All collected petition signatures should be forwarded to the Clerk without delay.
- 9.3 **RESOLVED:** A letter to be sent to the PO with a positive suggestion why the box at ML/N Lane should be repositioned.

10. Street Signage Suggestions

10.1 As only DC had done some work on this, the matter was deferred to the next meeting

11. RVBC Grant Scheme

11.1 Grant scheme now has £1005.00 left in the pot

11.2 Play area discussion deferred to next meeting as the Clerk has some costings.

11.3 BM outlined some thoughts about extending the fencing in a straight line rather than cutting the whole area in to 2 parts. A general discussion ensued about the use of the grassed area, access, benching, dog fouling.

12. Councillor training via LALC

12.1 Resolved that Councillors wishing to attend should liaise with the Clerk

13. Accounts & Delegated Powers

13.1 Deferred to the next meeting as the Clerk was not in attendance.

14. RVBC Report :

14.1 NW reported that next meeting was on 9th June, nothing else to report.

15. Matters brought forward by members - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

15.1 **A discussion took place following input from members about the speed reduction plan.** Members were not entirely clear about what the final scheme design would look like. IM would have a look at the notices placed on lamp posts to see if he could find out.

16. Tree Warden

16.1 The question of a "log" book was raised. Log book to be obtained and passed to MJ.

17. War Memorial

17.1 A general discussion ensued regarding what exactly would Matt Griffin be providing for £700.00. The question of whether water was available on site remained unanswered.

17.2 IM had received a "quotation" of £375.00 from a contractor working on his chimney to re-point the paving slabs at the Memorial. A general discussion ensued about Health and Safety and accreditation with RVBC. Clerk to advise.

17.3 A discussion followed about the proposed compost bins.

RESOLVED: NM (Vice Chair) to be authorised to spend up to £100.00 to obtain the posts and timber treatment and any other materials required to complete the work.

18. MCA Report

20.1 No report given

19. Play Area

19.1 See note 11.2 above

20. Date of next meeting

20.1 7th July 2016

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.22 pm, thanking all for their participation.