

Minutes of the Mellor Parish Council Meeting

Held at 7.00 pm, Thursday 4th November 2021

St Mary's School, Mellor

Present: Cllrs Marsden, Hymas, Venables, Mellor, Colborn, Brunskill, Johnson, Crooks & O'Grady.

Cllr Walsh (RVBC), 3 members of the public, PCSO

- 1 To receive and approve apologies for absence**
Clerk (The Chairman also mentioned that Cllr M Walmsley had resigned and would not be attending)
- 2 To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**
None
- 3 Adjournment for Public Session**
 - a. Flooding/Road Whitecroft Lane – Chair to investigate
 - b. Nickey Lane, growth of Himalayan balsam – Chair to investigate
 - c. Need for leaves to be swept, blocked drain – LCC issue, MPC to submit request.
- 4 To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th October 2021**
Agreed
- 5 Any Matters arising from the minutes not covered on this Agenda**
Query ownership of land on Mellor Brow – LCC?
- 6 To consider any response to be made to Planning Applications and any other Planning Matters**
Noted the outcome of the application at Pendle View

Responses to Planning Applications:
 - a. 3/2021/0925 - Loft conv'n + single storey ext to rear. Resub'n of 3/2021/0530 – no objection
 - b. 3/2021/1053 - Lower Warble Hey – Porch extension – No objection
- 7 To consider and approve any Training**
None
- 8 Financial Matters and Accounts**
Bank balances as at 26th August 2021:
Current Account £78,783.65
Investment Account £74.52

To confirm, consider & approve; Invoices for payment since 04.10.21

Clerk's salary for October	£ 440.70	Cheque No. 1721
J Whelan (Newsletters)	£ 95.00	Cheque No. 1722
PayQuest (Playground Insp'n)	£ 360.00	Cheque No. 1724
N Marsden (Notice Board magnets and pins)	£ 11.58	Cheque No. 1723
Eon (War memorial)	£9.00 (approx)	

Other financial matters:

- a. The room rate of £20.00 was agreed by councillors (by e-mail) for the use of the school for meetings (Review April 2022). Noted
- b. To consider the purchase of a:
CANON G2520 printer/ scanner/copier at circa £169.90 Agreed to limit of £230 (inc VAT)
SONY UX570 voice recorder (or similar) at circa £75.00 Defer
- d. To consider and approve the replacement of the Perspex on the Notice Board on Carter Fold. Temp Clerk to Email costs for approval
- e. To delegate draft preparation of the Budget and Precept for 2022/23 to Cllrs Marsden, Venables and Hymas. (Note: Final Decision by Full Council)
Agreed – any suggestions of items for inclusion by Cllrs by 18th Nov. Chair to issue cash flow statement to help understand context of precept request.

9 Council laptop

Now with Clerk

10 Updates on Work in Progress

- a. Report by Cllr Venables on progress regarding remedial work to the muddy area inside the entrance gate – starting c 25/11
- b. Report by Cllr Venables and Crooks on the possible development of grassed area. (Letter to local residents) - Letter gone out, waiting for feedback from residents
- c. Anti-social behaviour in and around the play area – no further complaints, to monitor.
- d. Report by Cllr. Crooks re the Playground inspection – report noted.
- e. Update by Cllr Hymas on the Newsletter and village survey – distributed.
- f. Future use of the Telephone Box Mellor Lane – defibrillator most popular suggested use. Consider buying one & training (Dec agenda). Chair and Temp Clerk to research options
- g. Update by Cllr Hymas on the 2020 pathway - £500 from LCC PROW team. Now have route made up of accessible sections.
- h. Report by Cllr Mellor on the possible use of CCTV in the Parish – some more answers to come from RVBC before further consideration can be given.
- i. To discuss the response from LCC regarding the delay in rectifying road subsidence on Saccary Lane – Refer to Cllr Schofield

11 Update by Cllr Marsden on Traffic Control and or speeding including recent correspondence.

Noted letter send to local resident from LCC saying no action planned.

- 12 Update by Cllr. Marsden on the position of Clerk**
Chair in regular contact with Clerk. Agreed that Cllrs Marsden, Hymas & Colborn to do return to work interview when Clerk fit to return to work.
- 13 Matters affecting MPC and MCA**
a. Update by Cllrs Venables and Cllr. Hymas on the relaxation of the Lease between MPC and MCA regarding the use of the car park by third parties (hirers and traders). Lease can be relaxed on a temporary basis so MCA can use outside space for hire
b. MPC update representative Cllr. Venables. No further meetings
- 14 To recommend topics for discussion with the Right Honourable Nigel Evans MP on 20th November 2021 by the Chairman and Cllr Colborn.**
Agreed to raise
1. suitable infrastructure/roads following Salmesbury development
 2. Improvements to broadband provision in village
 3. need for local doctors' surgery
 4. speeding and traffic control
 5. green energy/climate issues
- 15 Update by Cllr. Colborn & Venables on the future use of social media by the Council**
Cllr Colborn reported that a survey was being conducted of other local Parish Councils to understand how they had used social media and the benefits/problems arising. Recommendation to come to December meeting.
- 16 To receive reports from;**
- a. LCC - None
 - b. RVBC New team to empty dog bins, possibility of additional bins for village
 - c. RV Parish Liaison - None
 - d. Police - PC Tattersley investigating community speeding signs,
- 10 mins extension agreed***
- 17 Matters brought forward by members (for information only)**
- a. Drs practice currently closed due to Covid, Mellor & surrounds could justify own practice.
 - b. Cllr Mellor to pass on details of Sport England to MVH
 - c. Chair pursuing removal of car apparently abandoned at top of Whinney Lane
 - d. Cllr Warmesley has resigned. Chair and Acting Clerk to pursue proper channel for filling of vacancy.
- 18 Update regarding a parishioner complaint against Cllrs Marsden, Hymas and the Clerk.**
Noted that Monitoring Officer RVBC has determined no case to answer in respect of complaint against Cllrs Marsden and Hymas. Council resolved to follow Council's Complaints Procedure in respect of the element of the

complaint regarding the Clerk. Agreed to sub-committee of Cllrs Venables, O'Grady and Colborn to investigate the complaint.

- 19 To formally invited all Councillors to attend the Memorial Service at St Marys Church Mellor on 14th November at 10 00am and thereafter at the Memorial for wreath laying.**

Cllr Johnson to lay wreath on behalf of MPC.

- 20 Date of next meeting**

2nd December 2021 @ St Mary's School, Mellor – 7.00pm

Meeting closed: 21.30