

Minutes of Meeting of Mellor Parish Council
at St Mary's School on Thursday 7th March 2024 commenced at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors: Stella Brunskill (Chair), Quentin Colborn, Emma Dickinson-Gater, Ian Flaherty, John Fletcher, Bernard Murtagh, Michael O'Grady, Jennifer Proctor (Acting Clerk) Also in attendance: 7 members of the Public

1	<p>To receive and approve any apologies for absence. 1.1 Apologies for absence received and approved from Cllr Walsh who had a prior long standing engagement.</p>
2	<p>To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest. 2.1 None received.</p>
3	<p>Adjournment for Public session (max 5 mins per person) maximum 15 minutes A resident expressed concern at the large amount of money held in the bank account and the raising of the precept. A resident brought to Council's attention that Council had set the precept without the budget and forecast being in place against Standing Orders. The resident brought to Council's attention the planning application 3/2024/0003 at Victoria Terrace was subject to a TPO and known as Spinning Cotton Mill rear of Bosburn Drive and that a change of Use to a business for Adult learning could affect residents and the TPO had not been included in the information that there was a TPO on the Woodland in existence from 1991.</p>
4	<p>To discuss and move to resolve to fill the vacancy by way of co-option. Two Candidates expressed an interest. Following a vote it was Resolved Sharon Ann Hughes be co-opted for the casual vacancy of Anne Mellor's seat. MOG notified Council he intended to offer his resignation later in the Meeting following Agenda Item 16.</p>
5	<p>To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2024. The Minutes of Mellor Parish Council held on 7th February 2024 had been circulated and published. It was Resolved that those Minutes be accepted and approved.</p>
6	<p>Any Matters arising from the minutes not covered on this Agenda FOR INFORMATION ONLY 6.1 There were no matters arising from those Minutes.</p>
7	<p>To discuss, debate and move to resolve any motion in relation to Lloyds Bank account 4 bank signatories are required, Internet Banking and updating the current address for bank statements from Lloyds Bank 7.1 JF and EDG to be bank signatories 7.2 JP as Acting Clerk to look into Internet banking and speak with the Lloyds Banking Contact Centre. 7.3 SB suggested she attend at Lloyds Bank to discuss signatories with them.</p>
8	<p>To discuss, debate and move to resolve any motion in relation to the Finance committee following the resignation of members (min 3 members). To set a date for the next Finance Committee Meeting.</p>

	8.1 Resolved SAH and BM join the Finance Committee along with JF and QC. Set a meeting as soon as possible in accordance with Standing Orders. To be noted QC will be unavailable until the middle of April.
9	To discuss, debate and move to resolve any motion in relation to the forming of a Staffing Committee. 9.1 JP to write terms of reference and circulate to members. Staffing Committee selection deferred to April meeting.
10.	Update on Road Safety Meeting at RVBC by Cllr Fletcher 10.1 JF attended at RV and Parishes had been asked to identify areas within their Parish with roads going from 60-30mph and submit to a working group for LCC. Discussion related to Mellor Lane, Saccary Lane, Abbott Brow and the Boundary with Ramsgreave. Resolved to submit to be a part of the group.
11	To discuss, debate and move to resolve repayment of LEF Grant 128. 11.1 JP as Acting Clerk advised that no response had been received back requesting why they felt the grant should be repaid. Resolved JP to contact LCC for a response.
12	To discuss, debate and move to resolve any motion in relation to the relocating of 7 saplings. 12.1 JP notified Council that no formal request to relocate the trees to the Village Hall had been made nor any vote taken to action this request. Proposed BM Seconded EDG 6 voted 2 abstained. Resolved for JP to email the Chair of MCA to accept the saplings.
13	To discuss, debate, move to resolve any motion in relation to Meetings from April 2024 being held at the Village Hall in Mellor. 13.1 Resolved future meetings would be held in the top room at the Village Hall 13.2 JP to book out the room for future meetings.
14	To discuss, debate, move to resolve any motion in relation to the Lease between the Council and Mellor District Community Association request for the car park at Mellor Village Hall to be resurfaced and funded by MPC and discuss a grant from RVBC Prosperity Fund. 14.1 SB explained £1m fund available only to Parish Councils for projects and match funding would be required to express an interest. SB said costs to resurface the Village Hall Car Park would be in the region of £60,000. BM stated that as long as it would not cost MPC any financial cost he had no objection to the expression. Also that if the funding failed that MCA would not expect MPC to fund the resurfacing. Concern that MCA accounts seriously in arrears. 14.2 QC Responded that MPC were not according to the Lease responsible for funding the resurfacing of the car park at the Village Hall. Proposed by SB who moved to a vote to put in an expression for the Jubilee Prosperity Fund. Resolved to put in an expression of interest. Voted unanimously.
15	To consider any response to be made to planning applications: 15.1 Application 3/2023/0936 <i>submission closed</i> 15.2 Application 3/2024/0064 No observations 15.3 Application 3/2024/0118 QC advised area should not be left open. JP advised for information only submission closed. 15.4 Application 3/2024/0003 Resolved for JP to object. 15.5 Application 3/2024/0067 No observations
16	Financial Matters and Accounts To consider & approve; Invoices for payment Bank balances £62,843.54 as at 07.02.2024 figure currently unavailable

	<p>Resolved to approve: Parish Clerk salary January 2024 PAID Unknown Cheque Amount or Number MOG advised that he had emailed the figures to JP Easy websites for support £33.60 DIRECT DEBIT RVBC Grass Cutting £1982.80 Waddingtons Solicitors JP advised still awaiting the invoice St Mary's School Room Hire 15 sessions £375 Altham Parish Council SPIDS £164.00 Scholarship Prize Acting Clerk to advise the Finance Committee Meeting</p>
17	<p>Matters brought forward by Members <i>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</i> 17.1 MOG advised payment details for Cloud storage would need to be changed from his personal card information. 17.2 MOG advised that he would be resigning from the Parish Council and would notify the Acting Clerk in writing.</p>
	The Meeting finished at 8.59 pm
	The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on 4th April 2024 7pm