

MELLOR PARISH COUNCIL draft Minutes met on 5th September 2024 at 7pm
at the Methodist Church, Mellor Lane

Present Cllrs: Emma Dickinson-Gater, Ian Flaherty, John Fletcher, Sharon Hughes, Bernard Murtagh (Chairman), Susan Outhwaite, Jennifer Proctor, Clerk and 11 Members of the Public

1. To receive apologies for absence. **Cllr Walsh**
2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest. **None**
3. Public session (max 5 mins per person) maximum 15 minutes.
PCSO Pemberton reported an incident with a house door lock and scrap metal being taken. Advice is to report incidents.
A resident spoke about broadband provision and raising awareness of other providers.
A resident queried dog walking on the playing field at the Village Hall. And requested a public consultation also queried drainage issues.
4. To discuss and move to resolve to fill the vacancies by way of co-option.
Resolved: Jennie Barnes be co-opted to the Council.
5. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2024
Resolved: One amendment at 13.1. Agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
6. Matters arising from the minutes not covered on this Agenda
MCA raised issues about drainage of the field. MCA dog walking issue with a resident and complaint.
Highways notified no markings roundabout at Mellor Brook
Bus stop on A677 update received and on the website.
Onward aware of issues with the path near the garages rear of Brookfield.
Concurrent grant application submitted.
New Cllr training booked for October for 7 Cllrs.
7. To debate and resolve any actions in relation to Mellor Village Hall
 - 7.1 MCA Liaison Update VC JP
Advised of several upcoming events some requiring TENS. MCA Committee Members reported concerns about the Committee numbers given forthcoming resignations and concern that MPC as the Landlord would be required to take over the running of the Village Hall.
SAH expressed she felt there was no cohesion between MCA and MPC. Clerk advised there was a good relationship between the Chair of MCA and MPC.
Resolved: Clerk to write to the Solicitor to ascertain advice on a forward plan if the Mellor & District Community Association Charitable Trust was unable to function after resignations had been tendered.
 - 7.2 A request by MCA for a third space for an EV charging point to facilitate a car from a car share scheme and upgrade to storage batteries.
Resolved: Accept the free upgrade for the EV batteries & hall batteries to store energy from solar panels.
 - 7.3 Council voted to move Agenda item 7.5 on Dog exercise in the grounds of the Village Hall and football pitch.
Resolved: Clerk to contact RVBC to clarify and then write to the Solicitor for advice on creating a separate enclosed area for dog exercise.
 - 7.4 Maintenance of the Football pitch including marking, removal and replacement goal posts and drainage issues.
Resolved: Clerk to write to MCA asking to remove unsafe goal posts. Clerk to contact United Utilities about ongoing drainage issues to the field and liaise with MCA.
Resolved: MPC would not provide new goal posts or mark the pitch due to drainage issues. Too wet to use.
 - 7.5 Complaints received in relation to overhanging trees on Stanley Gate.
No further action. MCA have advised they are commissioning a tree survey.
8. Update Footpaths 2020 initiative by JF.
To concentrate on connecting PROWs around the Millennium Viewpoint and engage with LCC PROWs team. Awaiting a response from the Land Agent on land around the View Point. To proceed with signage and accessibility enquiries.

9. Approve expenditure for this month: Bank balance £76,789.52
- 9.1 Payments
- a. Easy websites for £73.92 two months DD
 - b. LALC Council Training £245.00 chq 001844
 - c. Microsoft 365 Annual Subs Card Payment M Russell £79.99 chq 001845
 - d. Room Hire Mellor Methodist Church Room Hire July £32.50 chq 001846
 - e. Clerk salary M Russell 1st July – 31st August £1733.68 chq 001847
- Resolved:** Council approved expenditure and balance for this month.
10. To consider any Planning Applications. **None.**
11. Update on the Play Area enhancements
RVBC Committee meeting 10th September to decide if the application is successful.
Dog Warden telephoned to advise signage in place. LCC no response on kerb dropping.
Resolved: Clerk to chase
12. To discuss and debate any updates to the Asset Register.
- 12.1a St Mary's Gate overgrown plants and conifer tree
Resolved: Council will spend up to £600 Clerk to obtain quotes
 - 12.1b Play Area a tree is over hanging the slide, two with a telephone cable touching.
Resolved: Clerk to obtain quotes to prune and gain permissions.
 - 12.1c Land off Mellor Brow opposite no. 29
Resolved: To defer to October meeting
 - 12.2 Update in relation to the BT phone box on Branch Road in Mellor Brook
Resolved: Clerk to follow up on the suggested defibrillator from BT as it is a cabinet box.
13. To consider, debate and resolve any actions in relation to the War Memorial
- a. Considered quotes for tree works
Resolved: Accepted a quote for tree works from Forest and Green for £1000
 - b. Update on the maintenance of paths and plants.
Resolved: No further action
 - c. Update on cleaning of the area for the Remembrance Day Service.
Resolved: Defer to October to ask for volunteers.
 - d. Update in relation to enhancements.
Resolved: Clerk to explore ownership to drop the kerbs and defer enhancements.
14. To receive reports from meetings
LCC Report - Cllr Scholfield has also chased the roundabout marking outside of the Feilden's Arms and advised to report to Love My Street via the App.
15. Matters brought forward by Members
To place on the next agenda supplying dog waste bins by JF
- Mellor Parish Council will next meet on 3rd October 2024 at 7.00 pm location Methodist Church
- The Chair closed the Meeting at 20.48