

## **Mouldsworth Parish Council**

### **Meeting Minutes - Monday 29 April 2024, 8pm at The Goshawk Pub and Restaurant**

**Present:** Cllr G Jones  
Cllr M Garnett  
Cllr A Lowry  
Cllr K Pine  
Cllr H Nuttall

**In attendance** Cllr H Deynem (Sandstone Ward)

**Members of the Public:** 6

The current chair welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending.

#### **AGM**

##### **Finance**

Financial matters will be discussed as part of the following quarterly meeting.

##### **Election of Officers**

Cllr M Garnett - Treasurer

Cllr G Jones - Chair

Cllr A Lowry - Clerk

##### **Dates of Meetings**

29 July and 4 November 2024, 27 January and 28 April (AGM) 2025 (*Dates were shared with the Goshawk following the meeting*)

#### **Quarterly Meeting**

##### **Minutes**

The chair confirmed that the minutes from the quarterly meeting held on 29 January 2024, had been circulated and signed them as a true and correct record.

#### **Matters Arising which aren't Agenda items**

##### **Wheelchair access on Mouldsworth Station**

Cllr Deynem reported that Cllr Ian Dossett from Ashton Hayes PC had also been championing the inaccessibility issue with Northern Rail and had had a site meeting. It had exposed a general safety issue from trying to install ramps on the deep slope on the Chester to Manchester platform

##### **Defibrillator Training**

Both Cllr Garnett and Cllr Jones had attended one of the training sessions facilitated by Neil Gorman at the Goshawk Pub. They found the session very useful and urged others to attend. Cllr Deynem asked whether the defibrillator had been registered with the Ambulance Service.

**Resolved:** Cllr Nuttall to clarify with Neil (*update following the meeting - Neil confirmed that the defibrillator is registered with "The Circuit" that is used by Emergency Services and they periodically send updates for the Goshawk to check*)

### **Grass Verges**

Nothing to report from Cheshire West and Chester Council and consequently the Chair suggested that residents of Smithy Lane keep a watchful eye and bring any updates to the next meeting

### **Finance**

Financial documents will be available on the PC's website, but Cllr Garnett went through the 23/24 accounts, summarising how our income (precept) is calculated. Whilst we don't own the defibrillator we had made a financial contribution which came from a grant from infrastructure levy. Legal costs were for Gongar Lane planning issue. Internal audit had been carried out by Joanne Monks who is clerk to Delamere and Oakmere PC and had been signed off.

**Resolved:** that 1. the internal audit be received and noted; 2. The Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk 3. The financial summary be approved and signed by the Chair and 4. The Certificate of Exemption be signed by the Chair and Treasurer and sent to the external auditors

The Chair, on behalf of all Councillors thanked Cllr Garnett for his knowledge and attention to detail.

### **Charity Account**

The small annual income to the Charity account comes from the rental of two acres of land. The annual amount is £240 and has been so for some years.

Applications had been received from Manley Primary School for a contribution to the purchase of an outdoor storage facility and, from Ashton Hayes Primary School for a contribution to replacement laptops for the children.

**Resolved:** that following discussion and consideration of previous donations, a £1000 should be awarded to Ashton Hayes Primary School. This allowed the PC to retain a small balance for any emergency that might arise.

### **Website**

Cllr Pine reported that the agreed purchase of a new website from NETWISE would be live in the next few weeks.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Pine and Cllr Garnett be thanked for their input which has resulted in a new and more accessible site.

### **Planning**

#### **Pingot Lane**

Cllr Deynem summarised the outcome from the recently held three day Planning Appeal for the Traveller site at the junction of Pingot Lane and the actions that needed to be taken by Cheshire West and Chester Council following the decision.

**Resolved:** 1. that Cllr Deynem keep Councillors informed and 2. That Planning Officer/s attend the next Sandstone Ward meeting (a date to be set).

#### **Charging for parking in the Station Yard**

Whilst the closing date for the consultation period had past, Cllr Jones summarised the issues and the Parish Council's response to Northern Rail. Resident Mary Jefferson had made a FOI request which she would share with Cllr Jones and Cllr Deynem also reported that CWaC had also asked for reasons and background.

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

**Date of next meeting**

29 July 2024, 8pm at the Goshawk Pub and Restaurant