

Minutes of Mouldsworth Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Goshawk Pub

Monday 6th February 2023

Present Cllr. G Jones
Cllr. M Garnett
Cllr. H Nuttall
Cllr. A Lowry

In Attendance

Cllr H Deynem (CWAC)

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read, proposed by Cllr. Nuttall, seconded by Cllr. Garnett and approved.

4. Matters Arising

There were no Matters arising.

5. Planning

There were no Planning issues arising. However see comments under AOB.

6. Finance

The Treasurer produced up to date Accounts (Quarterly Forecast vs Budget) and Finance Reports (Financial Standing Orders and Risk Assessments). Copies of which are attached. Joanne Monks was approved again as our Internal Auditor.

A vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer for all his valuable work.

7. Any Other Business

Gonger Lane Site. Much discussion centered around this topic, and it was confirmed that a temporary injunction is in force prohibiting any further development of this site. The injunction is for three months when it is believed that the situation will return to court. It was agreed that the PC continue to keep pressure on CWAC through Nick Smith in the Planning Department, to insure that no further illegal development takes place.

8. Date of Next meeting

24th April 2023, also AGM.

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FINANCE SECTION NOTES

Parish Council accounts update:

Quarterly summary: Unbudgeted extras 1) Ashton Hayes Jubilee event (£500), 2) Parish field map (£66.75), 3) New defibrillator battery for Manley Village Hall (£66.13), 4) £3043.20 to Aaron & Partners solicitors in Chester for legal advice on the Gongar Lane Traveller field situation (see below).

Gongar Lane unauthorised development:

The Parish Council has had a decades long policy of having a financial reserve to use for planning consultants, solicitors etc in case there is an issue that came up that affects the wider village. It was always presumed that the most likely issue would be a potential development of the quarry on Stable Lane, but other topics have come up over the last decade or so that have needed advice, so money has been available and has been spent. Given the level of village feelings in Manley over the Pingot Lane site, it was concerning when the Mouldsworth Gongar Lane field started to be worked on (hardcore and excavations) potentially then to be developed in a similar way. The Parish Council took input from a number of parties including CHALC and then decided to appoint solicitors Aaron & Partners in Chester. We received the solicitors' advice and subsequently forwarded this to CW&C Planning as part of our communications with them on this topic.

As can be seen from the quarterly financial summary as a result of the above spending we now have £16,686 in our PC bank account.

As discussed at our last meeting we have a budgeted surplus of £650 for the '23-'24 financial year.

Precept Request:

The annual precept request from CW&C was received in December and submitted as a repeat £1518

Internal Auditor approval:

Prior to the audit season (April start) we need to formally approve **Joanne Monks** (Clerk to Delamere & Oakmere PC) as our internal auditor again. I reciprocate and act as their internal auditor.

Financial Standing Orders:

Annual review of Financial Standing Orders which are attached.

Risk Assessments:

4 page annual 'Risk Assessments' (no updates) is attached for review at this meeting.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Part 2:

Nothing this meeting.

Parish Council Website:

Nothing new.

Poors Land Charity Accounts:

Nothing new this meeting.

Signed:

Martin Garnett – Treasurer Mouldsworth Parish Council

06-Feb-23

MOULDSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL				
21/'22		22/'23		23/'24
Out-turn		Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
1518	Precept	1518	1518	1518
0	Council tax reduction scheme grant	0	0	0
1343	Poplar Farm Community Infrastructure Levy	0	0	0
0	Vat Reclaim	0	0	0
2861	Total	1518	1518	1518
Expenditure				
92	Cheshire Assoc. Local Councils subs	92	90	92
20	Cheshire Community Action subs	20	20	20
218	Insurance	218	196	196
35	Information Commissioner sub	35		35
	Audit Fee	0		0
92	Website - Simon Sherlock	100		100
350	Churchyard maintenance	350	350	350
88	Wreath Remembrance Day	43	50	50
	Scarecrow competition	25		25
	Election expenses	0		0
	Manley Viaage Hall defibrillator battery	0	66	0
	CHALC Induction packs/workshop	0		0
	Ashton Hayes Jubilee Event	0	500	0
	Aaron & Partners solicitors (Gongar Ln)		3043	0
	Parish field map		67	0
	Councillors expenses	0		0
	Postage	0		0
	VAT	0		0
894	Total	883	4382	868
-1966	Net Expenditure	-635	2864	-650
Bank Balance				
17,583	Balance b/f at year start (1st April)	19,550	19,550	16,686
-1,966	Net Expenditure	-635	2,864	-650
19,550	Balance at year end (31st March)	20,185	16,686	17,336

Budget 2023/24 agreed at Parish Council meeting 31st October 2022

Chairman:

Treasurer: