

Minutes of Mouldsworth Parish Council Quarterly Meeting

Virtual Meeting

2nd November 2020

Councillors Present

Cllr. G Jones

Cllr. M Garnett

Cllr. H Nuttall

Cllr. A Lowry

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising

It was confirmed that the noise problem from the Air B & B has been resolved with no further complaints.

Planning

- 1) It was noted that the planning application for a dwelling on Smithy Lane has been refused. However it was believed that it might be resubmitted and it was agreed that the Parish Council would monitor the situation.
- 2) Cllr. Nuttall informed the Meeting that there has been some improvement on the working hours on the development on Station Road. The Meeting was also informed that in spite of National Guide Lines , Local Authorities are able to set their own parameters.

Finance

The treasurer presented the Meeting with the Quarterly Accounts and the 2021/2022 budget. The budget for 2021/2022 recording a final bank balance of £18,891 compared to an expected balance for 2020/2021 of £18,640. There is nothing significantly reportable on the Quarterly Accounts with figures well in line with expectations.

It was also confirmed that MPC is deemed “too small” to require external auditing, however it was agreed that this situation be reviewed annually in order to protect the PC.

It was approved that the Chairman sign a cheque in favour of the Treasurer in respect of the purchase of the Remembrance Day Wreath.

As far as the 2021/2022 budget is concerned it was agreed that the Precept should remain at £1518 in order that we maintain the current level of the fighting fund.

Correspondence

There was no relevant correspondence.

Any Other Business

- 1) **Residents Survey.** The survey form supplied by the Community Action Team was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr. Nuttall should redraft the form to reflect the fact that it is a Residents Survey and not a request for a Neighbourhood Plan. It was confirmed that once the form had been redrafted and delivered the CAT (Community Action Team) would review the results independently. The CAT also stated that in view of the size of Mouldsworth , there would be no necessity for a Neighbourhood Plan, and also that at least 50% of Residents opinions were required to be in favour of a NP before it should be considered by MPC.
- 2) **Poo Bins.** Cllr. Nuttall also reported that CWAC are prepared to supply and empty Dog Poo bins. It was agreed that comments from Dog Walkers would be sought regarding the positioning of such receptacles.

- 3) **Ashton Heyes PTA.** Cllr. Lowry addressed the Meeting in respect of an application from Ashton Primary School PTA seeking financial assistance in view of the fact that the current Covid pandemic has dried up their income. It was therefore agreed that a contribution of £1,000 be made.
- 4) **Quarry.** The Chairman reported that things seem to be improving at the Quarry site, as they are not using the new hill climb behind the houses. However it was agreed that this should be kept under review.
- 5) **Ashfields.** Manley PC indicated that there was little that can be done regarding parking at this location. However Cllr. Jones to speak to City Councillor Hugo Deynem in respect of this and it's undoubted effect on the local community and shop.
- 6) **Speed Limits.** It was agreed that Mouldsworth PC should support Alvanley, Manley and Ashton Heyes Parish Councils in seeking a standard speed limit between Alvanley and Ashton.
- 7) **Defibrillator.** Following discussion it was agreed that MPC would fund the acquisition of a Defibrillator to be placed in the Goshawk Pub. However such an acquisition should not appear on the Parish Council's asset register. The cost of this is £1,300.

Date of next Meeting 1st February 2021.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.