

Minutes of Mouldsworth Parish Council Meeting

Monday 20th January 2020

Councillors Present

Cllr G Jones

Cllr M Garnett

Cllr H Nuttall

Cllr A Lowry

Residents Present

Mrs C Jamison.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Minuted of the previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising

- a) It was reported that on Station Road a tree had been felled and some hedges cut back. Unfortunately not all the cuttings and brash has been removed. Cllr Jones to contact Cllr H Deymen at CWAC to arrange further clearance.
- b) The Clerk reported that the website was well under way and hopefully will be up and running within the next few weeks.
- c) Arrangements have been made by local resident Mr Alan Hume to obtain the use of Speed Indicator Devices (SID). He has also arranged a training

session for 3 local residents, to be held on 5th February 2020.

Planning

- a) Diggle property.** Work has gone beyond the original infill site into an adjacent plot. Concern was also expressed regarding the actual design, style and size of the proposed building. New plans have been resubmitted and the PC agreed to keep a watching brief.
- b) Poplar Grove Farm.** Permission has been granted for the erection of 6 dwellings and the PC has an open view on this.
- c) Chapelwood Farm.** This application is for a temporary accommodation and small storage unit. The PC has no strong view on this but will keep under review.
- d) Cllr Nuttall** addressed the meeting covering the discussions on Neighbourhood Plans (NP) that she had with Cheshire Community Action. They highlighted the fact that Mouldsworth is in a Green Belt, is not classified as a local service centre, and it is therefore likely that any future development would be limited. She reiterated the fact that NP's have been discussed at numerous previous meetings, and unfortunately because of the low attendance any views expressed would not be representative of the whole community. It was agreed that there was little point in preparing a NP without the support and involvement of the community at all stages. The PC agreed that a survey should be undertaken to establish if the community would support the development of a NP. The survey should clearly set out from the outset what a NP can do and more importantly can not do. To this end the PC agreed to employ the services of Cheshire Community Action at a cost of £380 to carry out this survey.

Finance

- 1) The Treasurer presented the updated Income and Expenditure accounts which recorded income of £1,562, expenditure of £956, leaving a surplus of £606. The current bank balance therefore is £17,722.
- 2) The Responsible Financial Officer (the Treasurer) presented the Meeting with the Financial Standing Orders which were reviewed, agreed and adopted. (copy attached)
- 3) The Treasurer also reported on the Mouldsworth Parish Council Risk Assessment. These were also reviewed, agreed and adopted.
- 4) It was further agreed that Joanne Monks, Clerk to Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council be appointed as internal auditor for Mouldsworth Parish Council.

The Chairman, on behalf of MPC thanked the Treasurer for his invaluable contribution to the PC.

Correspondance

The Clerk reported on correspondence from Cllr Hugo Deynem offering grants from his Ward Members Budget in the sums from £500 to £700. Such grants would be available To PC's in respect of worthy causes.

It was agreed that the Clerk should approach Cllr Deynem to determine if a grant would be available to cover the cost of the Proposed NP survey.

Any Other Business

- a) Bridle Path by the Quarry on Stable Lane is currently being abused by 4 x 4 drivers, damaging the verges and river bank. The Chairman is to contact Ward Cllr Deynem regarding this.
- b) Drainage and verges on both Station Road and Smithy Lane are in need of attention, These points will be revisited at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting:- Monday 27th April 2020 (Also AGM)

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.10pm.