

Minutes of Mouldsworth Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Goshawk Pub

Monday 24th July 2023

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

In Attendance.

Cllr H Deynem (CWaC)

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

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

3. Matters Arising.

Any Matters Arising will be dealt with under AOB.

4. Planning.

a) Gongar Lane. Confirmation was given that there is an injunction in force until mid October, and no activity is permitted on the site. However the owners have permission to return the site to its original state and this has been done by the removal of all the hardcore.

b) Pingot Lane. It was reported that the owners had applied for retrospective planning permission, which was refused. They are now appealing this decision.

All original objection to this application must be resubmitted.

5. Finance.

a) The Treasurer reported that whilst we are not registered for VAT, any large VAT charges can and are recovered from the Government.

b) All accounts and reports are attached to these minutes.

The Chairman wished to record a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for all his diligent work.

6. Correspondence.

The Chairman reported correspondence from a Resident Mr. Alan Hulme informing that a senior Police Officer would be willing to attend a MPC meeting to discuss elements surrounding local events. It was agreed that the Chairman should discuss the proposal further with Mr. Hulme.

7. Any Other Business.

a) Wheel chair access Mouldsworth Station. Cllr Pine reported that some local residents were having difficulty with access at the Station. However the local Railway Authority have declined assistance because of costs. It was agreed that this decision should be vigorously objected to. Cllr Pine to champion this, and subject to the outcome, MPC are prepared to donate a small sum to accommodate this requirement.

b) Village Notice Board. Cllr Nuttall reported that the Insurance Company (Go Girl) has finally agreed settlement of this claim. (£1300). The Notice Board can now be purchased and installed on the wall by the Post Box at the Goshawk Pub.

c) Defibrillator. It was reported that the cost of providing a Defibrillator to be maintained at the Goshawk Pub is well in excess of £2000. This cost to be met by a contribution of £1342 from the MPC Community Infrastructure Levy (received from CW&C) and £270 from the Car Fest meeting collection. It was therefore agreed that the Charity Account would contribute a further £500 (or whatever was needed) to make up the total.

d) Website. It was agreed that MPC cannot develop our PC website further without assistance. One alternative is to purchase an 'off-the-shelf' package - this is worth considering. However it was agreed that Cllr Pine should contact Steve Salmon (local Mouldsworth resident and web designer who had offered to help) to assist in discussing alternatives. It was also suggested that CHALC should be approached to establish if they could be of any assistance (eg. knowing what other Parish Councils had done).

e) Facebook. Cllr Pine confirmed that MPC now had own Facebook page, which already has approximately 30 subscribers.

Notice of Meetings, minutes and agendas have already been placed on this page. The Chairman thanked Cllr Pine for all her efforts.

f) Car Meet Goshawk. This event held on 14th June appears to have taken place with only one issue, which was dealt with professionally. It is hoped that the next meet on 16th August will proceed in a similar way.

g) Guy Fawks Night. The Chairman to meet separately with the Pub Manager to discuss the operation of this event.

h) GDPR. A thorough Annual Review took place going through 3 pages of prepared GDPR information. MPC is comfortable with its responsibilities under this heading, as no detailed information is kept on individuals. However Cllr Deynem suggested we should add a phrase to our meeting attendees sheet (where email addresses are given): 'By giving us your contact information/details you are giving us explicit consent for the purpose of communication. We will use your contact information to communicate with you, should you wish us to not use this information please let us know'.

8. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 30th October 2023.

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