

Minutes of Mouldsworth Parish Council Meeting
Monday 30th April 2018

Councillors Present:

Cllr G Jones
Cllr M Garnett
Cllr P Willis
Cllr H Paesler
Cllr A Lowry
Cllr E Johnston

2018/012 Apologies:

There were no apologies.

2018/013 Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed by Cllr P Paesler, seconded by Cllr P Willis.

2018/014 Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

2018/015 Finance:

Cllr Garnett presented the meeting with the Accounts for 2017/18 which recorded a surplus of £504.95. He also confirmed that the accounts have been audited by the internal auditor Joanne Monks from Delamere and Oakmere PC.

It was also reported that the Insurance premiums for 2017/18 have substantially increased and the Treasurer is to contest these premiums.

The Treasurer reported we will be following the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18, Part 2. Details of our reporting and publishing responsibilities under these provisions are attached to these minutes as an addendum.

2018/016 Planning

Much discussion centered around the planning application at Forest Brook Stables, Smithy Lane, Mouldsworth. An Planning Objection letter signed by Mouldsworth Residents was presented to the meeting by local resident Mr P Robinson. During discussion it was agreed that this Planning Application was not in the best interests of Mouldsworth Parish as it impacted on Green Belt requirements and was disproportionate in terms of what a Planning Officer might accept.

It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should write the the Planning Authority opposing this application.

2018/017 Correspondence

An approach has been made by Ashton Heyes Community Group in respect of funding under Section 106 to extent the play area in Ashton. It was agreed that Cllr E Johnson will contact the appropriate section at CACW. This information to be passed to Ashton Heyes Community Group to progress.

The Manager of the Goshawk Pub has approached MPC for a contact who might be able to lead walks from the Pub through the local area. It was agreed to put him in touch with the Sandstone Trail Trust.

Notice has been given in respect of a concert to be held at the Polo Ground. We are informed that parking provision for 1000 cars has been made for this event and transport from Chester and surrounding areas has also been made. MPC has major concern regarding this event, not only in terms of noise pollution but in terms of parking and road access, in view of the fact the roads are very narrow. It was also cause for concern that this event would be a regular one and might even increase in size and duration. It was also reported that the event has licence under a Temporary Events Notice which cannot be objected to. It was agreed that Cllr E Johnson was speak to the Licensing Authority , and also try the arrange a meeting with the organisers and report back to MPC.

2018/018 Any Other Business

Rev David Lamb: It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to the Rev Lamb on his retirement, thanking him for all his work at St John the Evangelist Church in Ashton.

A comment has been made by a local resident regarding the state of the verges over the winter. There was also comment on the bad state of the roads in the Parish. Cllr Johnson commented that verges were now only cut twice a year , where as previously it was 6 times. It was agreed that Cllr Johnson was ask for a representative from the Highway Authority to come and address MPC at the next quarterly meeting.

Concern was expressed at the increasing number of Poo bags that are appearing in the verges of the Parish, and discussion centered around Poo bins. It was resolved that Cllr Johnson will check with CACW Council to determine what they might be able to
The Clerk confirmed that a meeting has been arranged with Simon Sherlock to improve and upgrade the MPC website.

Date of next meeting 23rd July 2018

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

