

MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 7th March 2017, in Warmingham Parish Hall

PRESENT Councillors A Holder
M Sant
D Nixon
S Harrop
A Roscoe
R Beech
C House

Also present were 9 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: D Musgrave

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Nixon declared a none pecuniary interest on item 8 as a member of Moston Home and Neighbourhood Watch.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow questions from members of the public. There being no questions, the Chairman immediately reconvened the meeting.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2017.

4. PAYMENTS

4.1 David Nixon

To approve spend of £84 for printed and laminated vinyl crests for improvements to the Parish.

Resolved: That the payment be approved.

5. PAYMENT FOR PARISH SIGNS

Councillor Nixon asked if approval could be given for payment of the village signs up to the value of £1400 so that payment can be made as soon as the new budgetary year starts.

Resolved: That the payment can be made up to £1400 after the 1st April 2017.

6. 2016-17 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Clerk explained that due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, the Financial update for this meeting was unable to be written and presented.

7. COVERT CAMERA WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Councillor Nixon gave an update on the Working Group. He explained that there was never an intention to use a “number” of cameras in Moston. He noted that CEC had told him that a request would need to be taken to the department of transport to take pictures of vehicles committing traffic offences, that at this moment CEC do not have a camera which can be used covertly nor seemingly the where with all to investigate footage produced by a camera not owned by themselves. The agreement was quickly reached in emails between members of the working group that it would be inadvisable for the Council to purchase Covert or Overt cameras.

Resolved: That the Council will not purchase covert or overt cameras at this time.

8. JOINT CCTV CAMERA INITIATIVE WITH MIDDLEWICH

Cllr Nixon informed members that Minshull Vernon Parish Council has produced covert camera signs similar to those owned by Cheshire East Council which have been successful in deterring fly tipping in the area. He added that Middlewich Clean Team would like to produce similar signs in partnership with Moston Litter Pickers and that they would be able to fund cameras and training for both groups. Cllr Nixon asked if members could vote on whether or not they are happy for the Parish Council name to be used along with that of Middlewich Town Council on similar signs to those used by Minshull Vernon Council.

There would be no cost to the council.

Resolved: That Moston Parish Council give permission for the use of the Council name on the signs and that they fully support the project.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Harrop explained that even though Moston Parish Council had never seen a need for a NHP, Tom Evans at Cheshire East Council had suggested that it may be a good idea for Moston in the current climate of big developments and a busier road network in the area.. He explained that there should be no cost as a £9000 grant can be applied for which can be used for consultancy to speed the process up. Cllr Harrop advised members that he believed a plan could be completed in 18 months with Cheshire Community Action’s help.

After discussion between members. It was agreed that the idea of a NHP should be put to residents at the Annual Parish Meeting to gauge for an initial reaction.

Resolved: That Cllr House invites her colleague to speak to members at the AGM and Cllr’s Nixon and Harrop invite a member of Cheshire Community Action to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st March 2017.

10. CHESHIRE EAST HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING IN MOSTON

Cllr Roscoe advised that there was no update to give on lighting as there will be no work until the new financial year, but he will get in touch with Ian Darlington to find out when work will commence.

Cllr Roscoe also advised members that Cheshire East Highways are investigating the flooding and improving drainage on Dragon's Lane.

11. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Members agreed that the following items should appear in matters arising following the previous Parish Meeting: Neighbourhood Plan Presentation, Daffodils and Parish Signs. Furthermore, it was agreed that refreshments should be provided for attendees.

Resolved: That the items detailed above be on the Annual Parish Meeting agenda and that a maximum of £50 be spend on refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman advised that he had received a letter of resignation from the Clerk after publication of this agenda. He advised that the Clerk would be working his notice period whilst the search for a new Clerk would get underway.

13. AOB

None.

14. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Moston Parish Council meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday, 18th April 2017 at Warmingham Parish Hall, immediately following the Planning Committee Meeting and starting no earlier than 8:15pm