MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Meeting held at 8.10pm on Tuesday, 13 September 2016, in Warmingham Parish Hall

PRESENT Councillors A Holder

M Sant
D Nixon
D Musgrave

S Harrop

Also present were CEC Cllr J Wray and 6 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors A Roscoe

R Beech C House

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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 11 JULY 2016 Resolved: The minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting.

4. PAYMENTS

To approve payments made between 5 April and 5 September

29/4/2016 Warmingham Parish Hall	Rent	CHQ509	£160.00
29/4/2016 Warmingham Parish Hall	Donation	CHQ514	£250.00
20/5/2016 John Greenall & Co	Payroll to Sept	CHQ512	£144.00
23/5/2016 Civitas	Planning	CHQ510	£270.00
26/5/2016 Community Lines	Insurance	CHQ513	£153.29
31/5/2016 D Nixon	Searches	CHQ516	£42.00

30/6/2016 Chalc	Affiliation	CHQ511	£103.25
12/7/2016 JDH	Internal Audit	CHQ515	£126.00
29/7/2016 Civitas	Planning	CHQ517	£153.00
3/8/2016 Chalc	Training x3	CHQ518	£85.00
9/8/2016 Katy Pepper	Gross Final Salary	CHQ519	£388.45
23/8/2016 Michael Wellings	Salary July 16 Gross	CHQ520	£120.00

The Clerk explained that some payments have been approved in previous meetings, but have been included for completeness. It was explained that the following payments only needed to be noted: CHQ510 (Approved 8th March 2016), CHQ509, CHQ514, CHQ513, CHQ511 (Approved 26th April 2016), CHQ516, CHQ515 and CHQ517 (Approved 24th May 2016). The payments to be approved were: CHQ512. CHQ518, CHQ519 and CHQ520.

Resolved: That the payments be noted and approved.

5. PARISH SIGNAGE

Cllr. Harrop explained that the working groups had not progressed with providing new parish signage, but mentioned that there are several opportunities available to Moston Parish Council in relation to signage including: Signing for National Beauty Spots, signage to help control traffic following recent problems and finger posts. Cllr. Musgrave noted that he has spare parts to repair the fingerposts however there was a general concern over who would be responsible for maintenance once they are repaired. Cllr Harrop said that he would push the working group forward to address some of the points raised.

6. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING

Cllr Nixon reported on several Highways and lighting issues. He stated that the hedges on Dragon's Lane have now been cut and enquiries are ongoing into the ownership of the field on Warmingham Lane so that the hedges encroaching onto the road can be cut as soon as possible.

On the subject of flooding on Oakwood Lane, it was noted that the issues have been passed onto Highways who will carry out remedial works. CEC had also been contacted about Septic tank drains on Plant Lane which have sustained damage from HGVs. No further progress has been made in trying to obtain a preferred route for HGVs travelling to and from Newfield Fabrication and UPL on Hall Lane. Furthermore, CEC state that preferred traffic routes from the Middlewich ANSA site will not be determined until Condition 12 is ready for discharge. Cllr Nixon noted that it is planned that an approach to highways will be made to obtain criteria needed for reducing speed limits on the Parish's roads.

Cllr. Nixon stated that a number of street light faults have been reported but not resolved by CEC. It was noted that Ian Darlington should be contacted to ascertain CEC's street lighting plans for the Parish.

Finally, Cllr Nixon reported on the Middlewich Eastern Bypass. It was noted that the project is still in its initial stages with no route confirmed. All interested parties will be consulted which includes Moston Parish Council.

7. DRAINAGE

Cllr. Musgrave reported that CEC are due to send Willis's to look at the affected drain at the Moat to ascertain where the blockage lies and then attempt to electro rod the blockage. Failing this, it was noted that Simon at Wheelock Anglers and Tom (owner of land opposite the moat) would be contacted to try and resolve the situation.

8. MOSTON GREEN

Cllr Harrop explained that CEC have been approached as agreed to attempt to purchase or lease Moston Green to protect it from future development. CEC informed Cllr Harrop that the best way forward is to sign a 30 year lease. Forms to enact this have been filled out and returned to CEC. CEC haven't confirmed receipt of the forms but noted that it may take 12-18 months for them to return with the terms and conditions of a lease. Because of this, fencing on Moston Green cannot be progressed until more details have been received from CEC.

9. BULB PLANTING

Cllr. Sant told members that following the points raised at the Annual Parish Meeting in relation to bulb planting in Moston, he had researched purchasing daffodil bulbs. The findings of this research was delivered to the Council. It was agreed that when bulbs are purchased, Parish Councillors and Parish members would plant them around the Parish.

Resolved: That Cllr Sant spend up to £145 + carriage charges to purchase 2000 daffodil bulbs.

10. DRAGONS LANE CANAL BRIDGE

Cllr Sant explained to members that he had been approached by a Parish resident to press for the bridge to be closed as 8 wheelers ignore the weight limit. Members held concerns about where traffic would be displaced to and that there is no enforcement of the current limit. Following a discussion on who is responsible for the bridge which may be damaged by vehicles, it was mentioned that CEC may own the road surface on the bridge and the Canal and River trust may own the structure of the bridge. Members decided that the ownership of the bridge should be ascertained before further action is taken.

Resolved: Cllr. Sant to write to CEC to ask who owns the bridge as it is in a dangerous condition and to write to the Canal and River Trust to ask them to check the bridge.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None Received.

12. AOB

None.

13. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Moston Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8 November 2016 at Warmingham Parish Hall, immediately following the Planning Committee Meeting.