

# **MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Commenced:	7.30 pm	Terminated: 8.10 pm
Present:	Councillor A Roscoe (Chair) Councillors C House, S Moran, D Nixon and J Wray	
Apologies for		

Absence: Councillors Haigh and Harrop

Also in attendance were 5 members of the public.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Haigh and Cllr Harrop submitted their apologies for absence.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Members of the Parish Council.

## 3. NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR – APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

An application was considered from Colin Luckett who sought co-option onto the Parish Council.

## RESOLVED

#### That Colin Luckett be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

#### 4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the Parish Council.

#### 5. CHESHIRE EAST BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported that she had submitted the objections of Moston Parish Council to Cheshire East Council, on its proposals to charge residents for the collection of Garden Waste, during its Budget Consultation period.

#### RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

#### 6. OBSERVATIONS ON NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Nixon reported on the following planning applications:

#### • New Application

(i) 23/0428C – Oak Tree Farm, Warmingham Lane, Moston.
Erection of oak framed garage. The Parish Council raised no objections.

#### • On-Going Applications

(ii) 22/3244C – Fairacre, East Booth Lane, Moston

Change of use of land for Showman's Yard. The Parish Council noted that this application was not decided.

- (iii) 21/5187C Land North of Horseshoe Farm, Warmingham Lane, Moston. Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for one gypsy/traveller family. The Parish Council noted that this application was not decided. It was due to be considered at Southern Planning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- (iv) 22/2471C Land South of Dragons Lane, Moston. Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for one gypsy family. The Parish Council noted that this application was not decided. It was due to be considered at Southern Planning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- (v) 22/3186C Ivy Fields Farm, extension to agricultural worker's dwelling. The Parish Council noted that this application was not decided.
- (vi) 22/2140M Advertising right, Moston Garage, Booth Lane, Moston. Demolition and redevelopment of former garage with 5 houses. The Parish Council noted that this application was not decided.

# RESOLVED

#### That the report be noted.

## 7. FINANCES AND BUDGET

(i) The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer updated the Parish Council on the budget to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. At this date, the total year to date expenditure was £7,115.33 against a budget of £13,005 (excluding planning and general reserves). The balance available was £5,889.

#### RESOLVED

- (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) That the invoice from Murrays for the Oak Trees be approved, despite being more expensive than anticipated.
- (iii) That the payment for the planting of summer plants in the existing stone planters, the erection of 3 further stone planters with summer bedding plants, the invoice of which would be received mid-March, be approved.
- (ii) The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer sought approval for the appointment of Davenport Accountants Limited as the Internal Auditor for Moston Parish Council for the 2023-2024 financial year.

#### RESOLVED

That the appointment of Davenport Accountants Limited as the Internal Auditor for Moston Parish Council for the 2023-2024 financial year, be approved.

## 8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chair asked the Parish Council to consider the ongoing appointment of Councillor Harrop whom, despite his recent non-attendance at meetings, had been very active over the last 8 years.

Councillor Nixon reported on his ongoing petition to Cheshire East Council for chevrons, road signs and general highway improvements, at various locations in the parish.

### RESOLVED

- (i) That the absence from Parish Council meetings, be approved until May 2023, at which time Councillor Harrop will be asked to consider his position;
- (ii) That Councillor Nixon's ongoing commitment and dedication to improving this parish be acknowledged.

#### 9. TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A question was received relating to the implications of postal addresses, after the boundary changes and a brief discussion ensued.

#### RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

## **10. REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Wray reported on the following:-

- He had sought an update from the Principal Planning Officer in relation to Albion Lock and had been advised that the developer's solicitor was now examining the amended Section 106 agreement.
- Future meetings of Cheshire East Council, would be held at Macclesfield Town Hall

Councillor Nixon reported that he had received an email from Cheshire Police advising that from 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Moston's new PCSO was Amy Heath. The Parish Council was very happy to hear this news.

#### RESOLVED

That the reports be noted.

#### 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

#### RESOLVED

It was noted that the next meeting of Moston Parish Council would take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30 pm. Councillor House submitted her apologies in advance of the meeting.