



# Moston Parish Council

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1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

## To the Members of Moston Parish Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend an ORDINARY MEETING of the Moston Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 pm at St. Peter's Church Hall, Elworth, Sandbach, CW11 3HU** when the undermentioned business is to be transacted.

Yours faithfully

*M Clough*

Mrs M Clough  
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

## AGENDA

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence from Members of the Parish Council

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Parish Council

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

To consider an application from Colin Luckett who is seeking co-option 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 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the Parish Council (or other person presiding). Minutes attached.

### 5. CHESHIRE EAST BUDGET CONSULTATION

To note that Moston Parish Council submitted its objection to proposals to charge residents for the collection of Garden Waste, to Cheshire East during its Budget Consultation period.

### 6. OBSERVATIONS ON NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Nixon to report.

### 7. FINANCES AND BUDGET

- (i) To note that up to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, there had been a total year to date expenditure of £7,115.33 against a budget of £13,005 (excluding planning and general reserves). The balance available was £5,889.
- (ii) To approve the appointment of Davenport Accountants Limited as the Internal Auditor for Moston Parish Council for the 2023-2024 financial year.

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

To receive any correspondence or announcements from the Chair of the Parish Council (or other person presiding).

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

**10. REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To confirm that the next meeting of Moston Parish Council will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 8th March 2023, at St Peter's Church Hall, Elworth.

**MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL****11<sup>th</sup> January 2023****Commenced: 7.30 pm****Terminated: 8.05 PM****Present: Councillor A Roscoe (Chair)  
Councillors S Moran and D Nixon****Apologies for  
Absence: Councillors Haigh and Harrop****Also in attendance were 7 members of the public.****1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Haigh and Harrop.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**4. OBSERVATIONS ON NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Nixon reported on the following:

- (i) A planning application had been submitted which was located on Moston Road but wasn't in the Parish of Moston;
- (ii) Albion Lock – A letter had been sent to David Malcolm Head of Planning on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023, requesting an update to a previous letter sent by the Parish Council regarding the Albion Lock Section 106 Agreement, relating to Booth Lane Footpath improvements. A response had not yet been received.
- (iii) Fairacre (retrospective) – (22/3244C) – the decision due on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 had not yet been made;

**RESOLVED**

**The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to send another email to Mr Malcolm.**

**5. FINANCES AND BUDGET****5.1 Expenditure vs Budget at 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported that at the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023, there had been a total year to date expenditure of £7,036 against a budget of £13,005 (excluding planning and general reserves). The balance available was £5,969.

**RESOLVED**

**That the balance available of £5,969 be noted.**

## 5.2 Payments and receipts since last meeting

### RESOLVED

- (i) That the following payments made be noted, and authorisation be approved for the payments to be made for January:

- **Payments Made**

REF	Payee	Details	Amount
2 (Dec)	CHALC	Finance Training	30
3 (Dec)	Clerk	Reimbursement for Microsoft Office	119.99
4 (Dec)	Clive Nash	Rockery	596
5 (Dec)	D Nixon	Land Searches Reimbursement	36
6 (Dec)	Clerk	Reimbursement for ILCA Training	144
7 (Dec)	St Peter's Church	Room Hire 12/10; 25/10; 9/11; 14/12	60
8 (Dec)	Clerk	Staffing	209.1
9 (Dec)	HMRC	Staffing PAYE	52.2

- **Authorisation of Payments to be Made for January**

REF	Payee	Details	Amount
10 (Jan)	Clerk	Printer Ink Expenses	13.99
11 (Jan)	Clerk	Staffing	209.1
12 (Jan)	Clerk	Staffing PAYE	52.2

- (ii) That the Parish Council receives budget reports on a quarterly, rather than monthly basis;
- (iii) That the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer brings to the attention of the Parish Council any unplanned expenditure on a monthly basis.

## 5.3 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer submitted a report detailing the Bank Reconciliation as at 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023.

### RESOLVED

That the Bank Reconciliation be noted.

## 5.4 Precept for 2023-2024

### RESOLVED

The Parish Council noted that the Precept Request for Moston Parish Council for financial year 2023-2024, made to Cheshire East Council in the sum of £7,000 had been submitted and acknowledged.

## 6. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Roscoe reported on the following:-

- The Middlewich Eastern Bypass programme (subject to the confirmation of statutory orders and final funding approval) was for the main works to be started in early 2024, with an estimated 27 month construction period.
- Cheshire East residents would require photo ID to be able to vote at the May elections.

Councillor Nixon reported that he had personally responded to the consultation received from the Police and Crime Commissioner on their budget and precept for 2023-2024, and requested that the Parish Council also submitted a response..

**RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, on behalf of the Parish Council, completes the questionnaire consultation from the Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner on the police 2023-2024 budget.**

**7. TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Councillor Robert Douglas from Congleton Town Council referred to car park charges, which were being considered by Cheshire East.

Mr Robert Smith referred to a camera on Mill Lane which was monitoring the junction.

**RESOLVED**

**That the matters raised be noted.**

**8. MEMBERS ITEMS AND REPORTS AND ITEMS FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR IF PRESENT**

Councillor Nixon reported that there were no updates regarding Airband and that he would look to liaise with Zoom which was used by Sandbach.

He added that there were problems with flooding in the area, some of which was caused by blocked grids which had not been appropriately cleared by Cheshire East.

Finally, Councillor Nixon reported that the following week the existing hedge would be removed at the village green and replaced by a new hedge.

**RESOLVED**

**That the reports be noted.**

**9. DATES OF MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL IN 2023**

**RESOLVED**

**That the following dates of the meetings of the Parish Council in 2023 be approved:-**

11 January 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
8 February 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
8 March 2023	7.00pm	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>
	7.30pm	Council Meeting
12 April 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
10 May 2023	7.30pm	<b>Annual Meeting of the Parish Council</b>
14 June 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
12 July 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
9 August 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
13 September 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
11 October 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
8 November 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting
13 December 2023	7.30pm	Council Meeting

## **10. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING**

### **RESOLVED**

**It was noted that the next meeting of Moston Parish Council would take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 pm**