



MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL

8th March 2023

Commenced: 7.40 pm

Terminated: 8.25 pm

Present: Councillor A Roscoe (Chair)
Councillors K Haigh, C Lockett, S Moran, D Nixon and J Wray (Part)

Apologies for
Absence: Councillors House and Harrop

Also in attendance were 10 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors House and Harrop submitted their apologies for absence.

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 8th February 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4. MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2023

The Clerk sought a review of the Parish Council's Financial Regulations, and submitted the document for consideration.

RESOLVED

That the Financial Regulations 2023 as submitted, be approved.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT 2023-2024

The Clerk sought a review of the Parish Council's Risk Assessment for 2023-2024, and submitted the document for consideration.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council's Risk Assessment for 2023-2024 as submitted, be approved.

6. ASSET REGISTER 2023-2024

The Clerk sought a review of the Parish Council's Asset Register for 2023-2024, and submitted the document for consideration.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council's Asset Register for 2023-2024 as submitted, be approved.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Nixon reported on the following planning matters:-

- **New Planning Applications**
No new planning applications had been received.
- **Ongoing Planning Applications**
 - (i) 17/5070C – Former Albion Chemical Works, Booth Lane, Moston, Cheshire. Outline planning application for 100 residential units. The Section 106 Agreement was now in an agreed form and the solicitor was preparing the document to be signed and sent to Cheshire East Council. It was expected that once this had been finalised [hopefully by April 2023], the planning approval would be given.
 - (ii) 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 5th April 2023.
 - (iii) 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 5th April 2023.
 - (iv) 22/3244C - Fairacre, East Booth Lane, Moston. Change of use to Showman's Yard with facilitating development (hardstanding, fencing, septic tank (retrospective) The parish council noted that this application was still not decided.
 - (v) 22/3186C – Ivy Fields Farm, extension to agricultural worker's dwelling. The Parish Council noted that this application was still 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 still not decided.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

8. FINANCES AND BUDGET

The Clerk reported that up to the 28th February 2023, there had been a total year to date expenditure of £8014.88 against a budget of £13,005 (excluding planning and general reserves). The balance available was therefore £4990.12. To enable the Members to fully consider the expenditure to date, a report on the expenditure of budget headings was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

9. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Roscoe reported that the April meeting would be his last meeting as a Parish Councillor and Chair of this Parish Council. He added that he would not be a candidate for the next election.

Councillor Roscoe explained that he would still be actively involved in the community as he was passionate about the area, and thanked everybody for their support over his two terms of office.

In his closing remarks, Councillor Roscoe encouraged residents to become involved in the Parish Council as elected Members, particularly those from the younger generation. He asked the Parish Council to consider the frequency of meetings to encourage the recruitment of younger members of the Parish who may have work or family commitments, and a short discussion ensued.

In response, the Parish Council and Members of the Public thanked Councillor Roscoe for his dedication and service, and wished him a long and happy retirement.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the report be noted;**
- 2. That consideration be given to bi-monthly meetings (one meeting every two months) of the Parish Council, following the May elections.**

10. CORONATION

Councillor Nixon raised the possibility of a Parish celebration for the King's Coronation, and agreed to look into possible funding opportunities, so that residents could meet together as a Parish to celebrate this momentous event.

RESOLVED

- (i) That a celebration of the King's Coronation to be held on Moston Green be approved, in principle;**
- (ii) That a sum of £100 be earmarked for the purchase of items for the celebratory event and that the Clerk and Councillor Nixon be given delegated authority to make such purchases.**

11. TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In response to a question, Councillor Nixon agreed to make available a MOSTON LITTER PICKERS AHEAD Sign for Dragon's Lane during Community Litter Picks.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

12. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

There were no updates from Councillor Wray.

13. URGENT ITEM

The following item of business was raised which in the opinion of the Chair should be discussed as a matter of urgency in the interest and benefit of those who live and operate within the Parish boundary, due to time constraints.

14. ELECTIONS

Councillor Nixon reported on the forthcoming national elections, and highlighted a number of pertinent instructions for the candidates. Councillor Nixon had booked an appointment with the Elections Department to return all forms on behalf of the candidates. He asked that all candidates return their completed forms to him no later than 31st March 2023.

It was noted that a number of new families in the Parish were not on the electoral register, and Councillor Nixon agreed to speak to these families.

In the meantime, Councillors Roscoe and Nixon reiterated the need for new members on the Parish Council and encouraged residents to consider these positions.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm that the next meeting of Moston Parish Council will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 12th April 2023, at St Peter's Church Hall, Elworth.