

Mollington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 July 2019 at St Oswald's Primary School, Grove Road, Mollington

Present: Councillors Roger Jones (in the Chair), Sally Atkin, Brian Crowe, John Fielding, Christine Jones, Mike Jones and Angus MacSween

In Attendance: Pauline English (Parish Clerk), Simon Eardley (Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC) Ward Member), David Wallace (Headteacher of St Oswald's Primary School) and one member of the public.

19.57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

19.58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors John Fielding and Mike Jones declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall as they were both Trustees.

19.59 A COMMUNITY PLAN FOR MOLLINGTON

John Heselwood was unwell and was unable to attend the meeting. An alternative date would be sought. It was agreed that this should be for Parish Councillors only in the first instance with a further, open meeting to follow.

19.60 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

No issues raised

19.61 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 May 2019 be approved as a correct record.

19.62 BROADBAND/B4RN

The Parish Council was updated on progress with the B4RN project. The target for expressions of interest was 350. 257 responses had been received of which 170 wanted B4RN, the remainder wanted Openreach. If enough signatures were received, building the B4RN system could begin this Autumn. The need for the project in Mollington was questioned as, although it was recognised that a number of the outlying properties received a poor broadband signal, it was noted that current broadband services/signals to properties in the centre of the village were relatively good, although not perhaps currently providing the "hyperfast" speeds promised by B4RN.

19.63 PLANNING

(1) Applications received for comment: None

(2) Decisions made by CWaC since the last meeting of the Parish Council

19/01515/TPO	Taq 731 – Sycamore – Crown lift to first main limb (5m) and sever ivy – as per tree survey 2017, inspection T1 at The Spinney, 13 Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LD - APPROVED
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(3) Awaiting Decision

19/01060/FUL	Construction of menage and post and rail fence at Mere Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire
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19.64 THE FIVE VILLAGES INTERPRETIVE PANEL

There was nothing to report at this meeting and it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

19.65 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) A discussion ensued about Councillors doing maintenance work from which it was agreed that the practice could continue for smaller jobs but that a suitable person/organisation should be employed to do any larger jobs. Councillors Crowe and MacSween would continue to take the lead on repairs to the roof of the bus shelter on Townfield Lane.

(2) Councillor MacSween would varnish the Notice Boards.

(3) The large holly tree outside Keepers Cottage had been removed by the new owners with no apparent damage to the Cheshire railings. Our grateful thanks for this.

- (4) It was noted that Mollington Golf Club had been bought by a consortium who had plans to re-open the facility.
- (5) Councillor Atkin would approach the appropriate people about the hedges which were overhanging on Station Road.

19.66 MOLLINGTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD

It was noted that the Headteacher had given consent to a B4RN cabinet being located in the school grounds.

The Headteacher offered the use of the school premises for Parish Council activities and was happy for the Chairman to have a key.

19.67 VILLAGE HALL

It was queried whether the full amount of the loan had to be drawn down on day one or whether it could be staged according to need.

19.68 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

It was RESOLVED that the following policies and procedures, including Standing Orders revised to meet NALC model standing orders adapted as appropriate for Mollington Parish Council, be approved:

- (1) Standing Orders
- (2) Financial Regulations
- (3) Complaints Procedure
- (4) Dignity at Work, Bullying and Harassment Policy
- (5) Discipline, Dismissal and Grievance Policy
- (6) Equality and Diversity Policy
- (7) Freedom of Information – Publication Scheme
- (8) Health & Safety Policy
- (9) Risk Management Strategy
- (10) Scheme of Delegation

19.69 RISK ASSESSMENT

Following the circulation of the draft risk assessment, it was recognised that action needed to be taken to address a number of the proposed risks following which potential identified risks could be reassessed. The risk assessment was adopted as a working document.

19.70 FINANCE

- (1) **Payments** made since the last meeting:

28.05.19	SO	Staff Costs	522.73
28.05.19	BACS	Cheshire Community Action – annual subscription	20.00
28.05.19	BACS	Cheshire Association of Local Councils-affiliation fee	229.68
31.05.19	DD	1&1 IONOS-website hosting monthly fee	7.19
05.06.19	BACS	Dotty about Accounts – Internal Audit Fee	108.00
06.06.19	BACS	ChALC-Good Councillors' Guide x6	25.50
06.06.19	BACS	Came & Company-Insurance Renewal	216.00

- (2) **Receipts:** None
- (3) **Balance** at 2 July 2019 £12,253.12 (including the amount ring-fenced to repay the PWLB loan)

19.71 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

No issues raised.

19.72 MEETINGS IN 2019-20

It was agreed that meetings should be held in both the Village Hall and the Primary School with any additional meetings being slotted in at the most appropriate venue. The Clerk would draw up a rota. The next meeting would be on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at the Village Hall.

Following the meeting it was discovered that 3 September was not a suitable date and the meeting was put back one week to 10 September. The meeting will be in the Primary School.