

Mollington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 September 2016 at Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Phil Crane (in the Chair), Amanda Clarke, Charles Charlesworth, Brian Crowe, Angus MacSween and Mike Riley

In Attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

16.74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mike Jones arrived late due to work commitments

16.75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Charlesworth declared an interest in Minute 16.81 as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

16.76 OPEN FORUM

Mr Adrian Pocock presented the Parish Council with his initial proposals for a substantial residential development on the site of Halfway Tree, his current house, on the corner of Well Lane and Townfield Lane. He explained that the development would comprise a row of three storey houses which were intended to be sold leasehold to local people over the age of 55. Each unit would have a car parking space or spaces allocated to it. The Parish Council noted the proposals but told Mr Pocock that it was unlikely that they would meet the criteria for such a development in a village which washed over by the Green Belt. Further consideration would be given once the proposals had been developed into a formal planning application. This would require much more detail.

16.77 MINUTES

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

In relation to minute 16.66, Councillor Crowe would continue to make representations to the bus company to divert part of their service into Mollington Village. In relation to minute 16.67 it was noted that the cost of building the new Village Hall would be £500,00-£600,000.

16.78 MOLLINGTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD

It was noted that the pond between the School and the Pre-school, which was used by the School, was again looking very untidy.

The assessment of the proposed 20mph zones around schools was on a rolling programme and Mollington would have to wait another two years.

16.79 PLANNING

(1) Applications Received

16/03445/HHE Conservatory to rear of 6 Tarrant Court, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6NL – no comments to be made

16/03205/FUL Conservatory to the rear of Nearby, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LD – no comments to be made

16/02923/ADV Two signs, one positioned on either gatepost at Footgolf Chester, The Pavilion, Parkgate Road, Mollington, Chester – no comments to be made

(2) **Decisions:** None

(3) **Awaiting Decision:** None

(4) It was noted that CWaC were no longer sending all the paperwork relating to planning applications. If the new protocol between CWaC and ChALC was adopted it would not be long before Parish Councils would be expected to download details of applications from the CWaC website and to ask for plans to be sent only if they were needed to enable comments to be made. Once this new regime was in place, it was agreed that the Clerk should continue to receive notification of applications and that details should then be passed to the Chairman and Councillor Charlesworth who would decide whether a special meeting was required or whether comments should be requested from other Members of the Council.

16.80 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND AMENITY CLEANING

It was reported that the grounds at The Vicarage had been tidied up prior to it being let. There were brambles in the hedge outside the School which would be reported to the Headteacher. The application to claim multiple footpaths across land between Parkgate Road, Mollington and Shelley Road/Browning Close, Blacon had been refused. It was noted that the footpaths across the former golf course were becoming overgrown and it was difficult to get through from the A540. Councillor Charlesworth undertook to walk the footpaths within the village and to report on their condition.

16.81 VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Charlesworth declared an interest in this item as he was the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

It was noted that Chris Mathieson MP had suggested several potential supporters for the rebuild project and that he had arranged a meeting with Village Hall Committee members and a representative of the Big Lottery Fund to ensure that the proposed application for a BLF grant to fund the project met the lottery criteria. The Cinema Club was to be relaunched with an annual subscription to cover all showings. Interest in afternoon social events in the Hall was being canvassed.

16.82 WEBSITES

The transfer of the Mollington Villages website from CoSocius to Chris Jones had been completed with the approval of the Stagg family. The website address would remain the same - <http://www.mollingtonvillages.co.uk/>. The Parish Council's website was now built and was in the process of being populated and reviewed.

16.83 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **CWaC Community Energy Conference and Showcase:** This was to be held on Saturday 15 October at Ashton Hayes Primary School. A workshop was planned aimed especially at Parish Councils.
- (2) **Publication:** Clerks and Councils Direct September 2016

16.84 FINANCE

- (1) **Payments:** It was resolved that the following payments be approved:

Cheque No		Amount
S/O	Parish Clerk – salary August 2016	129.20
226	Village Hall – Room Hire	16.00
BACS	Wellfield Accounting Services – Internal Audit fee	100.80
BACS	Parish Clerk – expenses August/September 2016	28.05
S/O	Parish Clerk – salary September 2016	129.20
227	J Davies (Amenity Cleaner) – wages September 2016	156.00
228	J Davies (Amenity Cleaner) – wages October 2016	156.00

- (2) **Receipts:** There were no receipts
- (3) **Balance** as at 6 September 2016 was £14,771.43.
- (4) **Audit:** It was noted that the Annual Return had been returned by the external auditor and that the Parish Council had received a 'clean' report. There were no specific action items identified. It was resolved that the Annual Return be received and the relevant pages be put on the Parish Council's website in accordance with the Transparency Code.

16.85 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING

No issues raised.

16.86 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1 November 2016 at 8.00pm after the presentation of the prizes for the Best Garden at 7.30pm.