

Mollington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall

Present: Councillors Phil Crane (in the Chair), Brian Crowe, Mike Jones and Angus MacSween

In Attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Christine Jones (Mollington Health Initiative). There were no members of the public present.

18.64 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

18.65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18.66 VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

An application had been received from Rebecca Wimpey to be co-opted to one of the vacant seats on the Parish Council. She met the relevant criteria and had been vouched for by Councillor Crowe. It was resolved that she be co-opted with immediate effect.

18.67 MOLLINGTON HEALTH INITIATIVE

Mrs Christine Jones attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on her proposals for the creation of a system to point out to walkers, runners and cyclists the safer routes to use around the villages. Conversations with CWaC Highways and Planners had helped to inform what might and might not be achieved. It was eventually decided that one of the best ways to tackle the issue was to create of a lectern which would stand adjacent to the pathway at the back of the Village Green and would contain maps of the area. The Parish Council supported this project and would make a financial contribution. Members asked to be kept informed.

18.68 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

The public meeting held by B4RN had been quite well attended. The B4RN Co-ordinator reported that it was now time to approach landowners about wayleaves. Questions were asked about how the link between the Village Hall and the centre of Mollington would be achieved and where the link to Puddington would come from. Members were reminded to complete the questionnaire.

18.69 MINUTES

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record

18.70 PLANNING

(1) Applications Received:

18/03045/FUL	Removal of existing fence and hedge line and replace with brick boundary wall and iron railings to include two access gates at Brookside Farm Cottage Parkgate Road Mollington Chester Cheshire CH1 6JS
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(2) Decisions taken by CWaC since the last meeting of the Parish Council

18/02300/FUL	Removal of existing two storey garage and store and replace with new triple garage, snooker/games room, wc and office at Brookside Farm Cottage Parkgate Road Mollington Chester Cheshire CH1 6JS - REFUSED
18/02136/PDP	Change of use of one unit to a residential unit at Mollington Grange Business Park Parkgate Road Mollington Chester CH1 6NP - APPROVED

- (3) **Mere Farm:** Councillor Crane had voiced his concern about the proposed location of the caravan and it had been agreed to move it to the far side of the site, away from the houses in Meadow View. No objections would be made.

18.71 HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) Thanks to the work of a resident, Mr Paul Salmon, a bus service had been reinstated in Mollington. A service would now be provided at 9.30 and 2.30, run by Stagecoach.
- (2) Councillor Jones reported that he had cut the hedges along Townfield Lane and Well Lane because they were overhanging the highway. Councillor MacSween had done the Plantation.
- (3) The Parish Council thanked Graham and Heather Lewis for their ongoing management of the planting at the Fingerpost.
- (4) It was noted that Grove Road, in front of the School, was to become a 20mph zone.

18.72 MOLLINGTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD

Nothing to report

18.73 VILLAGE HALL

A new planning application would be completed and submitted to CWaC in October. It had been suggested that a meeting be held in the Village Hall to show residents what was now proposed.

18.74 CWaC COUNCIL TAX EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM CONSULTATION

CWaC were proposing to increase the Council Tax premium charged to properties that had been empty and largely unfurnished for more than two years from 50% to 100% with effect from 1 April 2019 in the belief that this would help to increase the amount of available housing stock in the borough and would help to meet the target set out in the Borough's Empty Homes Strategy to bring 900 empty homes back into use over a five year period to 2021. Residents were being asked for their views on this proposal and on other potential changes that could be made in the future. It was noted that the consultation period was from 1 August 2018 to 24 October 2018 and it was agreed that Members should respond individually.

18.75 CWaC TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CWaC were preparing a Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD) which would identify sites to meet the need for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpersons' accommodation in the area and were seeking the views of stakeholders and interested parties about the approach to site selection. Respondents were also invited to provide details of sites that might be suitable for Traveller accommodation. The consultation would end on 5 October. The Parish Council had no sites to offer.

18.76 GOVERNMENT SHALE GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

It was noted that the Government had expressed the intention to make exploratory shale gas well pads a Permitted Development Right, thus obviating the requirement for planning permission, and to bring shale gas production into the National Strategic Infrastructure Project regime. This would remove planning applications from local control to a central government departmental inspectorate, leading to the compulsory acquisition of land.

18.77 FINANCE

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

Date	Method		Amount
30.07.18	S/O	Amenity Cleaner – wages	169.73
30.07.18	S/O	Parish Clerk – salary	133.28
09.08.18	D/D	Information Commissioner's Officer-registration	35.00
13.08.18	BACS	HMRC-Income Tax	66.94
28.08.18	S/O	Amenity Cleaner – wages	169.73
28.08.18	S/O	Parish Clerk – salary	133.28
04.09.18	BACS	Parish Clerk-expenses June-September	95.04
04.09.18	BACS	Village Hall – Room Hire	34.00

- (2) **Receipts:** None

(3) **Balance** as at 04 September 2018 was £13,335.27

18.78 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING

18.79 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4 November 2018 at 7.30pm