

Mollington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 January 2018 at Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk).

18.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mike Riley

18.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18.03 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

No issues raised

18.04 MINUTES

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

18.05 PLANNING

(1) Applications Received:

18/00672/FUL	Demolition of single storey structure to side and single & two storey front, side & rear extensions & alterations at Oakdene Townfield Lane Mollington Chester Cheshire CH1 6LB
18/00690/HHE	Additional extension to existing single storey side extension, and addition of roof lanterns at Lismore Well Lane Mollington Chester Cheshire CH1 6LD

The Parish Council had no observations to make on these applications

(2) Decisions:

17/05053/FUL	Erection of 1 loose box stable on land adjacent to the White Cottage, Parkgate Road, Mollington, Chester Cheshire - APPROVED
17/05086/FUL	Garage conversion with porch extension and replace flat garage roof with pitch roof at 9 Mollington Court, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LA - APPROVED

(3) Awaiting Decision:

18/00078/DIS	Discharge of Condition 2 and 3 on Planning Application 17/04947/PDM (Change of use from retail to 4 residential units) at Mollington Grange Business Park Parkgate Road Mollington Chester CH1 6NP
18/00079/DIS	Discharge of Condition 2 and 3 on Planning Application 17/04033/PDO (Change of use from office units to 24 residential units) Mollington Grange Business Park Parkgate Road Mollington Chester CH1 6NP

18.06 HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) A speed limit assessment had been undertaken for Grove Road which recommended a reduction to 40mph on sections 1 and 2 of the assessed area (Demage Lane to the School). The Parish Council was asked to confirm that they would meet half of the cost of implementing the speed limit in the next financial year. It was resolved that this be agreed, and the Parish Clerk be requested to confirm this with Kay Parry, Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) Highway Engineer.

18.07 MOLLINGTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD

Nothing to report

18.08 VILLAGE HALL

(1) Charges would be increased by 7% in 2018-19

(2) Tenders had gone out to four potential bidders to undertake the Village Hall project. The outcome was not yet known. The results of the Phase 2 lottery bid would be known in March, with Phase 3 being undertaken at the end of the year. Funding was still short by £50,000.

18.09 FINANCE

(1) **Budget and Precept for 2018-19:** Resolved that:

- a) the Clerk's salary from 1 April 2018 be increased by 2%
- b) the monthly fixed payment of £10 to mitigate the costs of having the Parish Council's registered office at the Clerk's home be agreed for 2018-19;
- c) the rate per mile to be paid for casual use of own transport by both employees and Councillors on Parish Council approved business should remain at 45p per mile;
- d) the Amenity Cleaner's wage from 1 April 2018 be increased by 2% per hour and his hours of work remain at six per week;
- e) the precept be set at £1,000 (a Band D payment of £3 per annum);
- f) the Parish Council should not renew membership of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils in 2018-19.
- g) The Risk Assessment for 2018-19 be approved.
- h) The appointment of Dotty About Accounts as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2017-18 at a cost of £90 + VAT be approved.
- i) The £300 cost of the licence for use of the school playing field by the local community out of school hours be met by Councillor Crowe from his Members' Budget

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

Date	Method		Amount
15.11.17	BACS	J Davies-wages x 3 months	499.20
29.11.17	S/O	Parish Clerk – salary November	130.40
30.11.17	S/O	J Davies – wages November	166.40
27.12.17	BACS	Parish Clerk - expenses	103.02
27.12.17	BACS	Village Hall – Room Hire September	16.00
27.12.17	BACS	Village Hall – Room Hire November	16.00
27.12.17	BACS	HMRC-Income Tax	134.80
28.12.17	BACS	Dotty About Accounts – Internal Audit Fee	105.60
29.12.17	S/O	Parish Clerk – salary December	130.40
31.12.17	Bank	Service Charge (3 months)	18.00
02.01.18	S/O	J Davies – wages December	166.40

(5) **Receipts:** There were no receipts

(6) **Balance** as at 2 January 2017 was £16,667.13.

18.10 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING

- (1) Councillor Crowe would contact the owner of the former golf course to ascertain his proposals for its future use and would report back to the next meeting.
- (2) It was reported and noted that the new owners of Mere Farm had found needles in the sheds.

18.11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 8.00pm or following the Annual Parish Assembly (whichever is the later)