

Mollington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 September 2019 at St Oswald's Primary School, Grove Road, Mollington

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

In Attendance: Pauline English (Parish Clerk), PCSO Wendy Leason

19.73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Brian Crowe and Mike Jones. Apologies were also received from Ward Councillor Simon Eardley

19.74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fielding declared an interest in issues relating to the Village Hall as he was a member of the Committee

19.75 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

PCSO Wendy Leason reported on two incidents which had taken place in August. The first concerned a dog bite, the second concerned the theft of a motorcycle. She also confirmed that the Beat Manager for Chester North was PC Rob Brown. Both Rob and Wendy covered Saughall, Mollington, Ledsham, Capenhurst, Backford and Upton areas.

19.76 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the addition of the word "no" between "had" and "plans" in Minute 19.65(d).

19.77 BROADBAND/B4RN UPDATE

Expressions of interest had reached the halfway mark. Volunteers were being sought to canvass in areas where there had not been much uptake. It was noted that the first trenches were being dug for Route 1 Capenhurst to Shotwick.

19.78 PLANNING

(1) Applications Received:

19/02233/FUL	Installation of a Portakabin for a 18 month period at Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service, Fire Station, Powey Lane, Chester CH1 6LH
19/02633/FUL	Amendment to windows and doors to residential units approved under 17/04033/PDO at Mollington Grange Business Park, Parkgate Road, Mollington, Chester CH1 6NP

(2) Decisions:

19/01260/LDC	Construction of new bay window to side at 18 Mollington Court, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LA - APPROVED
19/00572/FUL	Demolition of single storey side conservatory and erection of two storey rear and single storey side including relocation of front entrance and removal of flat roof to be replaced with pitched roof at South Lodge, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6NJ - APPROVED

(3) Awaiting Decision: None

19.79 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

Following the recent public inquiry the Parish Council had received notice that the Cheshire West and Chester Council (Addition of Public Footpaths No.12, No.13, No.14, No.15 and No.16 in the Parish of Mollington) Modification Order 2017 had **NOT** been confirmed.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should request the presence of an officer from Cheshire West & Chester Council's (CWaC) Public Rights of Way Unit to discuss issues relating to the creation of a new path from the Golf Club site to the Countess of Chester Health Park. It was also RESOLVED that Councillors should walk the existing footpaths and report back on their condition at the next meeting.

19.80 MOLLINGTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD

Nothing to report

19.81 VILLAGE HALL

The contract to build the new Village Hall had been put out to tender following a selection and interview process undertaken by the Village Hall and their professional team. The four tender returns had all been in excess of the October 2018 cost plan estimate. This was due in part to the findings and outcomes of the site investigation works which were carried out following the October cost estimate, which identified requirements for additional drainage works such as surface water attenuation, removal of site contamination, retaining walls to the foot of the wooded bank, together with the need for deeper than anticipated foundations and also the requirement for a waste water treatment plant to meet the new requirements of the environment agency replacing the existing septic tank. The Village Hall and their professional team were currently going through a process of Value Engineering with the aim of reducing costs, with a series of options being explored and discussed with the Big Lottery Fund and Sport England (main funders). Following discussions with the Big Lottery Fund Capital Programme Manager, upon conclusion of the value engineering and optioneering process the Village Hall Committee intended to submit an application seeking additional funding to The England Committee of the National Lottery in mid-November, as well as exploring the prospect of additional funding from Sport England.

19.82 THE FIVE VILLAGES INTERPRETIVE PANEL

When the Interpretive Panel was first discussed by Mollington Parish Council it was agreed that it should have twelve pictures covering Mollington only and that it should be sited on the Village Green. Shelley Signs had undertaken the initial design work which had been paid for by Mollington Parish Council. Since then both Backford and Lea-by-Backford Parish Council had asked to be included on the Panel and had agreed to pay a share of the design costs. The number of pictures had been increased to 20 to include sites in those parishes. Backford and Lea-by-Backford Parish Councils wanted a second Interpretive Panel which they would commission and pay for and which would be located either inside or outside the Village Hall. To accompany the Interpretive Panel, it was proposed to set up a website containing additional information about the subject matter on the Panel.

19.83 A COMMUNITY PLAN FOR MOLLINGTON

It was suggested that the existing Parish Plan should be used as a starting point with any outdated issues removed. What remained could be used as the basis for a new Plan which could then be put out to the community for suggestions. It was RESOLVED that all Councillors should read through the existing Parish Plan and bring suggestions back to the next meeting.

19.84 BEST GARDEN COMPETITION

It was agreed to continue with the existing prizes for the Best Garden competition. The Clerk told the Parish Council that in the past some sponsorship had been received from Oak Grange Care Home but that this had only lasted for two years. Councillor Christine Jones volunteered to visit local garden centres to see whether they would be willing to sponsor a prize.

19.85 CWaC CONSULTATIONS

- (1) **Enforcement Policy:** Following a request by some Local Councils the consultation discusses the principle of delegating enforcement powers to Local Councils, initially on a pilot basis, relating to low level environmental crime such as the issue of fixed penalties for dog fouling. The wider policy outlined how the Council delivered its enforcement functions. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council did not wish to take on any enforcement measures.
- (2) **Draft Homelessness Plan:** The draft Homelessness Strategy 2020-2025 set out the priorities and future actions for tackling homelessness in Cheshire West and Chester. The five priorities identified in the Strategy were based on the findings in the Homelessness Review 2019 and current government thinking and emphasised the importance of early intervention and prevention. An online questionnaire was available, and it was agreed that this should be completed by Councillors on an individual basis.

19.86 FINANCE

(1) **Clerk's Membership of the SLCC:** The Parish Council had always contributed a share of the cost of the Clerk's membership of the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks). The cost was currently £106 a year and it was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council should contribute one third of this cost, a sum of £35.

(2) Receipts since the last meeting

Date	Description	Amount
06.08.19	Refund of VAT	199.44

(3) Payments since the last meeting

Date	Description	Amount
03.07.19	1&1 Website hosting	7.19
04.07.19	ChALC- Training	70.00
11.07.19	ChALC- Training	35.00
26.07.19	Information Commissioner	35.00
29.07.19	Amenity Cleaner-wages	182.00
29.07.19	Parish Clerk-salary	139.46
31.07.19	1&1 Website hosting	7.19
28.08.19	Amenity Cleaner-wages	182.00
28.08.19	Parish Clerk-salary	139.46
02.09.19	1&1 Website hosting	7.19
10.09.19	ChALC- Training	185.00
10.09.19	Cheshire West & Chester-Election Recharge Pt.1	247.35
10.09.19	Parish Clerk-expenses	75.11
	Total	1,311.95

(4) Balance in bank as at 10 September 2019: £11,140.61

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING

A letter had been received from the new owners of the Golf Course offering to host a public meeting to inform residents of their plans for the site. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman should liaise with them regarding a suitable date.

Next meeting – Review of Risk Assessment; Budget for 2020-21

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 7.30pm at St Oswald's Primary School