

## MOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 7.00pm by Zoom Video Conferencing

**PRESENT:** Councillors Roger Jones (in the Chair), Brian Crowe, Christine Jones, Mike Jones, John Fielding, Angus MacSween and Dave Wells

In attendance: Mrs P English (Parish Clerk) and Cheshire West & Chester Ward Councillor Simon Eardley

### **20.73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **20.74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mike Jones declared an interest in matters to do with the Village Hall as he was the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. Councillor John Fielding declared an interest in matters to do with the Village Hall as he was a member of the Village Hall Committee

### **20.75 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Councillor Eardley reported that there had been an RTA on the Parkgate Road which had resulted in the destruction of some roadside signage (chevrons) and a tree at the point of the PROW into the former golf course. The historic fingerpost had also been broken into three pieces. He and Councillor Crowe had removed the pieces and they were now stored safely at his farm. There was also some destruction to the fencing along this area which had been reported to the landowners, Harworth Group. The fingerpost did not appear to be beyond repair, but would require specialist attention. A claim might be possible via the insurance of the person involved in this incident but for that it would be necessary to engage Cheshire Police. They had been informed of the incident and it would be necessary to liaise with them to secure appropriate details to pursue the insurance side of this.

### **20.76 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record

### **20.77 VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR**

The vacancy for a Councillor to replace Sally Atkin had been advertised on the Notice Boards and the website for the requisite period and Cheshire West & Chester Council had confirmed that no request to fill the vacancy by means of an election had been received. A notice seeking applications to fill the vacancy by co-option had been put on the Parish Notice Boards and the website. Two applications had been received, from Mr David Wells and Dr Michael Riley, both of whom fulfilled the necessary criteria. Councillors voted unanimously for Mr David Wells because of his current involvement in the work of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr David Wells be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council with immediate effect.

### **20.78 UPDATE REPORTS**

Reports were received on the following matters:

#### **(1) Five Villages Project**

Councillor Fielding reported that the new build of the Village Hall had been given permission to go ahead and that contractors would start on site on 4 January 2021. It was hoped the building would be complete by June 2021. The Parish Councils had been asked to draw down the PWLB loan as soon as possible. It was confirmed that the existing Village Hall would remain open during the build and that the contractor would use some of the existing facilities. The old Hall would be demolished once the new Hall was completed.

#### **(2) Hyperfast B4RN Six Villages Project**

The project had not yet received the required number of supporters, but it was hoped that it would not be long before the target was reached.

**(3) Speed Limits**

This was in the hands of CWaC and would be progressed as soon as they were able.

**(4) Grove Road Ditches**

**(5) Website**

As Councillors had not supported having an individual Mollington PC email address, it was proposed that the Clerk should be the main point of contact with the Chairman acting as reserve. This would ensure that all incoming mail would be directed to the Clerk who could then pass on any messages to Councillors. This was agreed.

**(6) Community Plan**

No progress had been made on this and another option of using Facebook was being explored, with a regular Newsletter being produced by the Parish Council for circulation to all households. The first of these would be delivered before Christmas 2020.

**20.79 PLANNING**

- (1) Application No. 20/03408/FUL: Conversion of existing garage, with elevation changes, to create annexe accommodation for the main dwelling house at Willow Brook House, Well Lane, Mollington. Concern was expressed that with the loss of the garage there would be insufficient storage available for vehicles and other items usually stored in a garage. However, it was agreed that no objections should be raised.
- (2) Application No. 20/03348/FUL: Demolition of existing garage, two storey extension at Honey Pot Cottage, Parkgate Road, Mollington. No observations to be made.
- (3) Application No. 20/03213/FUL: Amendment to windows and doors to residential units on land at Mollington Grange Business Park, Parkgate Road, Mollington. No observations to be made.
- (4) Application No. 20/03019/FUL: Demolition of the existing building and structures and the erection of 6no. dwellings, creation of new public pedestrian and cycle path and community car park, together with associated landscaping, ecology mitigation and infrastructure at former Mollington Grange Golf Club, Townfield Lane, Mollington. Councillor Eardley would call this in for discussion by the Planning Board.
- (5) Application No. 20/03678/HHE: Single Storey Rear Extension at 3 Willow Lea, Mollington. It was noted that neighbours to the left and right of the property had been informed of the application but neighbours to the rear had not. Councillor Eardley would take this up with Planning.
- (6) Application No. 20/03350/FUL: Erection of two storey detached dwelling and detached garage – amendment to 19/04597/FUL – at The Willows, Well Lane, Mollington. Councillor Eardley reported that it was likely that this application would be refused by the Planning Officer. Complaints had been made about the language used by the current contractors and the damage that was being done to the grass verges outside the property. The Parish Council was asked to raise this with Highways and Councillor Eardley would take up the issues with the Planning Officer. Small branches at the bottom of the oak trees by the new development were causing problems for drivers. Councillors Roger Jones and Dave Wells would take some photographs and an application would be made to CWaC to remove the branches.
- (7) **Decisions:** The following decisions had been made by CWaC since the last meeting.  
Application No. 20/02254/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of home office/ hobby room and outside pool at South Lodge, Townfield Lane, Mollington – APPROVED.  
Application No. 02651/FUL Two storey side extension at 4 Elms Cottages, Townfield Lane, Mollington – APPROVED.

- (8) **Awaiting Decision:** The following applications had not yet been decided by CWaC:
- Application No. 20/01430FUL Change of use of barns into hydro-therapy pool, gymnasium and annexe flat for use in connection with the new dwelling at Elm Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington.
- Application No. 20/02289/FUL Change of Use of existing footgolf building and associated area to day care for dogs on land at Mollington Grange Business Park, Parkgate Road, Mollington

#### 20.80 MOLLINGTON NEWSLETTER

The first Mollington Newsletter was being put together by Councillor Christine Jones and would feature a proposal to make the horse chestnut tree on the Village Green a Village Christmas tree. Children from the Primary School and residents would be invited to hang their own baubles and messages on the tree.

#### 20.81 ChALC VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING – 19 NOVEMBER

The ChALC Virtual Annual Meeting would take place on 19 November at 7.00pm. Those wishing to join the meeting were asked to inform ChALC so that they could be added to the list to be sent the joining instructions.

#### 20.82 FINANCE

##### (1) **Payments** made since meeting in September

Date	Method	Description	Amount
11.09.20	BACS	Village Hall room hire	27.00
28.09.20	SO	Amenity Cleaner wages September	193.44
28.09.20	SO	Parish Clerk salary September	142.27
30.09.20	Bank	Service Charge (3 months)	18.00
22.10.20	BACS	SLCC-training for Clerk	36.00
22.10.20	BACS	Debbie Jones-Remembrance Wreath	22.25
28.10.20	SO	Amenity Cleaner wages October	193.44
28.10.20	SO	Parish Clerk salary October	142.27

##### (2) **Income received: None**

##### (3) **Balance in current account on 10 November: £7,725.64**

The Clerk expressed some concern about the amount that was available for the remainder of the current financial year when the repayments on the PWLB loan were factored in. She was asked to provide a report showing how the amounts budgeted for at the beginning of the financial year were being met.

#### 20.83 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING

It was suggested that a follow up report on the survey of the trees in the Village would be useful. Many of those that people reported as being removed and therefore lost were being taken down because they were old and potentially dangerous. It was agreed that any trees where the roots were causing problems on public pavements should be reported to Highways.

#### 20.84 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 7.00pm by Zoom Video Conferencing. This would be the budget meeting and Members were asked to bring forward any items they wished to include in the budget for next year so that these could be taken into account when setting the precept.