

## **MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**8 July 2020 at 7.30pm**

### **Present**

Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Ruth Kerfoot and Pat Mullin.

### **1981 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Idu Miah, Martin Stimson and Maggie Thomas.

### **1982 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor Ruth Kerfoot declared an interest in the discussion which took place in respect of proposed traffic regulation orders affecting Lees Road, and Chapel Street, Mossley (see minute 1993 below).

### **1983 Public Engagement**

Three members of the public were present at the meeting.

#### CPUK Development at Micklehurst Road, Mossley

On behalf of concerned local residents, Ms Chris Lyness enquired whether the Town Council was aware of any future proposals for the partially completed residential development site off Micklehurst Road as a result of the developer (CPUK Ltd) going into receivership.

Ms Lyness also raised the issue of the temporary closure of the footpath at Richmond Crescent which now appeared to remain closed despite the temporary closure order having expired.

Ms Lyness added that whilst the site did not appear to be in a dangerous condition at present, there was increasing concern that children would play on the site during the forthcoming school holidays.

Councillors Jack and Stephen Homer undertook to discuss the issue with Tameside MBC ward colleagues and to make enquiries from Tameside MBC Planning Department about any future proposals.

### Police Attendance

The Clerk advised members that despite attempts made to contact the Police a response to invitations to join the meeting had not been received.

The Chair acknowledged that for operational reasons it was not practical for the Police to commit to attend each meeting of the Town Council but expressed disappointment at the absence of a response.

The Mossley Ward Tameside members met with the Police on a regular basis although such meetings had been held in abeyance as a result of the pandemic.

Councillor Stephen Homer undertook to raise the issue of Police attendance at future Town Council meetings with local policeman PC Martin Dench.

### Egmont St Changing Rooms

At the invitation of Councillor Stephen Homer, Mr Callum Irving from Mossley Amateurs AFC attended the meeting in order to advise members on the progress of discussions which had taken place about bringing the former Egmont St Changing Rooms back into some form of community facility.

The following points were made:

- The response to date from the general public and local businesses in Mossley had been encouraging and there appeared to be a genuine desire to return the premises to community use. A number of offers of assistance had been forthcoming;
- Restructuring arrangements were in place at Mossley Football Club and there was a desire to make the club and facilities more locally based;
- The football club now boasted women's, girls and youth teams and discussions were under way with the Football Foundation aimed at improving facilities at Seal Park Football Ground;
- It was hoped that the opportunity before the football club would enable a lasting legacy for the town to take pride in, including opportunities for additional sporting activities besides football and the uniting of the 'Top' and 'Bottom' areas of Mossley;
- The Board of Mossley Football Club had already agreed in principle to work with partner organisations including the Town Council;
- An interested party drew attention to the possibility of the Egmont St Playing Fields being contaminated with former industrial substances;
- Any improvement in facilities for sporting activity in Mossley should,

in the interests of young people in particular, be welcomed;

In concluding the debate, the Chair welcomed the feasibility issues currently being discussed, emphasised the Town Council's support for the Football Club's initiative and looked forward to further updates as the project developed.

- RESOLVED:
- (1) That the report and information be noted with satisfaction.
  - (2) That gratitude be expressed to Mr Irving for his attendance.
  - (3) That the Town Council looks forward to receiving further updates as the project develops.

### The Vale

Ms Freya Bennett-Nielsen attended the meeting in order to respond to any questions from members about the 'large' grant application for funding received from The Vale.

Ms Freya Bennett-Nielsen elaborated upon the information included in the grant application which had been circulated to members.

(Note: The application was considered by members at a later stage during the meeting (see minute 1996 below).

### Mossley Community Centre

Mrs Lesley Bill attended the meeting in order to respond to any questions from members about the grant application for funding received from Mossley Community Centre.

Mrs Bill elaborated upon the information included in the grant application which had been circulated to members.

(Note: The application was considered by members at a later stage during the meeting (see minute 1996 below).

## **1984 Mossley Town Council Website**

The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) informing members about provisions contained in The Public Sector Bodies (Websites & Mobile Applications No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 and proposing measures to ensure that the Town Council website complies with the regulations.

Ms Claire Taylor, the website administrator attended the meeting for this item.

- RESOLVED:
- (1) That the requirement to comply with provisions contained in the Public Sector Bodies (Websites & Mobile Applications No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018, as set out in the report, be noted.
  - (2) That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorised to engage the services of a suitable website provider via the 'Urgent Business' procedure as set out in Standing Order 10.
  - (3) That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorised to identify from which budget heading any necessary expenditure will be met.

### **1985 Christmas Lights Switch-ons - 2020**

This item had been included on the agenda in order to enable members to commence any discussions about arrangements for the Christmas Light events at Micklehurst (Friday, 20 November 2020) and Mossley (Saturday, 21 November 2020).

The Clerk reported a request from the Chair of the Mossley Whit Friday Committee inviting the Town Council to contribute toward the cost of an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check for Mr Stuart Raddings. Mr Raddings had performed as Father Christmas over a considerable number of years and the current certificate was in need of renewal.

In commencing discussions about the Christmas activities in Mossley in 2020, members acknowledged that the pandemic situation would have a significant part to play in planning for any events and it was hoped that the position would become more clear later during the year.

In the meantime, discussions should take place with Global Grooves in order to gauge what involvement they would have in the events and with Tameside MBC in order to assess the likely position in general in holding such events across the Borough.

- RESOLVED:
- (1) That approval be given to the Town Council meeting the full cost of renewing the Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check for Mr Stuart Raddings.
  - (2) That the cost of the Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check be met from the Christmas Lights Budget.
  - (3) That in order to progress discussions about arrangements for Christmas events in Mossley, an Advisory Committee be established comprising the Chair (Councillor Frank Travis) and Councillors Jack

Homer, Stephen Homer and Ruth Kerfoot.

- (4) That Councillors Jack and Stephen Homer be invited to establish whether any guidance is or is scheduled to be made available by Tameside MBC about the holding of Christmas events across the Borough in 2020.

**1986 Minutes**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 3 June 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**1987 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising which did not appear elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

**1988 Financial Update – to 30 June 2020**

The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 30 June 2020 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 June and 30 June 2020 as follows:.

Layershift	11.88
ZOOM Video Conferencing	14.39
HMRC (May 2020)	103.20
M Iveson (Salary and Expenses – June 2020)	420.89
Total	£550.36

The budget heading from which additional funding required for tree planting had yet to be identified by the Chair.

There would also be a need to consider from where any finance to meet the new website costs were to be met.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

**1989 Mossley 'Rainbow Festival'**

Councillor Pat Mullin reported on progress to date in arranging the Mossley 'Rainbow' Festival.

It was hoped that the Festival would proceed during the Autumn although at this stage it was unclear whether events of the type proposed would be permitted under the pandemic situation.

Letters had been issued to local businesses inviting them to sponsor or make a contribution to the festival.

Councillor Mullin suggested that the Town Council might consider becoming an Associate Member of the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society in view of the interest in and advice the Society would be able to give in planning walking activities during the Festival and thereafter.

- RESOLVED: (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That approval be given to the Town Council becoming an Associate Member of the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society at a cost of £22.50 per annum.

### **1990 Wildflower Planting**

Councillor Maggie Thomas submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) reviewing wildflower planting activity which had been undertaken at locations in the town.

The report concluded that in the event of other areas being planted in the future, greater site preparation including rotavation and rolling, and more generous seeding should take place.

Members paid tribute to the initiative led by Councillors Maggie Thomas and Martin Stimson and hoped that the initiative could be further progressed in the future.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

### **1991 Commemorative Planters**

Councillor Dean Aylett reported on progress made with the initiative to install commemorative planters at Micklehurst and Hem Place.

The construction and installation of the planters had been delayed as a result of the pandemic situation but Councillor Aylett hoped to be in a position to provide firm proposal dates at the next meeting.

The Clerk added that he had spoken with a representative of the Town Team about the commitment previously made to maintain the planter at Hem Place.

The Town team had advised that due to the shortage of volunteers and the existing commitments the Town Team could no longer honour that offer of assistance.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

### **1992 Tree Planting Initiative**

Representatives of the Tree Planting Advisory Committee reported on

progress made with the tree planting initiative agreed at the last meeting.

It was anticipated that an implementation report would be made available at the next meeting in order to enable planting to commence in November 2020.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

### **1993 Planning Issues**

The Council considered the following planning applications:

- (i) Rear single storey extension. Length of the extension from the rear of the original house 4.00m, Maximum height of the extension 3.60m, Maximum height to eaves 2.50m at 17 Shire Croft Mossley (20/00455/HHPD)
- (ii) Rear single storey extension. Length of the extension from the rear of the original house 3.7m, Maximum height of the extension 3.8m, Maximum height to eaves 2.9m<sup>41</sup> Andrew Street Mossley 20/00521/HHPD
- (iii) Construction of 2, 4 Bedroom Town Houses 2, 2 bedroom town houses and 12 apartments on land on Stamford Road Mossley (20/00463/FUL)
- (iv) Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension (Part retrospective) at 5 The Manse Mossley (20/00438/FUL)
- (v) Application for minor material amendment to approved application 18/00491/REM. Variation to approved plans to include; amendments to footprint extending out by 600mm, ridge height increase by 800mm change from 2 windows to 1no 1.77m wide x1.335m high window size to rear elevation of approved dwellings at All Saints Church Institute Micklehurst Road Mossley (20/00433/FUL)

In respect of the application for construction of 2, 4 bedroom town houses 2, 2 bedroom town houses and 12 apartments on land on Stamford Road Mossley (20/00463/FUL), it was:

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk be authorised to advise Tameside MBC that the Town Council objects to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- The proposed development involves overdevelopment on this site;
- The proposed amenity facilities (refuse

collection, bin storage etc.) for the proposed dwellings are inadequate and have the potential to create additional litter problems in the locality causing further detriment to residential amenity. Older properties in Mossley have difficulty in storing bins and a new development should not encourage further examples of bins left out on the pavement which is detrimental to the street scene and an obstruction of the highway;

- The development as proposed is out of character with surrounding and nearby properties and would therefore be detrimental to residential and visual amenity. In particular the scale of the proposal will overly dominate the street scene and be “over bearing” on the nearby residential property. Whilst it is acknowledged there is some attempt to refer to more local character architecture the Town Council considers that this does not work here;
- The proposed car parking arrangements are inadequate for the development proposed. It appears that vehicles accessing the site cannot enter and leave the site in a forward gear which, if not possible will be seriously detrimental to highway safety on Stamford Road and the nearby 5-way traffic signal controlled junction. It runs contrary to good standards of highways practice which tries to avoid this, especially on main roads ;
- Vehicles waiting to make a right turn into the site from Stamford Road will cause traffic to back-up to the nearby 5-way traffic signal controlled junction, further exacerbating the existing traffic difficulties at the junction and resulting in highway dangers;
- Bearing in mind the location of the site, there are no facilities to accommodate construction vehicles during the development process and construction traffic will be unable to park and deliver on the site leading to serious traffic hazards, indeed chaos on Stamford Road and

again at the nearby junction.

Notwithstanding the Town Council's views on this particular development, it is acknowledged that this 'brownfield' site may be developable for residential purposes.

In light of that, the Town Council considers that a less intensive development of, for example, 2 houses with adequate parking and other satisfactory amenity features may be acceptable.

(2) That the remaining applications be noted.

Members then gave consideration to the following traffic regulation orders which had been put out to public conversation:

The Tameside Metropolitan Borough (Various Streets, Mossley) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2020, and  
The Tameside Metropolitan Borough (Various Streets, Mossley) (One Way Traffic) Order 2020.

RESOLVED: That Tameside MBC be advised that the Town Council objects to the inclusion of proposed waiting restrictions included within the orders as follows:

Lees Road (east side)

from its junction with Greaves Street for a distance of 15 metres in a northerly direction

Lees Road (east side)

from a point 15 metres north of its junction with Quickedge Road to a point 15 metres south of that junction.

Chapel Street (south side)

from its junction with Stamford Street to a point 10 metres east of its junction with Wyre Street.

**1994 General items and Updates and reports from Other Agencies**

There were no items to report.

**1995 Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence to report

## 1996 Grant Applications

Members considered applications for grant funding as follows:

### The Vale

Ms Freya Bennett-Nielsen had attended the meeting earlier in order to respond to any questions from members about the 'large' grant application for funding.

Members noted that the application did not specify the amount of grant applied for.

The Council was keen to see the development of The Vale progress and to work closely with the organisation to secure the obvious benefits that will be brought to the Town and its reputation as a centre of excellence for artistic development and nurturing of young people in particular.

- RESOLVED:
- (1) That the principle of awarding a grant to The Vale, be approved.
  - (2) That the Clerk be requested to advise The Vale that:
    - the Council is keen to support a specified proposal rather than make a general contribution to the overall scheme;
    - In the absence of a request for funding to support a specified proposal, the Council defers the actual grant amount pending further discussion and the submission of a revised application for a specified amount for an individual, stand alone element of the overall scheme.

### Mossley Community Centre

Mrs Lesley Bill had attended the meeting earlier in order to respond to any questions from members about the grant application for funding towards cost of improvements proposed at Mossley Community Centre.

- RESOLVED:
- (1) That a grant of £300 be made to Mossley Community Centre.
  - (2) That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all of its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding

**1997 Date of Next Meeting**

The Clerk reminded members that the next meeting of the Town Council would take place on Wednesday 2 September 2020 at 7.30pm remotely using Zoom video conferencing.

The meeting concluded at 10.09pm

Chair