**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**2 September 2020 at 7.30pm**

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|  | **Present**  Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Ruth Kerfoot, idu Miah, Pat Mullin and Martin Stimson. | | | | | | | | |
| **1998** | **Apologies for Absence**  An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Dean Aylett. | | | | | | | | |
| **1999** | **Former Councillor Maggie Thomas**  The Chair advised members that he had received notice from former Councillor Maggie Thomas of her resignation as a member of the Town Council for the Lancashire Ward with immediate effect.  The Chair paid tribute to the service to the Town provided by Ms Thomas and expressed gratitude for her enthusiasm and commitment to several projects.  In concluding, the Chair and members expressed thanks to Ms Thomas.  The Clerk then outlined the procedure to fill the vacancy arising because of the resignation.  Notice of the vacancy would now be published. If 10 or more electors from the ward gave notice to the Returning Officer that they wished an election to take place, an election would be held. Otherwise the vacancy would be filled by co-option.  Tameside MBC had indicated that in the event of an election being requested, it will not currently take place. The vacancy will be held open until the by election takes place. Regulations introduced because of the pandemic provided for the by election to take place on the date for the Ordinary Election of Councillors due to be held on Thursday 6 May 2021. However, this date may be brought forward or deferred by the Government depending upon the circumstances. | | | | | | | | |
| **2000** | **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.  No declarations were made. | | | | | | | | |
| **2001** | **Public Engagement**  Six members of the public were present at the meeting.  Erection of four detached dwellings and associated amenity space and access road to the rear of Jonathan Grange Nursing Home Micklehurst Road Mossley (20/00691/FUL)  Mr David Keneally, a local resident in the vicinity of the proposed development attended the meeting to witness any debate about the application upon which the Town Council had been consulted.  In considering the application, the Town Council expressed the view that the absence of information to support the application, particularly details of the proposed access arrangements, and also any associated statements and application forms on the website, made it difficult for the Town Council to comment on the application in a constructive manner.  In addition, members of the Town Council and Tameside elected members had received complaints over several years about the condition of the Jonathan Grange site, its continued disuse and of the site in general. The application as it stood made no reference to this and any proposals regarding the future of the building and land which is in the applicant's control. Without more information and explanation this could be regarded as piecemeal development.  The Town Council therefore requested that any updated information requested by Tameside MBC or provided by the applicant is made available for consideration by the Town Council and other consultees prior to the application being determined. | | | | | | | | |
|  | Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey/two storey rear extension and new first floor balcony to side of property at 4 Miller Hey Mossley (20/00585/FUL)  Mr Mark Crane, the applicant, attended the meeting to witness any debate about the application.  Members noted that the application had been recommended for refusal by officers at Tameside MBC and that the application would be considered at the Speaker’s Panel later during the month.  The Chair advised Mr Crane that on applications of this type, the Town Council supported the guidelines adopted by Tameside MBC. | | | | | | | | |
|  | CPUK Development at Micklehurst Road, Mossley  On behalf of concerned residents, Ms Chris Lyness invited members to provide an update on the reopening of the footpath at Richmond Crescent which now appeared to remain closed despite the temporary closure order having expired.  It was noted that work on the proposed residential development off Micklehurst Road had now recommenced.  Councillor Stephen Homer advised that he had approached officers at Tameside MBC seeking assurances that all requirements of the former developer would be complied with by the new contractor and a further approach would now be made in respect of the footpath which had been closed on a temporary basis.  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 further disappointment at the absence of a response.  It was suggested that attendance by one of the local PCSOs would be a satisfactory compromise in the event of the police constable being unable to attend for operational reasons. | | | | | | | | |
|  | Christmas 2020  Mr Leon Patel, Chief Executive Officer, Global Grooves attended the meeting to discuss possible arrangements and ideas for Christmas events in the town in 2020.  The Clerk advised that Tameside MBC had been approached for any guidance on Christmas events considering the pandemic and had been advised that as yet there was no exact guidance on this yet. The current position was that events were not permissible. It was unlikely that Tameside MBC would deviate from national governmental guidance on the issue. At this stage it was not known when guidance would be issued. Tameside MBC had indicated that any information or guidance would be shared with the Town Council upon receipt.  Mr Patel then outlined the current difficulties in planning events bearing in mind the current situation but outlined several potential options which might be considered.  Members agreed to pursue potential arrangements for Christmas 2020 with Global Grooves via the Advisory Committee (comprising the Chair and Councillors Jack Homer, Stephen Homer and Ruth Kerfoot) established at the last meeting to progress arrangements. | | | | | | | | |
| **2002** | **Minutes** | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8 July 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. | | | | | |
| **2003** | **Matters Arising**  There were no matters arising which did not appear elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting. | | | | | | | | |
| **2004** | **Financial Update – to 31 August 2020**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 31 August 2020 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 July and 31 August 2020 as follows: | | | | | | | | |
|  | Westhead’s Florist | | | | | | | | 45.99 |
|  | Mossley Community Centre | | | | | | | | 300.00 |
|  | HMRC (June 2020) | | | | | | | | 103.20 |
|  | PNFS Membership | | | | | | | | 22.50 |
|  | ZOOM Video Conferencing | | | | | | | | 14.39 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and Expenses – July 2020) | | | | | | | | 420.89 |
|  | Global Grooves (DBS Check) | | | | | | | | 52.00 |
|  | HMRC (July 2020) | | | | | | | | 103.20 |
|  | ZOOM Video Conferencing | | | | | | | | 14.39 |
|  | Claire Taylor (Website) | | | | | | | | 196.00 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and Expenses – August 2020) | | | | | | | | 421.39 |
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|  |  | | | | | | | | Total £1693.95 |
|  | The budget heading from which additional funding required for tree planting had yet to be identified by the Chair.  Members were reminded that an amount of £1K had been vired from the small grants budget to the website budget to meet the cost of the new website. This virement was shown in the updated statement.  The Clerk invited the Council to endorse in accordance with the Financial Regulations, payment of the £899 required to build and maintain the new website during the first year.  Otherwise everything was under control. Indeed, because of the pandemic and dependent upon what took place during the remainder of the financial year, there was potential for significant underspending in the current year’s budget. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | | That the report be noted. | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | | That the Clerk be authorised to transact the payment of the £899 required to build and maintain the new website during the first year. | | |
| **2005** | **New Town Council Website** (see minute 1984 on 8 July 2020)  The Clerk invited the Council to note the urgent action taken in accordance with Standing Order 10 to:   * engage the services of a suitable website provider; and * identify from which budget heading any necessary expenditure will be met.   The decision record processing the decision had been circulated with the agenda.  Members considered various aspects of the new website and Councillors Stephen Homer and Ruth Kerfoot undertook to assist with the production of material for inclusion on the website where required.  Members also considered the allocation of administrator rights for the new website. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | (1) | | | That the urgent action taken in accordance with standing order 10 be noted. | |
|  |  | | | | (2) | | | That the Clerk be nominated as the administrator for the Town Council Website. | |
|  |  | | | | (3) | | | That when available, the Clerk be requested to circulate the draft website to all members for information. | |
| **2006** | **Remembrance Sunday 2020**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated with the agenda) setting out the conventional arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.  The Clerk added that advice was awaited from Tameside MBC about how arrangements for Remembrance Services across Tameside would operate considering the pandemic.  Tameside MBC had advised that guidance was awaited from the Royal British Legion and other Greater Manchester districts and further advice would be issued once available.  In the meantime, the Clerk invited the Council to consider the ordering of a wreath to be laid by the Chair (or his representative) at the service; and the cost for the firing of maroons at the commencement and conclusion of the 2 minutes silence and the engagement of the services of the local pyrotechnician to provide this. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | | | That subject to arrangements for the Mossley Service of Remembrance Service being practicable, the Clerk be authorised to:   * order a wreath to be laid by the Chair (or his representative) at the service; and * make arrangements for the firing of maroons at the commencement and conclusion of the 2 minutes silence and the engagement of the services of the local pyrotechnician to provide this. | | |
|  |  | | (2) | | | | That the necessary expenditure estimated at £250 (wreath £25 and maroons £225) be authorised. | | |
|  |  | | (3) | | | | That in the event of the conventional Remembrance Service not being practicable, consideration be given to an alternative form of remembrance activity. | | |
| **2007** | **Christmas Lights Switch-on 2020**  This item had been dealt with earlier during the meeting (see minute 2001 above.) | | | | | | | | |
| **2008** | **The Vale – Application for Grant**  This item had been dealt with earlier during the meeting (see minute 2001 above.)  The Council considered the making of a grant to The Vale at a later stage during the meeting. (see minute 2020 below.) | | | | | | | | |
| **2009** | **Tameside MBC Statement of Community Involvement**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated with the agenda) advising the Town Council that Tameside MBC is updating the Statement of Community Involvement and as part of that process is inviting comments and suggestions for consideration for inclusion in the revised statement. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That Tameside MBC be informed that the Town Council endorses the revised SCI but considers that there is a need for enhanced engagement opportunities between area planning teams and local people when considering planning applications. Pre application advice is time consuming but, combined with applicant participation in consultation, can be beneficial in reducing objections which may be under informed, therefore attracting objections which officers and members have to consider.  In particular, objectors to planning applications do not receive any further information once the consultation period has expired until the application has been determined often leading to frustration and bad feeling.  It is hoped that the borough Council will address this issue as part of the revisions to the SCI. | | | | | | |
| **2010** | **Revised Code of Conduct – LGA Consultation**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated with the agenda) advising the Town Council that the Local Government Association is undertaking a consultation on a revised Model Code of Conduct.  A copy of the LGA Model Code and consultation document accompanied the report. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report and draft Model Code of Conduct be noted. | | | | | | |
| **2011** | **Mossley ‘Rainbow Festival’**  Councillor Pat Mullin reported on progress to date in arranging the Mossley ‘Rainbow’ Festival.  A firm date for the Festival had not yet been set and it now appeared unlikely that the Festival would take place before Spring 2021 at the earliest. Plans were however being firmed up.  Significant levels of support had been promised from the Millstone Brewery and the Mossley Correspondent providing publicity.  A new studio and activities with Woodend Mill colleagues were in the course of preparation. Mossley Football Club had indicated a willingness to allow the use of Seel Park for events.  Global Grooves had promised support and a Rainbow Festival photographic exhibition was being developed.    Local businesses had been contacted and Tameside MBC would offer advice | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | | |
| **2012** | **Egmont St Changing Rooms**  Councillor Stephen Homer reported on progress.  Several initiatives were being explored in consultation with Mossley Amateurs Football Club. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted. | | | | | | |
| **2014** | **Wildflower Planting**  Councillor Martin Stimson referred to the success of the recent English Bluebell planting initiative undertaken by the Town Council and suggested that in order to build on the initiative, consideration should be given to the planting of daffodils in the town.  It was proposed that the planting would take place along bridlepaths in the vicinity of the canal. Tameside MBC had granted permission for the bulbs to be planted on land in their ownership and the planting would be carried out by local volunteers.  A figure of £250 had been included in the budget but it was anticipated that the cost of 1000 bulbs of the type required was likely to cost in the region of £282. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | | That approval be given to the acquisition and planting of 1000 daffodil bulbs at a cost of £282. | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. | | |
| **2015** | **Commemorative Planters**  In the absence from the meeting of Councillor Dean Aylett, the Chair suggested to members that it would be a fitting tribute if the proposed commemorative planters were installed in time for Remembrance Sunday. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That in consultation with the Chair and Councillor Dean Aylett, the Clerk be requested to pursue the initiative to install commemorative planters at Micklehurst and Hem Place with a view to installation of the planters in sufficient time for Remembrance Sunday. | | | | | |
| **2016** | **Tree Planting Initiative**  Members of the Advisory Committee reported on progress including:   * a suggestion that ‘orchard’ trees be planted on Church land at St John’s and St George’s Churches subject to endorsement by The Reverend David Warner; and * as a result of approaches made to the Woodland Trust, 15 trees were to be made available to the Town Council during the Autumn. It was proposed to involve the community in the siting and planting of the trees and the Chair indicated that this was under consideration. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | | That the report be noted. | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | | That a sum of £300 be set aside from the Tree Planting budget heading to enable the planting of ‘orchard’ trees on Church land at St John’s and St George’s Churches subject to endorsement by The Reverend David Warner. | | |
|  |  | | | (3) | | | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. | | |
| **2017** | **Planning Issues**  The Council considered the following planning applications: | | | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | Erection of four detached dwellings and associated amenity space and access road to the rear of Jonathan Grange Nursing Home Micklehurst Road Mossley (20/00691/FUL) | | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | Discharge of condition 2 - materials, 4 - cycle storage and 7 - surface water drainage of planning permission 19/00775/FUL for erection of one terraced dwelling house at 138 Waterton Lane Mossley (20/00071/PLCOND) | | | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey/two storey rear extension and new first floor balcony to side of property at 4 Miller Hey Mossley (20/00585/FUL) | | | | | | | |
|  | (iv) | Removal of conservatory and replace with part two storey part single storey rear extension and single storey side extension at 20 The Spindles Mossley (20/00705/FUL) | | | | | | | |
|  | (v) | Discharge of conditions 3 (materials), 4 (contaminated land), 5 (refuse storage), 7 (soft landscaping scheme) and 10 (Construction Environment Management Plan of planning permission 17/00918/FUL at The Highland Laddie Market Street Mossley (20/00079/PLCOND) | | | | | | | |
|  | (vi) | Single storey rear extension at 40 Waters Reach Mossley (20/00616/FUL) | | | | | | | |
|  | (vii) | EIA screening opinion at former Hartshead Power Station and Millbrook Sidings Millbrook (20/00756/ENV) | | | | | | | |
|  | (viii) | Tree works at 7 Ash Hill Drive Mossley (20/00079/TPO) | | | | | | | |
|  | (ix) | Tree works at Apsley House Abney Road Mossley (20/00080/TPO) | | | | | | | |
|  | (x) | Proposed two storey side extension (with setback) at 15 Waters Reach Mossley (20/00632/FUL) | | | | | | | |
|  | (xi) | Construction of new block of five flats over all three floors at The Fleece Inn 53 Stamford Street Mossley (20/00516/FUL) | | | | | | | |
|  | (xii) | Proposed single storey front and rear extension, two storey side extension, and other external alterations including render to rear extension and the formation of new off-road parking to front of property at 10 The Vale Mossley (20/00709/FUL) | | | | | | | |
|  | Members had considered the applications for:   * erection of four detached dwellings and associated amenity space and access road to the rear of Jonathan Grange Nursing Home Micklehurst Road Mossley (20/00691/FUL); and * Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey/two storey rear extension and new first floor balcony to side of property at 4 Miller Hey Mossley (20/00585/FUL)   earlier during the meeting (see minute 2001 above.) | | | | | | | | |
|  | In respect of the application for construction of new block of five flats over all three floors at The Fleece Inn 53 Stamford Street Mossley (20/00516/FUL), it was: | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | The Town Council expresses the following views:   * The proposed development does not make provision for parking of vehicles belonging to future occupiers of the proposed residential accommodation. It is likely that there will be more than a single car at each unit of accommodation and lack of provision will result in additional parking on nearby streets which are already at capacity. We understand that there are reduced requirements for parking provision in town centre developments, but experience does not always support this and particularly as this is an intensive 5-unit proposal; * The proposed development does not provide any outside space for the occupiers of the proposed units and bearing in mind the absence of open space provision in the locality will result in detriment to the residential amenity and wellbeing of the proposed occupiers; and * The proposed facilities for refuse and recycling receptacles are inadequate and will result in receptacles being placed on street which would not only be detrimental to the residential and visual amenity of the occupiers of the proposed and nearby residents but may also lead to increased fly tipping in the area.   Furthermore, the Town Council sees this as an opportunity to not only provide proper facilities, but for the applicant to resolve and improve the condition of the land fronting Arundel St. | | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | That the remaining applications be noted. | | | |
| **2018** | **General items and Updates and reports from Other Agencies**  There were no items to report. | | | | | | | | |
| **2019** | **Correspondence**  There were no items of correspondence to report | | | | | | | | |
| **2020** | Grant Applications  Members considered the application for grant funding at The Vale.  Members expressed their full support for the exciting developments proposed at The Vale and their keenness to be involved as a partner organisation.  The Town Council had previously indicated that it wished to fund a specific proposal as opposed to making a general contribution to the development at The Vale and it was suggested that a grant of £1000 towards the cost of installing the recently acquired seating at The Vale should be considered.  It is hoped that any contribution made by the Town Council would be acknowledged and that at appropriate stages in the future (for example the forthcoming ‘Rainbow Festival’), the Town Council would be permitted to make use of the theatre facility for the benefit of the community in a manner to be agreed following further discussion. | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | That a grant of £1000 towards the cost of installing the recently acquired seating at The Vale should be awarded. | | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. | | | |
|  | **Date of Next Meeting**  The Clerk reminded members that the next meeting of the Town Council would take place on Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.30pm remotely using Zoom video conferencing. | | | | | | | | |

The meeting concluded at 9.59pm

Chair