**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**9 December 2020 at 7.30pm**

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|  | **Present**Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.One member of the public was present at the meeting. |
| **2046** | **Apologies for Absence**An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Ruth Kerfoot. |
| **2047** | **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.The following declarations were made: |
|  | Councillor Pat Mullin | As the administrator of an application made on behalf of the Town Council for a Cycling/Walking grant from Transport for Greater Manchester in which one of the candidates for co-option may be involved. |
|  | Michael Iveson, Clerk to the Town Council | Agenda item 6 (Salary of the Clerk). Mr Iveson left the meeting during the debate and determination of this item. |
| **2048** | **Public Engagement** |
|  | Police AttendanceThe Clerk reported that PC Martin Dench has been invited to join the meeting for a brief presentation but was unable to attend.Mossley Community Centre – ‘Large’ Grant ApplicationThe Clerk reported that with the consent of the applicant, the application had been deferred to enable additional information to be provided by the applicant. |
| **2049** | **Minutes** |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 21 October 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.  |
| **2050** | **Matters Arising**There were no matters arising which did not appear elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.Councillor Pat Mullin took the opportunity to acknowledge the ‘magnificent’ response from the Mossley community to the proposed development at Brookfields. The community response had been instrumental in the application being refused at the recent Speakers Panel meeting. |
| **2051** | **Financial Update – to 30 November 2020**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 30 November 2020 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 October and 30 November 2020 as follows: |
|  | Laura Day (Website) | 56.00 |
|  | HMRC (September 2020) | 103.20 |
|  | Zoom Video Conferencing | 14.30 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and expenses – October 2020) | 416.39 |
|  | PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit) | 240.00 |
|  | Rita Vaughan (Grant) | 300.00 |
|  | Michael Kelly Groundworks (Micklehurst Planter)\* | 795.50 |
|  | Royal British Legion | 25.00 |
|  | Kieran Whitrow (Maroon) | 225.44 |
|  | Lloyds pharmacy (PPE) | 69.77 |
|  | HMRC (October) | 103.20 |
|  | Zoom Video Conferencing | 14.39 |
|  | Manchester Rubber Stamp Co (Plaque) | 122.40 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and expenses – November 2020) | 421.39 |
|  | Dean Aylett (Reimbursement) | 25.47 |
|  | Vere North (Leaflets and Posters) | 213.60 |
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|  | \*- authorised 26 February 2020 (Min 1930) |  |
|  |  | Total £3146.34  |
|  | The budget heading from which additional funding required for tree planting had yet to be identified by the Chair.The Clerk added that the budget was operating satisfactorily and 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.The draft budget for next year would be submitted to the January 2021 meeting and the Council would be invited to consider the level of precept so that this could in turn feed into the budget consideration by Tameside MBC.The Clerk reported that earlier during the day, the invoice for the services by the GW Theatre Company in connection with the Mossley ‘Christmas Cracker’ event had been received. The cost of their services amounted to £2400.  |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the report be noted. |
|  |  | (2) | That the Clerk be authorised to settle the account with the GW Theatre Company in the sum of £2400. |
| **2052** | **Salary of the Clerk to the Town Council**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising members of the outcome of the Local Government Pay Agreement for 2020/21 and inviting members to agree to implement the increase in the fixed spinal column point (SCP 15) with effect from 1 April 2020. |
|  | **RESOLVED:** | That in accordance with the National Joint Council for local government services agreement, the pro rata salary of the Clerk be increased from £22911 per annum to £23541, backdated with effect from 1 April 2020. |
|  | *(Note: The report indicated that the hourly rate was £11.88 and that theincrease would take the hourly rate to £12.20. Members agreed thereport on that basis. The amounts included in the report were incorrect. The current hourly rate was £11.91 and the increase took it to £12.24.**The change will be reported to the next meeting on 13 January 2021 but in the meantime the Clerk had drawn the amendment to the attention of members because the next salary payment and backpay will be transacted using the revised figure before the next meeting.)* |
| **2053** | **Tameside MBC Standards Committee Representative** |
|  | RESOLVED: | That consideration of the appointment of a Town Council representative to serve on the Tameside MBC Standards Committee be deferred to the next meeting pending the co-option of additional members to the Town Council.  |
| **2054** | **Planning Issues**The Council considered the following planning applications: |
|  | (i) | G1 Group Poplars x10 - Crown reduce by 30% at R Plevin and Sons Ltd, Cheshire Street, Mossley (20/00106/TPO) |
|  | (ii) | Proposed first floor side extension at 1 Crown Hill, Mossley (20/01005/FUL) |
|  | (iii) | Tree Works at 1 Old Brow Court, Mossley (20/00123/TPO) |
|  | (iv) | Discharge of condition 13 (contamination) of application 20/00136/FUL at Garage Site Off Roughtown Road, Mossley (20/00106/PLCOND) |
|  | (v) | First floor side and rear extensions, garage conversion and new front porch at 17 Broadcarr Lane, Mossley (20/01010/FUL) |
|  | (vi) | Refurbishment of existing decking and construction of new decking to side and rear of property with balustrade and external steps (part retrospective) (resubmission of 20/00278/FUL) at 15 Beechwood Drive, Mossley (20/00892/FUL) |
|  | (vii) | Subdivision of existing dwelling into 2 separate dwellings 1 x one-bedroom 1 x two-bedroom and associated external changes at 51 Arundel Street Mossley (20/00980/FUL) |
|  | (viii) | Retrospective application for the retention of 1800mm high timber screen fencing and the change of use of land to domestic curtilage at 1 Three Counties Road, Mossley (20/00955/FUL) |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the applications be noted. |
| **2055** | **Mossley ‘Christmas Cracker Event’**Councillor Pat Mullin submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) highlighting the success of the Mossley ‘Christmas Cracker’ event which had taken place and which was continuing over the period in the run-up to Christmas 2020. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted with satisfaction. |
| **2056** | **Commemorative Planters**Councillor Dean Aylett advised members that the commemorative planter at Micklehurst had now been installed and planted up.The Chair added that a plaque had now been purchased and would, in due course be affixed to the planter. Arrangements would be made for a ‘low key’ ceremony to take place to dedicate the planter and it was hoped that a local veteran(s) would be invited to attend the event. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2057** | **Tree Planting Initiatives**The Chair reported that 15 sapling trees had been acquired from the Woodland Trust.The trees had been planted in a Garden of Remembrance at Micklehurst All Saints CE Primary School. The trees would commemorate those families who lost multiple members of their families during The Great War.Councillor Dean Aylett added that further discussions were taking place with the Woodland Trust about the acquisition of additional trees and updates would be delivered at future meetings. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2058** | **Grant Applications** Mossley Community Centre – Large Grant Application for £1000This item had been dealt with earlier during the meeting (see minute 2048 above.) |
| **2059** | **Town Council Vacancies – Co-option Arrangements**The Town Council considered the co-option of members to fill vacancies in the Lancashire and Yorkshire Wards following the resignations of former Councillors.The Clerk advised members that expressions of interest had been received from seven residents, subsequently reduced to 5 following two withdrawals of interest. Members had been provided with details of the applicants and their submissions.Prior to the meeting, members and candidates had been provided with detailed arrangements of how the co-option procedure would be conducted,The following applicants were then given the opportunity to make a brief presentation prior to members holding an election to fill the vacancies:Sally Elizabeth DaviesCatherine A ElliottHelen Louise JamisonJames HallMary MitchellElections to fill the vacancies then took place,Lancashire WardThe five candidates were included in the election to co-opt to the vacancy in the Lancashire Ward.Votes were cast as follows: |
|  | Sally Elizabeth DaviesHelen Jamison | 2 votes4 votes |
|  | It was then: |
|  | RESOLVED: | That Helen Jamison be co-opted to the vacancy in the Lancashire Ward until the next Parish Elections take place in 2023. |
|  | Yorkshire WardThe remaining four candidates were included in the election to co-opt to the vacancy in the Yorkshire Ward as follows:Sally Elizabeth DaviesCatherine A ElliottJames HallMary MitchellVotes were cast as follows: |
|  | Sally Elizabeth DaviesJames HallMary Mitchell | 2 votes3 votes1 vote |
|  | In the absence of any of the candidates receiving an absolute majority of votes, the Clerk advised that the person with the fewest votes should be eliminated and a further election held between the remaining candidates.A further election then took place as follows: |
|  | Sally Elizabeth DaviesJames Hall | 1 vote5 votes |
|  | It was then: |
|  | RESOLVED: | That James Hall be co-opted to the vacancy in the Yorkshire Ward until the next Parish Elections take place in 2023. |
| **2060** | **Correspondence**The Clerk advised members that there were no items of correspondence to report. |
| **2061** | **Date of Next Meeting**The Clerk reminded members that the next meeting of the Town Council would take place remotely on Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 7.30pm using Zoom video conferencing. |

The meeting concluded at 10.29pm

Chair