**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**5 May 2021 at 7.30pm**

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|  | **Present**  Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, James Hall, Jack Homer, Helen Jamison, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.  Two members of the public was present at the meeting. | | | |
| **2124** | **Apologies for Absence**  An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Stephen Homer | | | |
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| **2125** | **Election of Chair** | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That Councillor Frank Travis be elected Chair of the Town Council for the Municipal Year 2021/22. | | |
|  | Councillor Frank Travis then made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office required to enable him to act as Chair. | | | |
| Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) In the Chair | | | | |
| **2126** | **Appointment of Deputy Chair** | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That Councillor Idu Miah be appointed Deputy Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2021/22. | | |
| **2127** | **Minutes** | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 7 April 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. | | |
| **2128** | **Review of Town Council Procedural Documents**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to review the following procedural documents:   * Statement on Internal Control * Various documents required under the General Data Protection Regulations * Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.   The documents had been considered at the meeting on 7 April 2021 and had been commended to the Annual Meeting for adoption. | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the following documents be re-adopted without amendment:   * Statement on Internal Control * Various documents required under the General Data Protection Regulations * Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. | | |
| **2129** | **Appointment of Representatives to Serve on Outside Bodies**  The Council considered the appointment of representatives to serve on various outside bodies. | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the following appointments to the bodies indicated be approved: | | |
|  |  | **Body** | | **Appointee(s)** |
|  |  | Tameside MBC Standards Committee | | Councillor Frank Travis  (Deputy) Councillor Stephen Homer |
|  |  | Mossley Town Team | | Councillor Pat Mullin |
|  |  | Fairtrade Mossley Steering Group | | Councillor Jack Homer  Vacancy |
| **2130** | **Dates of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2021/22**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Council to set dates for meetings of the Council during the Municipal Year 2021/22.  The dates for meetings had been considered at the Town Council meeting on 7 April 2021.  At the suggestion of the Chair, the dates of the meetings proposed in June and July 2021were amended to 16 June and 14 July 2021 respectively. | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That meetings of the Council take place on the following dates commencing at 8.00pm at the Mossley Methodist Church prior to the Community Room at the George Lawton Hall being available:  Annual Parish Meeting  Wednesday 19 May 2021  ‘Ordinary’ Meetings  Wednesday 16 June 2021  Wednesday 14 July 2021  Wednesday 1 September 2021  Wednesday 20 October 2021  Wednesday 8 December 2021  Wednesday 12 January 2022  Wednesday 23 February 2022  Wednesday 6 April 2022  Annual Meeting in 2022  Wednesday 11 May 2022 | | |
| **2131** | **Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 19 May 2021**  The Clerk outlined the nature and format of the Annual Parish Meeting. | | | |
| **2132** | **Town Council Insurance Policy 2021/22**  The Clerk advised members that the Council’s insurance policy currently with Zurich expired on 31 May 2021. The renewal premium was £762.73 which is an increase of only £10 on the previous year. The Clerk recommended renewal of the policy on that basis.  The item had been brought to this meeting because the financial regulations provided that the Town Council must endorse payments exceeding £500. | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the Clerk be authorised to renew the Council’s insurance Policy for 2021/22 with Zurich Insurance and to settle the premium at a cost of £723.73. | | |
| **2133** | **Chair’s Announcements**  There were no further announcements from the Chair. | | | |
| **2134** | **Mossley Neighbourhood Plan Draft Statement** (See minute 2113 of 7 April 2021)  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated inviting the Town Council to consider a formal statement for submission to Tameside MBC in support of the Town Council’s request for designation of the town (parish) area as a Neighbourhood Area.  The Clerk advised members that since the report had been prepared, it appeared that there was a discrepancy between the parish boundary and the Tameside MBC Mossley ward. The Clerk had circulated plans to members prior to the meeting and highlighting the discrepancy over the boundary in the south-west corner of the ward plan. The area generally in the vicinity of Luzley appeared to be excluded in the map accompanying the order. This was being investigated in consultation with officers at Tameside.  In considering the report, members made the following comments   * advisory sessions referred to in section 4 of the draft statement had taken place with Locality staff and not specifically appointed Neighbourhood Planning staff at Leeds City Council; * Members discussed various initiatives proposed for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to make any further amendments to the draft statement now submitted prior to submission to Tameside MBC. | |
| **2135** | **Urgent Issues**  The Clerk advised members that since the agenda had been published, consultations had been received which required responses before the next meeting on 16 June 2021.  Members agreed to give views on the consultation issues on an informal basis subject endorsement at the meeting on 16 June 2021.  The following issues were considered:  Diversion of Footpath 169 Mossley  The Town Council acknowledged that the proposed diversion route will provide a more satisfactory surface for footpath users and offers no objection to the diversion proposed on the plan accompanying the consultation.  Former Jonathan Grange Nursing Home – Proposed Residential Development  The Town Council had no objection in principle to the development of the site for residential purposes but considered that the size, design and density of the proposed units of residential accommodation were unimaginative.  The Town Council invited Tameside MBC in considering the application to advise the applicant to:   * Review the layout of the proposed development and provide an enhanced development with reduced levels of density; * Incorporate within the development green space provision to reflect the character of the area and improve visual amenity; * Incorporate ‘green’ infrastructure measures in the form of solar energy and electric vehicle charging facilities to make the development more sustainable.   Spring Mill Drive - Garage conversion with associated external alterations  The Town Council offered no comment on this application | | | |

The meeting concluded at 8.43pm

Chair