**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**14 July 2021 at 7.30pm**

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|  | **Present**Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.Six members of the public were present at the meeting. |
| **2154** | **Apologies for Absence**Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dean Aylett, James Hall, Helen Jamison and Ruth Kerfoot. |
| **2155** | **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. |
| **2156** | **Public Engagement** |
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|  | 1. Police Update

The Clerk reported that the Police were unable to attend the meeting.  |
|  | 1. Footpaths in Mossley

 Mr Roy Parkes attended the meeting in order to voice concerns about the blocked footpath on the Definitive Rights of Way Map.The footpath in question extended from Broadcarr Lane (just north of Willow Cottage) via a gate, roughly south- west up the hill to just below Hartshead Pike Tower.  At that point there is a footpath sign pointing back down the hill but at roughly the half-way point the path is blocked by a fence.Mr Parkes invited the Town Council to pursue the unblocking of the footpath with Tameside MBC.The Clerk advised members that the issue had been raised with the Public Rights of Way Officer at Tameside MBC and it had been agreed that a site visit would be undertaken to the footpath in question (Footpath 167).In addition, the Clerk had been advised that Tameside MBC were currently undertaking a survey of all footpaths in Tameside. The 100% survey of the network was not a statutory function but rather something that Tameside MBC were undertaking:* To gain an understanding of the current condition of the network and the resource implications needed to address any problems;
* To have an inspection record that can be used in defence of the Council in the event of claims for personal accident on one of the definitive routes.  The inspection policy was to visit all of the rights of way every two years, with the ‘urban’ paths (i.e. a tarmac path in an urban setting) being inspected annually.

The Chair expressed gratitude to Mr Parkes for drawing the issue to the attention of the Town Council and it was agreed that an item, “Publicising the Mossley Footpath Network and Encouraging Walking” would be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Town Council. |
| **2157** | **Applications for financial Assistance**Members considered the following applications for grants/financial assistance. Representatives of each organisation attended the meeting to respond to any questions from members.Copies of the applications or requests for financial assistance had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.The Town Council made decisions on the applications at a later stage during the meeting. |
|  | (i) | St George’s Church – Application for ‘large grant’ to meet cost of churchyard maintenance (£1000).Mr Nigel Hassle-Standeing, Church Warden at St George’s represented the Church and responded to questions from members. |
|  | (ii) | GW Theatre Company Ltd - Application for ‘large grant’ to assist ‘The Mortal Man Project’ (£1500)Mr David Jones represented the Theatre Company and responded to questions from members. |
| **2158** | **Minutes** |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16 June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. |
| **2159** | **Financial Update – to 30 June 2021**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 30 June 2021 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 June and 30 June 2021 as follows: |
|  | HMRC (May 2021) | 106.00 |
|  | ZOOM Reimbursement  | 14.39 |
|  | M Iveson salary and expenses (June 2021) | 427.69 |
|  | Mossley Civic Society | 300.00 |
|  | Mossley Town Team | 50.00 |
|  | Mossley Community Association\* | 600.00 |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church | 30.00 |
|  | Ruth Kerfoot (Litter bags reimburse) | 151.50 |
|  | Childflight | 300.00 |
|  | SLCC | 112.00 |
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|  |  | **Total 2091.58** |
|  | \* - authorised 16 June 2021(minute 2153) |  |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2160** | **Mossley Neighbourhood Plan**The Clerk advised members that the amended resolution adopted at the last meeting and accompanying statement had been forwarded to Tameside MBC.Tameside MBC had acknowledged receipt and advised that the Legal Services Team were now looking at the procedure and further advice would be issued in due course. |
| **2161** | **Egmont St Pavilion**The Chair and Councillor Stephen Homer jointly reported on discussions which had taken place with potential partners who had expressed interest in bringing the premises back to some form of community use.Positive and encouraging discussions were also taking place with Tameside MBC as owners of the premises about the premises being made available to potential partners.Further updates would be delivered to members as the proposals developed. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2162** | **Town Centre Cycle Storage Facilities**The Chair advised members that discussions had taken place with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Tameside MBC and Northern Rail about the availability of grants for Town Centre cycle storage facilities.It was understood that priorities for grant availability were to be published in the Autumn and bids for such facilities in Mossley would be pursued. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2163** | **Mossley Hollins School Council**The Chair advised members that Councillors Helen Jamison and Ruth Kerfoot had held discussions with the Headteacher and staff at Mossley Hollins High School with a view to establishing links between the school and the Town Council.Arrangements were in hand for representatives of the school to attend future Town Council meetings and for members to visit the school to assist with school projects around democracy.  |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2164** | **Christmas 2021**The Clerk advised members that the dates agreed by the Town Council for the Micklehurst and Mossley ‘switch-ons’ (26 and 27 November 2021 respectively) had been notified to Tameside MBC.The Chair reported that arrangements were in hand for discussions to commence with interested parties about Christmas and other events in the town including an event to mark the 50th anniversary of Mossley Town Twinning activities. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2165** | **Remembrance Sunday – 13 November 2021**The Clerk advised members that initial discussions had taken place with colleagues at Tameside MBC about arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 2021.It was anticipated that Covid-19 restrictions would be lifted in order to permit an event to take place as in previous years.The format so far as Mossley is concerned included:* A service at the War Memorial at Mossley Hall conducted by Rev David Warner;
* Mossley Band to provide music
* The firing of a maroon at the start and end of the 2-minute silence
* A parade from Mossley Hall to the George Lawton Hall where light refreshments would be available

As in previous years, a wreath would be procured to be laid by a representative of the Town Council.The Clerk invited members to endorse the arrangements outlined and to authorise the necessary expenditure.Members then discussed the placing of plaques on the planters installed at Micklehurst and the Market Ground. A plaque for the Micklehurst planter had been procured and would be installed once Covid-19 restrictions permitted a small ceremony to mark the occasion.Members considered that it would be appropriate to install a plaque on the planter at the Market Ground. Reference was made to representations made at a previous meeting by a member of the public suggesting that ‘Tommy’ figures might be installed at suitable locations in the Town, including one in each of the planters.In addition, it was understood that the local ‘Doodle-Pots’ establishment had mooted the possibility of clay poppies being manufactured for display in the Town.The Chair suggested that a report be considered at the next Town Council meeting evaluating the ideas put forward by members.  |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday outlined by the Clerk be endorsed. |
|  |  | (2) | That the necessary expenditure be authorised. |
|  |  | (3) | That arrangements be made for the purchase of a plaque to be installed at the Market ground planter at an estimated cost of £100. |
|  |  | (4) | That a report be submitted to the next Town Council meeting evaluating the ideas put forward by members. |
| **2166** | **Planning Issues**The Council considered the following planning applications: |
|  | (i) | Application for amendments to approved planning application 18/00862/FUL - Revisions include increase in unit size; 900mm increase to the rear and 450mm increase to each gable end. Proposed units to be 3bed 4person to NDSS. Previous application 18/00862/FUL description - Proposed residential development comprising pair of semi detached dwellings Land Off Greaves Street Mossley (21/00673/FUL)  |
|  | (ii) | Proposed front dormer extension & rear dormer loft conversion at 58 Quickedge Road Mossley (21/00579/FUL) |
|  | (iii) | New Retaining Wall Rivergate 1 Heron Lane Mossley (21/00718/FUL) |
|  | (iv) | Amended plans – Demolition of existing building, erection of 14 semi-detached houses and associated parking and amenity space at Jonathan Grange Nursing Home, Micklehurst road, Mossley |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the applications be noted. |
| **2167** | **Brookfields**The Clerk reported that an appeal had been lodged by the developer of land at Brookfields for proposed residential development of 21 no. family homes and associated works - amended plan to create temporary construction access from Stamford Road at Brookfields Mossley (19/00489/FUL).A copy of the appeal notice received from Tameside MBC together with a summary of the objections submitted by the Town Council had been circulated with the agenda.The Town Council was invited to consider any comments or further representations to be made to the Planning Inspectorate.A member referred to suggestions circulating in the community that Tameside MBC had agreed to make land available to the developer for access to the site. This was not the case.  |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the Clerk be requested to reiterate to the Planning Inspectorate, the objections to the proposed development previously made by the Town Council. |
| **2168** | **Chair’s Report**The Chair advised members that the items upon which he proposed to report had been raised under various items considered earlier during the meeting and no further report was necessary. |
| **2169** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**No updates or reports were delivered. |
| **2170** | **Correspondence**The Clerk reported that there were no further items of correspondence to report. |
| **2171** | **Grant Applications**The Town Council considered the following applications for grant aid/ financial assistance:(Note: representatives of the various organisations were invited to respond to any questions from members earlier during the meeting.) |
|  | (1) | St George’s Church – Application for ‘large grant’ to meet cost of churchyard maintenance (£1000). |
|  |  | RESOLVED: | That the Parochial Church Council of St George’s be informed that the Town Council is unable to support the application on the grounds that it would not be an efficient use of the Town Council’s scarce resources. |
|  | (2) | GW Theatre Company Ltd - Application for ‘large grant’ to assist ‘The Mortal Man Project’ (£1500)Members were generally supportive to the aims of the initiative outlined in the application and expressed their gratitude in response to the research undertaken and the work done to date in developing the initiative.However, members acknowledged the work in these areas of activity already being undertaken by National Health Service Departments, most noticeably in Tameside, by the ‘Be Well’ Project.Accordingly, the Town Council suggested that the applicant should liaise with NHS officers administering the ‘Be Well’ Project to discuss how a combined initiative might operate and invite funding opportunities which may be forthcoming from NHS resources. The Town Council indicated that it would wish to see the application supported and approved by the ‘Be Well’ team leadership before it comes back to the Town Council. |
|  |  | RESOLVED: | That the Clerk be requested to convey to the applicant, the views of the Town Council and that an update on the position be presented to the next Town Council meeting on 1 September 2021 |

The meeting concluded at 10.20pm

Chair