**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**1 September 2021 at 8.00pm**

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|  | **Present**  Councillor Idu Miah (Deputy Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors James Hall, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Helen Jamison and Ruth Kerfoot.  Four members of the public were present at the meeting. | | | | | | | |
| **2172** | **Apologies for Absence**  Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of  the Chair (Councillor Frank Travis), Councillors Dean Aylett and Pat Mullin. | | | | | | | |
| **2173** | **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.  As the Town Council’s representative on ‘Fairtrade Mossley’ Councillor Jack Homer declared an interest in respect of agenda item 3 (Application for a grant from Fairtrade Mossley to promote Fairtrade in Mossley schools and to provide funding to cover additional costa during ‘Fairtrade Fortnight’).  Councillor Homer left the meeting during the Town Council’s deliberation and decision-making process on this item. | | | | | | | |
| **2174** | **Public Engagement** | | | | | | | |
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|  | Police Update  The Clerk reported that PC Martin Dench had indicated that he would attend the October meeting. In the meantime, PC Dench provided a brief report to present at tonight’s meeting:  Crime remained low. There were no crime patterns of note.    Anti-social behaviour had occurred at Egmont Street Park with youths targeting the garden. The police had increased patrols and targeted youths suspected of involvement.  The police have liaised with Lesley Arnold with some crime prevention advice and had received no reports of further issues at the park.    There had been reports of youths on motorised scooters around the Micklehurst area.  The police had targeted the properties and individuals who they suspected of being involved. Together with Jigsaw, the homes of suspects have been visited and warnings issued.  The Police had received reports of anti-social behaviour at the former Jonathan Grange Nursing Home. The Police had traced and liaised with the owner and made him aware of his obligations in securing the property.  High profile patrols with the fire service had taken place recently on the moorlands. No issues had been identified and patrolling on the moorland was continuing.  After receiving the report, members commented that the limited number of police officers in the area resulted in considerable pressure being placed upon the serving officers by the public.  Members referred also to delays in calls to the Police 101 number being answered. This resulted in residents not bothering to report minor incidents of crime. | | | | | | | |
| **2175** | **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) | Fairtrade Mossley – to promote ‘Fairtrade’ in Mossley schools and provide funding to cover additional costa during ‘Fairtrade Fortnight’ (£300)  Ms Janet Davies represented the organisation and responded to questions from members. | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | Friends of Egmont St – Replacement of the pathway in the ‘Memory Garden’ (£300)  Mrs Lesley Arnold represented the organisation and responded to questions from members. | | | | | | |
| **2176** | **Minutes** | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 14 July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. | | | | |
| **2177** | **Financial Update – to 31 August 2021**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 31 August 2021 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 July and 31 August 2021 as follows: | | | | | | | |
|  | HMRC (June 2021) | | | | | | | £106.20 |
|  | ZOOM /stationery reimbursement | | | | | | | £19.39 |
|  | M Iveson salary and expenses (July 2021) | | | | | | | £431.39 |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church | | | | | | | £30.00 |
|  | HMRC (July 2021) | | | | | | | £106.00 |
|  | Netwise (annual maintenance contract) | | | | | | | £360.00 |
|  | Mcr Rubber Stamp Co (plaque) | | | | | | | £122.40 |
|  | ZOOM (Aug-Sep) | | | | | | | £14.39 |
|  | M Iveson salary and expenses (Aug 2021) | | | | | | | £432.69 |
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|  |  | | | | | | | **Total: £1622.46** |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2178** | **External Audit of the Town Council’s Accounts for Year ending 31 March 2021**  The Clerk reported that this item had been included on the agenda because it was anticipated that the external auditor’s report on the Town Council’s accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 would be received after the agenda had been issued but before the meeting.  In the event, the external auditor’s report had not yet been received.  The Clerk will report to the October meeting by which time the report should have been received. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2179** | **Mossley Neighbourhood Plan**  The Clerk advised members that following discussions with the Chair, arrangements had been made for a meeting to take place with representatives of Tameside MBC at 4.15 pm on Wednesday 8 September 2021.  The invitation to that virtual meeting had been issued to members.  The purpose of the meeting was to enable discussion with officers from Tameside MBC and the relevant Executive Councillor (Councillor Ged Cooney) about the process, resourcing and the commitment needed to drive the plan forward.  Ms Abbie Miladinovic, Locality Volunteer had agreed to be present at the meeting. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2180** | **Egmont St Pavilion**  Councillor Stephen Homer reported that Tameside MBC as owners of the premises had now published the availability of the Egmont St Pavilion as a community asset available for transfer. All parties interested in assuming responsibility for the premises were now given an opportunity to bid for the premises and no further action could be taken pending the conclusion of that process.  Further updates would be delivered to members as the proposals developed. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2181** | **Town Centre Cycle Storage Facilities**  Councillor James Hall reported that Northern Rail had indicated that Mossley Station was considered to be ‘functional’ as a result of which there was no intention at the present time to provide cycle storage facilities at the station. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2182** | **Cycling and Walking in Mossley**  The Clerk reported that at the last meeting it was agreed that an item, “Publicising the Mossley Footpath Network and Encouraging Walking” would be included on the agenda for tonight’s meeting.  Due to the absence from the meeting of both the Chair and Cllr Pat Mullin who was leading on this issue, it was suggested that future discussion be deferred to the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 20 October 2021.  In support of that, the Clerk advised that Annette Turner, Programme Manager for Physical Activity at Tameside MBC had agreed to attend the October meeting. Ms Turner was in the process of developing a comprehensive walking strategy for Tameside. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2183** | **Mossley Hollins School Council**  Councillor Ruth Kerfoot reported upon discussions held 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 Town Council representatives to attend a meeting with the school to discuss ideas for future involvement.  Town Councillor Helen Jamison indicated her willingness to participate in the discussions on behalf of the Town Council. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2184** | **Christmas 2021**  The Clerk reported that this item had been included on the agenda to enable members to provide any updates.  A member of the public advised that the proposed Christmas Market would not be taking place at The George Lawton Hall because the hall is unavailable until February 2022. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2185** | **Remembrance Sunday – 13 November 2021**  The Clerk advised members that discussions were continuing with colleagues at Tameside MBC about arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 2021.  In light of the unavailability of The George Lawton Hall, the Clerk was endeavouring to arrange an alternative venue for the serving of light refreshments at the conclusion of the ceremony. It may be that light refreshments were dispensed with this year.  The Reverend David Warner had agreed to conduct the Service at the Memorial at Mossley Hall.  The Clerk invited members to endorse the arrangements outlined and to authorise the necessary expenditure. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted, and the necessary expenditure be authorised. | | | | |
| **2186** | **Creative Mossley**  In view of the absence from the meeting of Town Councillor Pat Mullin, the member leading on this issue, the item was deferred to the next meeting. | | | | | | | |
| **2187** | **Planning Issues**  The Clerk advised members about discussions held with officers at Tameside MBC about the delay in loading validated planning applications onto the website.  The Council considered the following planning applications: | | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | Single Storey Side and Rear Extension at 24 Meadow Close Mossley (21/00830/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | Proposed installation of 2 No. external air source heat pumps at George Lawton Hall Stamford Street Mossley (21/00786/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | Lawful development certificate for a proposed development: Basement conversion and installation of window to gable at 14 Shires View Mossley (21/00872/CPUD) | | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed development: Erection of two shipping container units on school field and associated concrete 'pads' to place the units on. Units to be used to support Forest School activities curriculum and provide storage at Milton St Johns Church of England Primary School Mill Lane Mossley (21/00767/CPUD) | | | | | |
|  | (v) | | Listed Building Consent: Proposed dropped kerb to front of property and formation of driveway at 1 Staley Road Mossley (21/00918/LBC) | | | | | |
|  | (vi) | | Proposed dropped kerb to front of property and formation of driveway at 71 Staley Road Mossley (21/00776/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (vii) | | Proposed residents car park on land to the rear of 20 Egerton Street Mossley (21/00766/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | That in respect of the application for a proposed residents car park on land to the rear of 20 Egerton Street Mossley (21/00766/FUL), the Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council be authorised to submit an objection to the proposed development on highway and amenity grounds. | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | That in respect of resolution (1) above, Councillor Helen Jamison be requested to draft the objection for consideration by members prior to submission by the Clerk. | | |
|  |  | | | (3) | | That the remaining applications be noted. | | |
| **2188** | **A57 link roads**  **Planning act 2008 section 56: notifying persons of accepted application the infrastructure planning (applications: prescribed forms and procedure) regulations 2009: regulation 8 the infrastructure planning (environmental impact assessment) regulations 2017: regulation 16**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising members that Highways England had notified the Town Council about the proposed A57 Link Roads Scheme which is located within the administrative areas of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC) (Greater Manchester) and High Peak Borough Council (Derbyshire).  Representations about the scheme must be received by the Inspectorate by 16 September 2021.  Whilst the proposed scheme was within the boundary of Tameside MBC, it was doubtful that the proposal would impact on the road hierarchy of Mossley. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted, and no comments be made on the proposal. | | | | |
| **2189** | **Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising that the Council had been consulted on the published ‘Places for Everyone’ Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.  The Clerk read out to members the content of an email exchange with Planning staff at Tameside MBC, clarifying the position so far as the effects of the proposed Plan on Tameside and in particular, Mossley. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to prepare a response to the consultation. | | | | |
| **2190** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**  A member of the public updated members on the public art initiative sponsored by the Mossley Town Team.  Councillor Jack Homer pointed out that 2021 celebrated the tenth anniversary of ‘Fairtrade’ in Mossley. | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2191** | **Correspondence**  The Clerk reported that there were no further items of correspondence to report. | | | | | | | |
| **2192** | **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) | Fairtrade Mossley – to promote ‘Fairtrade’ in Mossley schools and provide funding to cover additional costa during ‘Fairtrade Fortnight’ (£300) | | | | | | |
|  |  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | That a grant of £300 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. | |
|  | (2) | Friends of Egmont St – Replacement of the pathway in the ‘Memory Garden’ (£300) | | | | | | |
|  |  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | That a grant of £300 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. | |

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm

Chair