**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**8 December 2021 at 8.00pm**

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|  | **Present**  Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, James Hall, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Helen Jamison, Ruth Kerfoot, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.  Five members of the public were present at the meeting. | | | | |
| **2210** | **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 of interest were made. | | | | |
| **2211** | **Public Engagement** | | | | |
|  | (i) Police Update  The Clerk advised that PC Martin Dench was unable to be present at the meeting.  A member drew attention to the increasing amount of car thefts in the town which was a continued cause of concern to local residents. | | | | |
|  | (ii) Part single/two storey rear extension, extension/alteration to increase roof ridge height and other external alterations including Velux roof lights to front elevation at 51 Richmond Crescent Mossley (21/01263/FUL)  Local residents Ms Sheila Birkett and Ms Ila Brancatelli attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the application.  A letter of objection to the proposal issued to Tameside MBC by the residents had been circulated to members of the Town Council.  After considering the comments from local residents, the Chair advised them that the Town Council did not ordinarily comment on householder applications. Rather, the Town Council relied upon the established policies of Tameside MBC used in determining such applications.  Notwithstanding the above, the Town Council considered that the proposed development by reason of its scale and size would have a detrimental effect on the street scene and may set an undesirable precedent for future developments of the type and size proposed which would result in further detriment to both existing and future occupiers of properties on Richmond Crescent.  The Town Council wished Tameside MBC to take these factors into consideration in determining the application. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the Clerk be requested to convey the views of the Town Council to Tameside MBC with a request that the views are taken into account in determining the application. | | |
|  | (iii) Installation of 18m high monopole, wraparound cabinet at base, 3 no. additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works at Stamford Street Mossley Cross (21/01254/NCD)  Ms Lydia Darne and Mr Tony Snape, representing Mossley Town Team attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the application.  A letter of objection to the proposal issued to Tameside MBC by the Town Team had been circulated to members of the Town Council.  Concerns about the development expressed by the residents included lack of notice to the public about the application; the proposed siting of the development in a prominent position at the heart and focal point of the Town Centre resulting in serious detriment to the visual amenity of the town centre.  Members of the public expressed concerns about potential health hazards in particular to children attending a school located in close proximity.  Members of the Town Council acknowledged this concern but felt unable to comment without evidence to this effect.  Members pointed out that the Town Council, The Town Team, the Civic Society and Tameside Council, plus many volunteers contributed to enhancing the town centre (litter removal, planting etc.), representing investment of time and money, over a period of years. Indeed, it was universally recognised that towns needed to not only reduce unwanted and obsolete equipment, furniture and signs, but should take extreme care in additional provision. It was about quality of streetscape and sense of place, reflected in local pride, reference to historic settings (as this is) and the site of important community events. This development would be contrary to and undermine the public realm aspirations which Tameside had supported in past policies and plans.  The Town Council and the objectors fully appreciated and indeed welcomed the prospect of 5G availability in the town but were unanimous in the view that the location proposed was completely inappropriate for this development.  In view of those concerns, the Town Council wished to be provided with the rationale used for siting the development in this location. Unless there were specific reasons why the proposed development must be located in this location, the Town Council considered that alternative sites must be considered.  The proposed development at this location would clutter the street scene and would not be in alignment with National Planning Policy or Tameside Local Plan. Thus, a more appropriate location should be sought for the development.  In order to be positive, a number of alternative locations were suggested.  Suitable alternative locations to consider included, but not only:   * the car park at the rear of the George Lawton Hall. This site would result in minimal visual impact on the street scene and considerably lessen detriment to visual amenity; * on land adjacent to Micklehurst Cricket Club. Here again, this site would result in minimal visual impact on the street scene and considerably lessen detriment to visual amenity; * land in the vicinity of Mossley AFC at Seel Park. The football club may benefit considerably from any income derived from location at this site.   The Town Council wished to receive responses to the issues raised prior to the application being given further consideration by Tameside MBC. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the Clerk be requested to convey the views of the Town Council to Tameside MBC with a request that the views are taken into account in determining the application. | | |
|  | **(**iv) Public Art in Mossley  A member referred to the recent unveiling of public art projects at St Joseph’s RC Primary school and at Mossley Hollins High School. | | | | |
| **2212** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**  The Clerk reported that there were no applications to consider. | | | | |
| **2213** | **Minutes** | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. | | |
| **2214** | **Financial Update – to 30 November 2021**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 30 November 2021 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 November and 30 November 2021 as follows: | | | | |
|  | Zoom October 2021 | | | | 14.39 |
|  | HMRC Sept 2021 | | | | 106.00 |
|  | M Iveson salary and expenses Oct 2021 | | | | 427.89 |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church | | | | 30.00 |
|  | PKF Littlejohn (Audit Fees) | | | | 240.00 |
|  | Royal British Legion (Tommy Figures) | | | | 242.50 |
|  | Mossley Twinning Committee (Large grant) | | | | 1000.00 |
|  | Royal British legion (Wreath) | | | | 25.00 |
|  | Mossley Community Assoc (Xmas room hire) | | | | 48.00 |
|  | HMRC (Oct 21) | | | | 106.00 |
|  | Frank Travis (selection box reimburse) | | | | 80.00 |
|  | Vere North Design (Posters) | | | | 273.60 |
|  | Zoom (Nov-Dec) | | | | 14.39 |
|  | M Iveson salary and expenses Nov 21) | | | | 436.44 |
|  | Kieron Whitrow (Maroons) | | | | 330.00 |
|  | Remembrance Refreshments | | | | 99.50 |
|  | Challenge (Portaloos) \* | | | | 540.00 |
|  | Frank Travis (Xmas printing) | | | | 28.75 |
|  | Frank Travis (Steward sustenance) | | | | 70.00 |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church (Xmas room hire) | | | | 40.00 |
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|  | * authorised following consultation with the Chair | | | |  |
|  |  | | | | £4152.46 |
|  | The Clerk reported that there were outstanding invoices over £500 associated with Christmas as follows:  New Image (Stage Hire) £3864 (to be reviewed)  Dermot Gill (Event Management) - £1800  Dave Jones (Compering) - £400  Global Grooves (£900 and £1500 for Micklehurst and Mossley respectively)  Other estimated accounts outstanding are for  First Aid Services - £250  TMBC - £1500 (estimated)  The Clerk sought authority to settle these accounts and in the event of any additional invoices for Christmas 2021 events over £500 being received, to agree in consultation with the Chair that payment can be authorised. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | That the report be noted. | |
|  |  | | (2) | That the Clerk be authorised to settle the accounts now reported. | |
|  |  | | (3) | That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to settle any additional invoices which may be received associated with Christmas 202. | |
| **2215** | **Draft Budget**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to give consideration to a first draft Budget for 2022/23 through to 2024/25.  The report incorporated observations on the budget and included running costs and committed expenditure for future years together with estimated amounts to roll forward at the end of the current financial year.  The report suggested that on the basis of the money to be carried forward into future years it appeared inappropriate to consider increasing the precept from the current £32000. This was however a decision for the Town Council in the New Year. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted. | | |
| **2216** | **Local Government Boundary Commission Review of Tameside MBC Electoral Wards – Final Recommendations**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) following publication by the Boundary Commission of final recommendations for future electoral arrangements for Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council.  So far as Mossley Ward is concerned, the final recommendations continue to follow the existing Mossley Ward, and contain the entire Mossley Parish, together with the small unparished area around Luzley. There was no change proposed for the Mossley Ward. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted. | | |
| **2217** | **Land at Greaves St Mossley (CA17) – Asset of Community Value – Notification of Relevant Disposal**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Council to consider whether it wished to be treated as a potential bidder for the land at Greaves St Mossley and shown pink on the plan attached to the report. The land has been designated as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) by Tameside MBC and was now the subject of a relevant disposal by the owner. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That Tameside MBC be advised that the Town Council wishes to register as a potential bidder for the land at Greaves St, Mossley shown pink on the plan accompanying the report. | | |
| **2218** | **Land at Greaves St Mossley (CA17) – Asset of Community Value – Removal of ACV Status**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) informing the Town Council that Tameside MBC had determined that the 2 parcels of land at Greaves St / Cross St Mossley currently included on the list of Assets of Community Value (ACV) have been removed from the list of ACVs. The sites in question were coloured green on the plan accompanying the report. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted. | | |
| **2219** | **Tree Planting**  This item had been included on the agenda at the request of Councillor Dean Aylett.  Councillor Aylett reminded members that this item had received initial consideration at meetings of the Town Council in December 2018 and January 2019.  Councillor Dean Aylett elaborated on his initiative which involved the planting of 1000 trees over a 10 year period.  This might be achieved by each child upon leaving primary school education within Mossley being given the opportunity of planting a tree somewhere in the Town (including private garden areas).  Members supported the principle of the initiative put forward by Councillor Aylett but invited him to prepare a report for the next meeting of the Town Council setting out how the scheme would operate, the detailed timescale and funding arrangements. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the principle of the initiative put forward by Councillor Aylett be supported subject to Councillor Aylett preparing a report for the next meeting of the Town Council setting out how the scheme would operate, the detailed timescale and funding arrangements. | | |
| **2220** | **Localised Flooding – Drainage Issues**  This item had been included on the agenda at the request of Councillor Stephen Homer.  Councillor Homer invited the Town Council to consider concerns about local flooding and drainage issues on the Hey Farm Estate in Mossley.  Local residents were extremely concerned at the frequent and increasing number of occurrences of heavy rainfall which continued to result in flooding to properties on the estate.  It was understood that recent drainage works had taken place in the vicinity of the Dysarts Arms Public House but these works did not appear to have addressed the problems on the Hey Farm Estate.  Councillor Homer suggested that surveys be undertaken of what appears to be inadequate drainage on and from Huddersfield Road to assess the problem and undertake gulley clearing works which may be necessary on the estate in an endeavour to address the problems experienced by local residents.  Members of the Council also expressed concern that there were still a significant number of gullies elsewhere in the town not taking run off and resulting in “torrents” and localised dangerous street flooding. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the Clerk be requested to inform Tameside MBC of the concerns now reported and to ask that consideration be given by Tameside MBC at an early date, to addressing these issues for the benefit of local residents. | | |
| **2221** | **Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy – Update**  Councillor Pat Mullin updated members on discussions which had taken place with officers at Tameside MBC on the establishment of the strategy, adding that further meetings would take place in the New Year.  Councillor Mullin undertook to provide further updates at future town Council meetings, | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted. | | |
| **2222** | **Christmas 2021**  The Clerk had included this item on the agenda in order to provide members with an opportunity to review the Micklehurst and Mossley events held on 26 and 27 November 2021 respectively.  Members were also invited to consider increasing the budget for future events because this year’s events looked likely to exceed budget provision.  Members considered the arrangements for the events and indicated that detailed consideration would be given to future events in the New Year. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted. | | |
| **2223** | **Remembrance Sunday – 2021**  The Clerk had included this item on the agenda to provide members with an opportunity to review the Mossley Remembrance Service which had taken place on Sunday14 November 2021.  Members delivered feedback on the event and suggested that future consideration might be given to establishing a plaque containing the names of the Mossley fallen in successive conflicts.  The Chair drew attention to the imminent departure from the Mossley Parish of the Reverend David Warner. Reverend Warner and his wife were transferring to a new parish in North Walsham.  The Chair paid tribute to the service provided to Mossley by Reverend Warner and indicated that he would write formally to Reverend Warner expressing on behalf of the Town Council, sincere thanks and wishing both him and Reverend Mrs Warner continued success in their future careers. | | | | |
| **2224** | **Creative Mossley**  Chair and Councillor Pat Mullin reported on the outcome of the Cultural Forum meeting which had taken place at The Vale on 15th November 2021. The meeting had been successful in its aims and a further meeting was scheduled for January 2022. The meeting would be publicised more widely.  The Chair added that the Chief Executive of Global Grooves (Leon Patel) had notified him about an additional Greater Manchester-wide meeting in January 2022 between cultural sector providers. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted. | | |
| **2225** | **Planning Issues**  The Council considered the following planning applications: | | | | |
|  |  |  | | | |
|  | (i) | Part single/two storey rear extension, extension/alteration to increase roof ridge height and other external alterations including Velux roof lights to front elevation at 51 Richmond Crescent Mossley (21/01263/FUL) | | | |
|  | (ii) | Loft Conversion - provision of room in existing roof space with two Velux style roof windows in rear elevation at 87 Staley Road Mossley (21/01257/FUL) | | | |
|  | (iii) | Double storey side extension, rear single storey extension and front porch at 6 Shire Croft Mossley (21/01244/FUL) | | | |
|  | (iv) | Non-Material amendment to planning application reference 20/00516/FUL: Amendment to site layout, floor layout and elevations to Waterton Lane and Arundel Street at Fleece Inn 53 Stamford Street Mossley (21/01208/MATCH) | | | |
|  | (v) | Discharge of conditions of approved application 20/01253/FUL: Condition 3 - Material schedule Condition 5 - CEMP Condition 7 - Highway Condition survey Condition 9 - Cycle Storage Condition 11 - Site Investigation Condition 12 - SW Scheme Condition 14 - Scheme to protect UU Assets Condition 15 - CCTV of UU Culvert Condition 18 - Boundary Materials Condition 26 – Archaeology  at Holland Brothers Nield Street Mossley (21/00099/PLCOND) | | | |
|  | (vi) | Proposed dormer loft extension and first floor balcony to rear of property. Other external alterations including alteration to window to south facing side elevation and new doors to rear elevation at 9 Hanover Street Mossley (21/01132/FUL) | | | |
|  | (vii) | Proposed dropped kerb to front of property to enable new, direct vehicular access via Stockport Road, side extension structure with car port and external staircase, front porch extension and other external alterations including new external steps to the front of the property at Woodlands View 52 Stockport Road Mossley (21/01082/FUL) | | | |
|  | (viii) | Conversion of Recording Studio into a single dwelling house - building at Broadcarr House Broadcarr Lane Mossley (21/01344/FUL) | | | |
|  | (ix) | Proposed single storey rear extension at 107 Staley Road Mossley (1/01302/CPUD) | | | |
|  | (x) | Installation of 18m high monopole, wraparound cabinet at base, 3no. additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works at Stamford Street Mossley Cross (21/01254/NCD) | | | |
|  | (xi) | Outline application for the erection of one detached dwellinghouse (including details of access only) at 373 Manchester Road Mossley (21/01225/OUT) | | | |
|  | (xii) | 2 storey rear extension and single storey rear and side extension at 10 Shire Croft Mossley (21/01218/FUL) | | | |
|  | (xiii) | Proposed first floor side extension, entrance canopy and new driveway with dropped kerb at 14 Staley Road Mossley (21/01202/FUL) | | | |
|  | (xiv) | Proposed side extension structure which includes upper level decking with a glass balustrade, enclosed storage underneath and external steps. Other external alterations including render to front and side elevation and new windows to the front elevation at 21 Richmond Crescent Mossley (21/01204/FUL) | | | |
|  | (Applications for development at Richmond Crescent and Stamford St had been dealt with earlier during the meeting (see minute 2211 above.) | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the remaining applications be noted. | | |
| **2226** | **Chair’s Report**  The Chair advised that there were no additional items to report. | | | | |
| **2227** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**  The Clerk reported that both Mossley Town Team and Friends of Mossley Park had been awarded Level 5 Outstanding ‘RHS and North-West In Bloom - Its your Neighbourhood’ Awards. | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted with satisfaction. | | |
| **2228** | **Correspondence**  The Clerk advised that there were no items of correspondence to report. | | | | |
| **2229** | **Grant Applications**  As reported earlier during the meeting, there were no applications to consider. | | | | |

The meeting concluded at 9.59pm

Chair