**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**12 January 2022 at 8.00pm**

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|  | **Present**  Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, James Hall, Helen Jamison, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.  Six members of the public were present at the meeting. | | | | | | |
| **2230** | **New Year Greeting**  The Chair extended best wishes to fellow members and those members of the public present at the meeting. | | | | | | |
| **2231** | **Apologies for Absence**  Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jack Homer, Stephen Homer and Ruth Kerfoot. | | | | | | |
| **2232** | **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 members of Mossley Town Team, Councillors Idu Miah and Pat Mullin declared interests in agenda item 3 (Application for grant received from the Town Team). Councillors Miah and Mullin left the meeting during the debate and took no part in the decision made in respect of the application. | | | | | | |
| **2233** | **Public Engagement** | | | | | | |
|  | (i) Police Update  The Clerk advised that PC Martin Dench was unable to be present at the meeting for operational reasons. | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) Egmont St Community Garden and Children’s Playground  Mr Stephen and Mrs Lesley Arnold representing the Friends of Egmont St attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on recent acts of wanton vandalism carried out to the Egmont St Community Garden over the New Year period. This included a disturbing attack upon a local resident by dangerous dogs; the destruction of equipment in the children’s play area; and the depositing of very significant amounts of dog excrement within the gated play area necessitating closure of the play area on public health grounds.  Mrs Arnold elaborated upon the incidents which had taken place and advised members that following the vandalism to the community garden, a public appeal for funding to repair the damage had been published on social media to which there had been an overwhelming display of support from the Mossley community. The response clearly displayed the high regard in which the community garden was held by the Mossley community.  The Police had been notified of the events at Egmont St but understandably required evidence before action could be taken against any offenders.  Members commented that:   * There was a need for increased Police presence in the area; * The installation of CCTV equipment would not only act as a deterrent but would also assist the Police in the event of further damage and vandalism taking place; and * There was a need for Police attendance at Town Council meetings so that criminal and anti-social behaviour issues could be discussed; | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That in consultation with the Chair, the Clerk be requested to draw to the attention of the Police and Tameside MBC, the recent events that have taken place at Egmont St and to ask for increased Police presence at future Town Council meetings and the immediate closure of the children’s play area on public health grounds until the play area can be cleaned. | | | | |
| **2234** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**  Application by Mossley Town Team for a Grant to enable the purchase of a wheeled 110 litre water bowser to assist with the watering of tubs planters and baskets at a cost of £311.  Mr Paul Dowthwaite and Mr Tony Snape, representing Mossley Town Team attended the meeting to respond to questions from members about the application.  Mr Dowthwaite took the opportunity to advise members of the Town Council that Mr Snape had succeeded him as Chair of the Town Team.  Members of the Town Council congratulated Mr Snape on his appointment and expressed gratitude to Mr Dowthwaite for his service to the town during his term of office as Chair of the Town Team.  Mr Dowthwaite and Mr Snape were advised that the application would be determined at a later stage during the meeting. | | | | | | |
| **2235** | **Minutes** | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED:  That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8 December 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject under minute 2211 (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) to the deletion of ‘Ms Ila Brancatelli’ and the substitution of ‘Ms Ilaria Brancatelli’. | | | | | | |
| **2236** | **Financial Update – to 31 December 2021**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 31 December 2021 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 December and 31 December 2021 as follows: | | | | | | |
|  | Dave Kendrick (Artist) | | | | | | 150.00 |
|  | Frank Travis (Hi Viz Jackets) | | | | | | 60.00 |
|  | Frank Travis (Santa gift) | | | | | | 26.78 |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church (Dec Room Hire) | | | | | | 30.00 |
|  | Global Grooves (Mossley) | | | | | | 1500.00 |
|  | Global Grooves (Micklehurst) | | | | | | 900.00 |
|  | Dave Jones (compere etc) | | | | | | 400.00 |
|  | Dermot Gill (Event Mgt) | | | | | | 1800.00 |
|  | Zoom October 2021 | | | | | | 14.39 |
|  | HMRC Nov 2021 | | | | | | 106.20 |
|  | New Start Education (First Aid Services) | | | | | | 250.00 |
|  | Rachel Summerscales (Lantern W'shops) | | | | | | 864.04 |
|  | M Iveson salary and expenses Dec 2021 | | | | | | 427.89 |
|  | New Image PR Ltd (Stage Hire etc) | | | | | | 3864.00 |
|  | Frank Travis (Refreshments and postage) | | | | | | 20.18 |
|  | Frank Travis (Silhouette figs) | | | | | | 69.82 |
|  | P&NFS Subscription | | | | | | 22.50 |
|  |  | | | | | | 10505.80 |
|  | Reimbursed invoice by TMBC paid Nov 2021 | | | | | | 99.50 |
|  |  | | | | | | £10406.30 |
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|  | The Clerk pointed out that the only outstanding invoice from Christmas was the Tameside MBC account estimated at £1500. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the report be noted. | | | | |
| **2237** | **Asset Register**  The Clerk submitted a revised Asset Register (copies of which had been circulated).  The revised register included the additional planter at the Market Ground and the ‘Tommy’ figures acquired for Remembrance Sunday.  Members acknowledged with gratitude the additional ‘Tommy’ figures manufactured by the Chair and which had been displayed in the two Mossley planters with considerable effect. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the revised asset register be noted and approved. | | | | |
| **2238** | **Draft Budget 2022/23 and Precept**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to give further consideration to the Budget for 2022/23 through to 2024/25 and to set the level of Precept for 2022/23.  The report included observations/assumptions on the current year’s budget; an outline of the anticipated financial position at 31 March 2022; and a recommendation on the level of Precept for 2022/23.  Members considered various proposals and ideas for inclusion in the budget for the next and future years which would be given further consideration in due course. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | That the report be noted. | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | That in consultation with the Chair, the Clerk be requested to review the draft budget for 2022/23 to 2024/25 for further consideration at the next Town Council meeting. | |
|  |  | | | (3) | | That a precept of £32,000 be set. | |
| **2239** | **Land at Greaves St Mossley (CA17) – Asset of Community Value – Removal of ACV Status**  The Clerk reminded members that at the last meeting the Council had agreed to register an interest in the land following the notification of relevant disposal which means that the owner cannot sell the land other than to a community interest group for a period expiring on 5 May 2022.  Since then, a meeting had taken place in the community the outcome of which had been to ask the Town Council to approach the landowner with a view to finding out whether they were open to community involvement in the land on Greaves Street and an estimated purchase price for the land.    The Clerk outlined various issues the Town Council should bear in mind before considering the purchase of the land. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That in consultation with the Chair, the Clerk be requested to write to the owner of the land at Greaves St in an attempt to establish his intentions for the site and to see how the community can support use as an open space. | | | | |
| **2240** | **Tree Planting**  Councillor Dean Aylett submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out for consideration, further details on his initiative which involved the planting of 1000 trees over a 10-year period.  Members had supported the principle of the initiative put forward by Councillor Aylett at the meeting on 8 December 2021. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | That approval be given to the inclusion of an amount of £1000 in the 2022/23 Budget and future years in order to fund the planting of trees in the community. | | |
|  |  | | (2) | | That the initial proposal to provide all children leaving primary school education in the town with a tree to plant (in a location to be agreed with the agreement of the landowner) be approved. | | |
|  |  | | (3) | | That the support of local primary schools and any other relevant community groups be sought in developing the current and any future initiative. | | |
| **2241** | **Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy – Update**  Councillor Pat Mullin reported that:   * An approach had been made to the Transport for Greater Manchester ‘Cycle and Stride’ Project for funding towards a variety of initiatives in the town; * A guided walk was proposed by the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society along the ‘Mossley Corridor’ footpath network on 9 March 2022; * Arrangements were proposed for a guided walk on 28 September 2022 as part of the Mossley Twinning Festival, hopefully combined with the Marsden to Greenfield walk organised by the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society on that date; and * There was a need to consider improved signing on the route of the Tame Valley Cycling Trail, approximately 50% of which was located within Mossley.   Councillor Mullin undertook to provide further updates at future Town Council meetings, | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That gratitude be expressed to Councillor Mullin for his informative report. | | | | |
| **2242** | **Creative Mossley**  The Chair and Councillor Pat Mullin report on the outcome of the initial meeting at The Vale on 15th November 2021.  The meeting had considered a wide range of national, regional and local issues relating to the arts and the need for increased funding and facilities for local events was considered necessary.  A further meeting was scheduled for 17 January 2022 and further updates would be delivered at subsequent Town Council meetings. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That gratitude be expressed to the Chair and Councillor Mullin for their report. | | | | |
| **2243** | **Egmont St**  The Chair provided an update on discussions taking place in consultation with Tameside MBC aimed at bringing the former Egmont St Pavilion into some form of community use.  Events were proceeding on a satisfactory basis.  Further reports would be delivered at future Town Council meetings. | | | | | | |
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|  | RESOLVED: | | That the Chair be thanked for his report. | | | | |
| **2244** | **Planning Issues**  The Council considered the following planning applications: | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | Proposed erection of raised single-storey extension to rear of public house at Fleece Inn 53 Stamford Street Mossley (21/01213/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | New dormer to the front and rear. Single storey rear extension and other external alterations including the repositioning of the front door (re-submission further to 21/00991/FUL) at 5 Station Road Mossley (21/01336/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | Amended plans - Reserved matters application for 25 dwellings with associated works (layout, appearance, scale & landscaping to be considered) pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 16/00403/OUT at land at former Prospect House Stockport Road Mossley (21/00320/REM) | | | | | |
|  | In connection with the application for amended reserved matters for 25 dwellings with associated works (layout, appearance, scale & landscaping to be considered) pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 16/00403/OUT at land at former Prospect House Stockport Road Mossley (21/00320/REM), members acknowledged that the principle of the proposed development on this site has been established. However, members had been notified of concerns by affected local residents and wished the following to be considered on behalf of both the Council and those who made representations.  Those concerns included:   * The nature and design of the proposed retaining wall included as part of the development. The occupiers of existing adjacent properties are concerned that the proposed works will result in potential damage to the structure of their properties over time. What, if any, safeguards and guarantees are in place to provide confidence in the event of structural failure? * There are also concerns that no provisions on the latest plans allow for an access area to maintain the impacted residents existing retaining walls. Some form of written provision ought to be in place to allow residents of new and existing properties to inspect and maintain these structures or their property as appropriate. * Local residents are concerned that the proposed access and parking arrangements are unsatisfactory and will exacerbate existing traffic difficulties on Stockport Road. * The Town Council acknowledges that the number of proposed dwellings has been established but expresses concern about the nature and design of the accommodation to be provided. Further consideration is recommended. * There are existing trees on the site which are included in a tree preservation order and the Town Council wishes to seek assurances that the trees included in the order will be retained and protected during any construction works. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | That the concerns now expressed in respect of the application at Prospect House be referred to Tameside MBC with a request that they be fully considered in determining the application. | | |
|  |  | | (2) | | That the remaining applications be noted. | | |
| **2245** | **Chair’s Report**  The Chair advised that there were no additional items to report. | | | | | | |
| **2246** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**  Mr Tony Snape, the Mossley Town Team Chair delivered an update on issues considered by the Town Team including an initiative to cease references to ‘Top’ and ‘Bottom’ Mossley and in the future to use the generic term, ‘Mossley’. | | | | | | |
| **2247** | **Correspondence**  The Clerk reported that all members had been advised on 6 January of receipt of an email from Galliford Try on behalf of Cornerstone seeking the initial views of the Town Council on a proposed telecommunications mast upgrade at Micklehurst Cricket Club.  It was understood that this was a preliminary consultation with the Town Council and others prior to a formal application being submitted to Tameside MBC for formal consideration.  The Clerk had discussed the consultation with a planning officer at Tameside MBC and expressed concern that such a consultation did not take place about the recent controversial application at the Market Ground considered last month. There is no apparent reason why other than the possibility that Cornerstone were possibly not aware of the Town Council's existence.  Members asked the Clerk to write to Tameside MBC seeking confirmation that the Town Council’s concerns and suggestions about the proposed Market Ground mast had been considered and forwarded to the applicant for consideration together with any responses received.  It was understood that permission for the Market Ground mast had been refused, | | | | | | |
| **2248** | **Grant Applications**  Application by Mossley Town Team for a Grant to enable the purchase of a wheeled 110 litre water bowser to assist with the watering of tubs planters and baskets at a cost of £311. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | That a grant of £311 be made to Mossley Town Team to enable the purchase of a wheeled 110 litre water bowser to assist with the watering of tubs planters and baskets. | | |
|  |  | | (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 10.07pm

Chair