**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**23 February 2022 at 8.00pm**

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|  | **Present**Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors James Hall, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Ruth Kerfoot and Idu Miah.Nine members of the public were present at the meeting. |
| **2249** | **Apologies for Absence**Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dean Aylett, Helen Jamison and Pat Mullin. |
| **2250** | **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. |
| **2251** | **Public Engagement** |
|  | (i) Police UpdateThe Chair welcomed to the meeting, Sergeant (Sgt) Ben Marsden.Sgt Marsden expressed gratitude to members for invitations to attend this and future Town Council meetings to deliver updates on crime and anti-social behaviour issues in Mossley.Sgt Marsden’s Team was based in Ashton and currently covered Mossley, Stalybridge and Dukinfield.The following points were made:* Members were encouraged to contact Sgt Marsden direct via email ( Benjamin.marsden1@gmp.police.co.uk )with any urgent crime or associated issues.
* Successful action had been taken in respect of the dangerous dog and Egmont St issues referred to the Police by the Town Council.
* The Police were keen to support the Town Council and the Mossley community in giving reassurance about crime and safety issues in the community.
* The Police were supportive about the installation of CCTV at Egmont St and assistance may be available via ‘Action Together’.
* It was acknowledged that contacting the Police on non-urgent issues via the 101 contact number often resulted in delay. Members of the public were encouraged to report incidents via the GMP website. Sgt Marsden undertook to provide statistical information on the numbers of cases reported via that medium to a future meeting.
* Sgt Marsden agreed to look into the availability of additional portable speed detection devices and the possibility of involvement by the community in the operation of any scheme.

The Chair expressed gratitude to Sgt Marsden for his attendance at the meeting and looked forward to meeting him again at future Town Council meetings.  |
|  | (ii) Land at Greaves StThe presentation by Hill Top View Developments Ltd had been withdrawn from the agenda. |
| **2252** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**1. ‘Small’ grant application submitted by Friends of Mossley Park to enable the purchase of a re-chargeable electric strimmer and leaf-blower plus battery pack at a cost of £244.

Mr Paul Dowthwaite representing the Friends of Mossley Park attended the meeting and responded to questions from members about the proposal.Mr Dowthwaite was advised that the application would be determined at a later stage during the meeting.1. Large grant application by Mossley Jubilee Celebration Committee to fund the holding of an event in Mossley Park on 16 June 2022 in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee (£3000)

Ms Angie Taylor and Mr Derek Mayall represented the Jubilee Committee at the meeting and responded to questions from members about the proposal.The Chair drew attention to the Town Council’s proposal to include funding for this type of event in the mainstream budget for 2022/23. This would be given consideration at a later stage during the meeting.Ms Taylor and Mr Mayall were advised that the application would be determined at a later stage during the meeting. |
| **2253** | **Minutes** |
|  | RESOLVED:That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.  |
| **2254** | **Financial Update – to 31 January 2022**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 31 January 2022 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 January and 31 January 2022 as follows: |
|  | Zoom | £14.39 |
|  | HMRC PAYE (Dec 2021) | £106.00 |
|  | Mossley Town Team Grant | £311.00 |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church | £30.00 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and Expenses (Jan 2022) | £427.69 |
|  | ICO x 2 | £70.00 |
|  | Mossley Town Team (Planter sponsorship) | £50.00 |
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|  | (Note:ICO was paid twice in error. £35 refunded in February 2022.) |  |
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|  | Total | £1009.08 |
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|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2255** | **Draft Budget 2022/23**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. The draft budget accompanied the report.At the last meeting the precept for next year was set at the existing level of £32000.Following discussions with the Chair, some amendments to the budget for next year were suggested as follows:* Reduce Christmas lights budget to £6000
* Include £3000 for Platinum Jubilee Celebration
* Include £10000 for Twinning Event
* Agree the unallocated reserves line in the budget

The Clerk reported the estimated outturn expenditure at the end of the financial year and actual expenditure to date and anticipated unallocated expenditure to roll forward to 2022/23. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the report be noted. |
|  |  | (2) | That the suggested amendments now reported be approved for inclusion in the 2022/23 Budget. |
|  |  | (3) | That no action be taken on the suggestion to increase the level of General Reserves. |
|  |  | (4) | That a final Budget for 2022/23 to 2024/25 be presented for approval to the April 2022 meeting. |
| **2256** | **Egmont St**Members were invited to consider a report (copies of which had been circulated) of the Chair and Cllrs Stephen Homer and Pat Mullin on progress made on proposals for the regeneration and bringing back into some form of community use, the former Egmont St changing rooms.The report also sought approval to pursue the project with a "preferred partner". |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the Town Council acknowledges Works4U as the preferred bidder to develop the changing rooms at Egmont Street Playing Fields (King George 5th Playing Fields); and |
|  |  | (2) | That the grant aid/funding included in the Town Council budget for 2022/23 be considered on production of satisfactory costs, specifications and quotations and provided that the applicant meets obligations on community engagement and benefit and can substantiate that. |
| **2257** | **Land at Greaves St Mossley (CA17) – Asset of Community Value – Notification of Relevant Disposal** (see minute 2239 of 12 January 2022)The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated), updating members on responses received from the owner of the land at Greaves St designated as an asset of community value following notification of relevant disposal. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2258** | **Tree Planting Initiative**The Clerk reported that he had corresponded with the Mossley and Carrbrook Schools Partnership (MCSP) with a request to discuss further or meet with them regarding the Town Council’s tree planting initiative and advised members that a response was awaited.The Clerk reminded members that it was proposed that the agreed expenditure (£1000) would be met from the ‘Environment’ budget. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2259** | **Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy – Update**On behalf of Councillor Pat Mullin, the Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) prepared by Councillor Mullin setting out progress made on the proposed Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the report be noted. |
|  |  | (2) | That gratitude be expressed to Councillor Mullin for his informative report. |
| **2260** | **Creative Mossley**The Chair reported on progress made on the wide range of national, regional and local initiatives relating to the arts in Mossley and the need for increased funding and facilities for local events. Further meetings were scheduled and further updates would be delivered at subsequent Town Council meetings. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That gratitude be expressed to the Chair for his report. |
| **2261** | **Planning Issues**The Council considered the following planning applications: |
|  | (i) | Full discharge of condition 3 (landscaping scheme) of planning reference 20/01089/FUL for change of use of existing yard area to use for storage (Use Class B8) including provision of shipping containers at Weir Mill Manchester Road Mossley (22/00008/PLCOND) |
|  | (ii) | Alterations to dormer roof configuration, fenestrations amendments and entrance walkway added at 4 Greenhill Cottages Foxwood Drive Mossley (22/00033/FUL) |
|  | (iii) | Non-material amendment to planning permission 20/00709/FUL - reduce width of extension at 10 The Vale Mossley (22/00028/MATCH) |
|  | (iv) | Two storey side extension with loft living space at 28 Woodbank Terrace Milton View Mossley (22/00019/FUL) |
|  | (v) | Change of use of church (Use Class F1(f)) to a residential dwelling (Use Class C3), with two doors (one replacing existing window) to rear elevation and rooflights, and creation of new parking area at former Abney Church Huddersfield Road Mossley (22/00018/FUL) |
|  | (vi) | Construction of external raised decking area to front providing new disabled access and seating area (to support permitted change from gymnasium to restaurant/café within Use Class E). Other external alterations including replacement windows and sliding shutters/doors to front at Weir Mill Manchester Road Mossley (21/01428/FUL) |
|  | (vii) | Erection of proposed lightweight storage building 10m x 10m Benchmark Building Supplies Ltd Manchester Road Mossley 21/01399/FUL |
|  | (viii) | Proposed detached house at MDR Autos 114B Manchester Road Mossley (21/01401/FUL) |
|  | (ix) | Loft conversion including a full-width rear dormer at 18 Shires View Mossley (22/00114/CPUD) |
|  | (x) | Proposed single storey rear extension at 16 Alphin Close Mossley (22/00091/FUL) |
|  | (xi) | Removal of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension. The length of the extension from the rear of the original house 3.80m. Maximum height of the extension 3.50m. Maximum height of eaves 2.30m at 3 Mansfield View Mansfield Road Mossley (22/00133/HHPD) |
|  | (xii) | Single storey rear extension at 36 Cocksfoot Drive Mossley (22/00116/FUL) |
|  | (xiii) | Application for the approval of the use of render to the whole property (amendment to previously approved application 21/01336/FUL) at 5 Station Road Mossley (22/00109/FUL) |
|  | (xiv) | Removal of dining room bay window on front elevation and replace with folding doors on to new patio area at 20 Highfield Drive Mossley (22/00157/FUL) |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the applications be noted. |
| **2262** | **Chair’s Report**The Chair advised that there were no additional items to report. |
| **2263** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**No additional items were reported. |
| **2264** | **Correspondence**Places for EveryoneThe Clerk reported the receipt of email correspondence from the Planning and Housing Team at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) advising that the 'Places for Everyone' Joint development Document has now been submitted to the Secretary of State.The Clerk had perused the correspondence and noted that the submission included the Town Council's comments dated 3 October 2021 (the TC in September 2021 authorised him to submit comments to be agreed in consultation with the Chair). Trees at Rear of 93 Richmond CrescentThe Clerk reported the receipt of emails from Mr William Ellison on behalf of his son following damage to their property due to trees following the recent storms.The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the land upon which the trees were located with a request that action is taken to alleviate future potential damage to Mr Ellison’s property. |
| **2265** | **Grant Applications**1. ‘Small’ grant application submitted by Friends of Mossley Park to enable the purchase of a re-chargeable electric strimmer and leaf-blower plus battery pack at a cost of £244.
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|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the principle of the request for grant aiding be fully supported.  |
|  |  | (2) | That the Friends of Mossley Park be invited to procure a more professional and robust appliance which will not only be more efficient in use but which will also last much longer.  |
|  |  | (3) | That the Town Council agrees to meet in full the cost of the upgraded appliance. |
|  |  | (4) | That in consultation with the Chair, the Clerk be authorised to approve the cost of the suitably upgraded appliance. |
|  |  | (5) | 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. |
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|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That In view of the Town Council’s allocation of £3000 to the initiative, the Town Council takes the view that a partnership between the members of the Jubilee Committee and the Town Council will result in team-work at its best and will result in a synergy which will be very productive in organising a memorable event for the people of Mossley on this important and historic occasion. |
|  |  | (2) | That Mossley Community Association be invited to confirm that these arrangements are to the satisfaction of the Jubilee Committee. |

The meeting concluded at 10.01pm

Chair