**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held at the Mossley Methodist Church Hall**

**on Wednesday 19 May 2021**

**at 8.00pm**

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| **Present:** | Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, James Hall, Jack Homer, Helen Jamison, Ruth Kerfoot, Idu Miah, Pat Mullin,  . |
|  | There were 22 parishioners present at the meeting. |

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| **1.** | **Apologies for Absence** |
|  | An apology for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Stephen Homer. |

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| **2** | **Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 29 May 2019** | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 29 May 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. |

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| **3** | **Review of Activities of Mossley Town Council 2019/2021**  The Chair and the Clerk made a joint presentation on the areas of activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Town Council during the 2019/20 and 2020/21 municipal years: | |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the joint report from the Chair and the Clerk be noted. |

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| 4 | **Public Questions**  Members of the public present at the meeting are invited to ask questions about the work of the Parish Council or any issues pertaining to the Parish.  Former Jonathan Grange Nursing Home – Proposed Residential Development  A number of residents living in the vicinity of the former Jonathan Grange Nursing Home voiced their concerns about anti-social behaviour at the former nursing home and about their concerns in respect of the proposed development of the site for residential purposes.  The Chair advised local residents that the Town Council had been consulted by Tameside MBC on the application and the Town Council had indicated no objection in principle to the development of the site for residential purposes but considered that the size, design and density of the proposed units of residential accommodation were unimaginative.  The Town Council invited Tameside MBC in considering the application to advise the applicant to:   * Review the layout of the proposed development and provide an enhanced development with reduced levels of density; * Incorporate within the development green space provision to reflect the character of the area and improve visual amenity; * Incorporate ‘green’ infrastructure measures in the form of solar energy and electric vehicle charging facilities to make the development more sustainable.   Following expressions of concern by members of the public at the meeting, it was agreed that a spokesperson on behalf of residents would prepare a draft letter to the applicant setting out the views of local residents which could then be passed to the applicant for consideration.  In addition, it was suggested that a member(s) of the Tameside MBC Speakers’ Panel be invited to visit the site prior to determination in order to witness first-hand the concerns expressed by local residents. |

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| **5** | **Proposals for activities for Mossley Town Council for 2021/2022.**    The Parishioners present at the meeting raised the following issues:  Town Centre Cycle Storage Facilities  A local resident and cycle sales and repair business owner in the town asked whether the Town Council would consider introducing cycle storage facilities at strategic locations throughout the town in order to encourage cycling and protect investment made by cycle users.  Councillor Jack Homer reminded members that the Town Council had considered this issue in September 2019 and had allocated a modest amount of money to provide such facilities. As a result of the pandemic, the issue had not been pursued and sites had yet to be determined.  Councillor James Hall advised the meeting that it was his understanding that grants for the installation of infrastructure for cyclists were available from Transport for Greater Manchester. Councillor Hall undertook to investigate the availability of such grant opportunities.  Involvement of Young People  In response to comments from a local resident, the Chair indicated that discussions on ways to involve young people were being pursued by the Town Council. |

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| **6** | **Mossley Neighbourhood Plan – Initial Arrangements for Consultation** |
|  | The Chair and members delivered an update on the Mossley Neighbourhood Plan initiative and proposed timescale.  Members of the Public would be consulted and encouraged to put forward ideas for action during the next financial year for inclusion in the plan. |

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| **7** | **Urgent Issues**  The Clerk advised members that since the agenda had been published, a number of consultations had been received which required responses before the next meeting on 16 June 2021.  Members agreed to give views on the consultation issues on an informal basis subject endorsement at the meeting on 16 June 2021.  The following issues were considered: |
|  | Erection of 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings with off-road parking at land formerly 164/168 Manchester Road, Mossley  Members made no comment on the application other than to note that the development was retrospective.  Proposed 2-storey extension at 124 Three Counties Road, Mossley  Members made no comment on the application.  Christmas 2021  Tameside MBC has asked for dates for the Christmas events planned at Micklehurst and Mossley in 2021.  Tameside were proposing to meet the cost of a tree and lights at one of our 2 events as in previous years.  Because there are limited electrical staff available, Tameside MBC was looking for dates now so that staff can be allocated.    The convention was that Micklehurst took place on a Friday evening with the Mossley event on the Saturday night after.  The Mossley events usually took place on the last weekend in November.  20 November clashed with the TMBC Parade. Denton and Stalybridge had asked for 27 November.  Members were invited to consider dates for the Mossley events.  19 and 20 November were suggested as dates for consideration. |
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| The meeting concluded at 9.28pm | |

Chair