**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

 **Held at the Mossley Methodist Church Hall**

**on Wednesday 11 May 2022**

**at 8.15pm**

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| **Present:** | Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors James Hall, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Helen Jamison, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin, . |
|  | There were 2 parishioners present at the meeting. |

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| **1.** | **Apologies for Absence** |
|  | An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Ruth Kerfoot. |

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| **2** | **Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 19 May 2021** |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 19 May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. |

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| **3** | **Review of Activities of Mossley Town Council 2021/2022**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 2021/22 municipal year. |
|  | 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.No questions were submitted. |

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| 5 | **Development in Mossley**Development sites in MossleyThis item had been included on the agenda at the request of local residents who wished to address the Town Council on potential development sites in the Town.Parishioner Mr Dave Jones attended the Town Meeting to voice concerns on behalf of fellow residents about the increasing potential for development, in particular for residential development on sensitive sites in the Town.Mr Jones made the following points:* proposed developments at Greaves St and Brookfields were examples of sensitive sites which had been the subject of planning applications.
* The community should be more closely involved in spearheading opposition to the development of such sites and looked to the Town Council to assist the local community in defending the sites against development.
* Sites which the community did not wish to be developed should be identified.
* Town councillors should consider addressing local residents and a procedure to enable that to take place should be developed.

In response, members commented that:* Town Councillors were required under planning codes to keep an open mind on planning applications and to express a view on applications only after they were in possession of all the relevant facts. Expressing views on planning applications before all the facts were presented may result in accusations of pre-determination by members.
* The development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Town would assist in land use planning terms and the Town Council was actively pursuing this option with Tameside MBC whose approval was being sought to pursue the development of the plan.
* Subject to pre-determination safeguards, members would be prepared to meet with local residents about planning issues in the Town but it was necessary for the community to take the lead in spearheading local objections to development proposals they considered to be unwelcome on particular sites

Mr Jones undertook to arrange a meeting with local residents to which members of the Town Council would be invited.Egmont StThe Chair provided an update on the proposed bringing back into public use of the former Egmont St Pavilion.Recent inspections of the premises had identified a number of additional structural issues which needed to be addressed but work was continuing by ‘Works4U’ the organisation developing the premises. |

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| **6** | **Proposals for activities for Mossley Town Council for 2022/2023.**No further proposals were identified at the meeting. |

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

Chair