



Moston Parish Council

8th May 2024

Commenced: 7.30 pm

Terminated: 8.45 pm

Present: Councillors Bower-Lowe, Haigh, Lockett, Nixon and Tumilty

There were 5 members of the public in attendance

1. WELCOME

Councillor Nixon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor Nixon be appointed Chair of Moston Parish Council Business for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year

Councillor Nixon stated that this would have to be his last term as Chair, due to other commitments. He hoped that other Members would consider this important position for next year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor Haigh be appointed Deputy Chair of Moston Parish Council Business for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year

Councillor Haigh stated that this would have to be her last term as Deputy Chair, due to other commitments.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Moran and Wray submitted their apologies for absence for this meeting.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members of the Parish Council

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th April 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the Public raised the following matters:-

- A comment was received about the recent repairs completed by United Utilities on Warmingham Lane. The Chair had received information that Warmingham Lane would be closed for approximately a week from 10th June 2024, for a drainage investigation by Cheshire East Council;
- Residents were continuing to record flooding on Fix My Street;
- Work seemed to be taking place on the Thimsworra site every night;
- It was mentioned that works to gulleys and roadway repairs were delayed by approximately 2 years;
- Two static caravans by Tetton Cottages. Cheshire East was aware of this.

8. FINANCES AND BUDGET 2024-2025

Members considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

(i) April 2024 Transactions

RESOLVED

That the following transactions in April 2024 be noted and approved.

PAYEE/PAYER	DETAILS	RECEIPT	PAYMENT	BALANCE
Cheshire East	Precept	£3,750.00		£22,634.84
CHALC	Annual Subscription		£106.40	£22,528.44
Netwise	Website/Hosting Fees		£528.00	£22,000.44
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance		£251.97	£21,748.47
Davenport Accountants	Internal Audit		£126.00	£21,622.47
Clive Nash	Parish Grounds Maintenance		£308.00	£21,314.47
Shires	Payroll Fees Apr-Oct 2024		£82.80	£21,231.67
HMRC	PAYE April		£57.40	£21,174.27
M Clough	April Salary		£230.33	£20,943.94

(ii) Approval of Payments

RESOLVED

That the following forthcoming payments be approved:-

Salary	Clerk	May – Month 2	Approx. £230.13
Salary	PAYE Clerk	May – Month 2	Approx. £57.60
Salary	Clerk	June – Month 3	Approx. £230.13
Salary	PAYE Clerk	June – Month 3	Approx. £57.60

(iii) 2024-2025 Budget Expenditure at 30th April 2024

RESOLVED

That the following Budget Head Expenditure as at 30th April 2024 be noted.

Budget Head	Total	Budget Allocated	£ Balance
Salary	£287.73	£3,800.00	£3,512.27
General Admin	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Website/ICT Costs	£528.00	£550.00	£22.00
Insurance	£251.97	£625.00	£373.03
Payroll Costs	£82.80	£300.00	£217.20
Audit Fees (Internal)	£126.00	£150.00	£24.00
Subscriptions	£106.40	£395.00	£288.60
Meeting Room Hire	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00
Training	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00
Parish Improvements/Events	£308.00	£1,000.00	£692.00
Chair's Fund	£0.00	£30.00	£30.00
	£1,690.90	£7,350.00	£5,659.10

(iv) Bank Reconciliation as at 30th April 2024

RESOLVED

That the following Bank Reconciliation as at 30th April 2024 be approved: -

Bank Reconciliation		
30/04/2024		
MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL		
Financial year ending 31 March 2025		
Prepared by: Muna Clough, Parish Clerk & RFO		
Balance per bank statements as at 30th April 2024		
CASH BOOK		
Opening Balances at 30th April 2024		
Current Account 07572433		£20,943.94
Reserve Account 96473193		£5,116.54
Less Payments not Cashed	£0	£20,943.94
Add Unbanked Cash	£0	£5,109.84
Net bank balances as at 30th April 2024		£26,060.48
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows		
Current Account @ 01.04.2024		£18,884.84
Reserve Account @ 01.04.2024		£5,109.84
Add: Receipts in the year - Current Account	£3,750.00	£22,634.84
Add: Receipts in the year - Reserve Account	£6.70	£5,116.54
Less: Payments in the year - Current Account	£1,690.90	£20,943.94
Less: Payments in the year - Reserve Account		£5,116.54
Closing balance per cash book [receipts and payments book] must equal net bank balances above		£26,060.48

9. APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Members considered the allocation of a Councillor with responsibility for reporting on highways matters (with assistance from the Chair).

RESOLVED

That Councillor Tumilty be appointed as the Councillor with responsibility for reporting on highways matters.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chair reported on the following planning matters:-

- **New Planning Application**
 - (i) Planning Reference 24/1356C Location: Pine Cottage, Clay Lane, Moston, Cheshire. CW11 3QY. Proposal: Remove existing conservatory & replace with new larger footprint sun room.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council raises no objections to this planning application.

- **Decided Planning Applications**

- (ii) Planning Reference 24/0553C Location: Lazarus Farm, Dragons Lane, Moston. CW11 3QB. Proposal: Material change of use of land for Traveller site with new access from Dragon's Lane, additional hard standing, Utility block and shed (retrospective). Decision. Refused

- **Ongoing Planning Applications**

- (iii) Planning Reference 24/0596C Location: Land North Of Junction With Mill Lane, Warmingham Lane, Moston, Cheshire East, CW11 3PT. Proposal: Full planning application for removal of concrete lagoons and structures and redevelopment of site to provide a single detached dwelling.
- (iv) Planning Reference 24/0275C Location: Stud Green House, Dragons Lane, Moston, CW11 3QB. Proposal: Single Storey Side Extension.
- (v) Planning Reference 23/4603C Location: The Cottage, Plant Lane, Moston, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 3PH. Proposal: Replacement of existing glazed conservatory with a 7m x 4.6m single storey brick and tiled roof (4m in height) ground floor rear extension, which increases the existing combined footprint by less than 14 sq.m
- (vi) Planning Reference 24/0191C Location: Pitch 12, Land at, DRAGONS LANE, MOSTON, CW11 3QB. Proposal: Change of use of land to form 1 gypsy and traveller family pitch, along with the erection of a 1 day with access taken off Dragons Lane. This application was scheduled for consideration at Southern Planning Committee on 5th June 2024
- (vii) Planning Reference 23/4026C Location: Thimsworra Farm, Dragons Lane, Moston, CW11 3QB. Proposal: Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 7 gypsy families with a total of 16 caravans, including no more than 7 static/mobile homes, together with laying of hardstanding, erection of communal amenity building, erection of 5No utility buildings and erection of stable building. Comments had now been received from the Environment Agency. This application was scheduled for consideration at Southern Planning Committee on 5th June 2024.
- (viii) Planning Reference 23/3570/0C Location: Land south of Warmingham Lane. Proposal: Change of Use of land for use as a natural burial ground for the burial of coffins and urns with associated infrastructure.
- (ix) Planning Reference 23/3408C Location: Land off Warmingham Lane, Moston. Proposal: Erection of agricultural building. An objection had been submitted by United Utilities.
- (x) Planning Reference 22/3244C Location: Fairacre, East Booth Lane, Moston, CW11 3PU. Proposal: Change of use of land for Showmans Yard with facilitating development (hardstanding, fencing, septic tank) retrospective.
- (xi) Planning Reference 24/0884C Location: Moston Garage, Booth Lane, Moston, Cheshire, CW11 3PU. Proposal: Change of Use from garage to vehicle storage with ancillary office and garage workshop with wash down area. Objections had been submitted by Flood Risk and the Environment Agency.
- (xii) Planning Reference 21/5187C Location: Land North of Horseshoe Farm, Warmingham Lane, Moston, Middlewich, CW10 0HJ. Proposal: Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for one gypsy/traveller family with 2no. caravans, including no more than one static caravan/mobile home together with erection of day room. A planning appeal was scheduled to be heard at Macclesfield Town Hall on Tuesday 14th May 2024.

11. CHAIR'S REPORT

- (i) Councillors Nixon and Wray were due to have a meeting with Bluefield representatives on Thursday, 9th May 2024 regarding future development on Albion Lock, and an update on street lighting and repairs to the footpath along Booth Lane;
- (ii) The Chair reported that the Speed Management report had not been adopted by Cheshire East Council, as the schemes highlighted were not considered a priority considering the serious budget constraints.
- (iii) Cheshire East Council was currently running a consultation on Household Waste Sites, and the Chair encouraged all Members and residents to participate in the exercise and submit their objections.

RESOLVED

That the Chair to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

- (iv) The Chair asked Members to consider an appropriate Parish celebration for D-Day.

RESOLVED

The Chair to purchase two flags and erect on Moston Green.

- (v) The Chair asked Members if the Parish Council wished to pursue its current complaint regarding the condition of the highway on Watch Lane.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Nixon to continue to pursue the complaint on behalf of the Parish Council.

12. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

Councillor Wray had submitted his apologies for absence for this meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday, 3rd July 2024 at 7.30 pm at St. Peter's Church Hall, Elworth, Sandbach, CW11 3HU

(Councillor Bower-Lowe submitted his apologies for the meeting).