

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF MELLOR HELD IN MELLOR METHODIST CHURCH ON THE 7th MARCH 2019 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Cllrs. B. Murtagh, N. Marsden, M. O'Grady , I. Moss, N. Walsh Mrs M. Johnson, Mrs. D. Crooks , Mrs S. Brunskill, Mrs. P. Young, Rev Stuart Smith, PCSO C. Pemberton, 3 members of the public, Parish Clerk

1. Opening Prayers

Rev. Smith lead all in prayer for both the Annual Meeting and the Parish Council meeting to follow.

2. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 1st March 2018 had been circulated to Parish Council and, were read for the public; having been confirmed by members were signed as a correct record.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman reported towards the end of the civic year. Ten regular Parish Council meetings had been held, additionally an Extraordinary Meeting regarding Housing Allocation which was attended by Ribble Valley Councillors Atkinson & Brown as well as 35 residents. He expressed thanks to LCC Cllr. Schofield for his continued support for the Parish. Some investment had been achieved by the Parish Council for bench plaques and upgrade at ROC Post on Mellor Moor. The main focus had been Mellor Play Area, including major drainage & new fencing. Dog fouling by a few continued to be an issue, but hopefully the new security cameras at Mellor Village Hall would assist with identifying the culprits. Remembrance Day 2019 had been fittingly commemorated, with particular thanks to Mr. Guilfoyle, as well as clergy for all their work. Parish Council looked to continue to improve the War Memorial & gardens, with volunteers to make contact with any Parish Councillor or the Clerk. Parish website was noted to be currently down, but all were encouraged to stand for Parish Council Elections on 2nd May. It was a privilege to have Clergy involvement within the Parish. And he expressed thanks to All over the past ten years, as sound financial advice had been given. In particular Chairman Informed members of the recent death of former Parish Councillor & popular local man, Phil Willan.

5. Reports from village organisations - where possible these will be on the Parish Council website

1. **PCSO** reported that there was now a "single crew" designation, therefore no Police Officer for Mellor area specifically, with response to incidents coming from Blackburn. She gave statistics of reported crime over the previous 60 days, highlighting that most vehicle crime involved unlocked vehicles. She emphasised that crimes need to be reported to Police and basic security should always be followed ; lock doors, do not answer a knock at night, especially if alone.

2. **St. Mary's School & FOSMS** - Mrs. J. Embley-Peers (new Head) had sent a report, which was read out

3. **Little Angels** no report received

4. **Mellor Community Association** ~ Mrs. Foster gave a report, explaining that there was no Chairman currently. There had been many changes over the past three years with major Improvements carried out. This meant that the Main Hall was closed at present. Events included

a Proms Concert & Christmas Concert, Treasure Hunt, MacMillan Coffee Morning, Knit & Natter, as well as numerous sports events and clubs & the popular, regular Pop Up Café. Dog fouling continues to be a hazard, sadly. Phase 2 of the improvements will cover heating upgrade and Main Hall floor. Hopefully this will be completed for Pop Up Café on 9th April. Particular thanks to Lancashire Environmental Fund and to Sport England for grant funding., also to Kevan Dean for project management, as well as to all the Committee, including John Hymas (past Chairman)

5. **St. Mary's Church** - no report
6. **Mellor Guides & Hobnobs** - No report
7. **Mellor Juniors Football** Ms. Christine Taylor (new Secretary) had sent a written report
8. **Mellor Luncheon Club** - no report received
9. **Indoor Bowling Club** - Mr. Livesey had sent a written report, which was read out
10. **Mellor Village Show** - Cllr. Crooks gave a report, schedules will be on Parish Council website
11. **Mellor Connections** - No report
12. **The Wednesday Group** - no report
13. **Mellor Allotments**- no report received
14. **Toddlers** no report received

6. Feedback from residents & interested parties regarding Mellor War Memorial

Those present expressed no particular views regarding the War Memorial. Clerk had received one email comment, suggesting that funds be used for children, in preference to the War Memorial.

The Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.