

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 19th JANUARY 2026

Present Cllr Levis (Chairman), Cllr Lane, Cllr Sidebottom, R. Taylor (Clerk) P Mott (Assistant Clerk), Borough Councillor Thelma Jackson, and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Martin (holiday)
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors: Chairman and Cllr Sidebottom declared interest in item 12 Peak Custer.
3. Requests for dispensations: Chairman and Cllr Sidebottom applied and were granted unanimously a dispensation in for item 12.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 17th November 2025: Proposed: Cllr Sidebottom, that the minutes are a true and correct record. Seconded: Cllr Lane, excluding Item 11 Newton Heath Pool as he was absent from the room. Signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Matters Arising: Clerk confirmed the Precept application had been acknowledged by Cheshire East.
6. Public Participation: Public attendance for Adlington New Town, Peak Cluster, Planning Application 25/4436/Ful Thornlea and War Memorial.
7. Casual Vacancies: Clerk reported that since the last meeting 3 resignations have been received. Councillor Shaw had requested a break from council duties, Councillor Waugh was unable to give her time due to work commitments and Councillor Pilkington, after 20 years of exemplary service, had decided to retire. The Chairman offered his thanks to all three councillors, and noted that personally had learnt a lot from Councillor Pilkington. **Three casual vacancies declared. Proposed: Chairman, Seconded Cllr Lane. Resolved unanimously.** Clerk directed to put in hand the process to fill the vacancies.
8. Finance: Clerk reported Bank balance at 19th January as £30,789,57: £15,417.45 in the C.I.L, leaving a balance £15,372.12. Payment has been made for the defibrillator hire £131.40. Cllr Lane reported he had examined the defibrillator and it was not defective. A £60 payment had been received for the old recreation ground rent. The assistant clerk had not yet been paid as no time sheet received, situation to be rectified.
9. Highways: Clerk reported there was now no councillor to act as liaison so c/f to next meeting. Tree stump removal: Highways consider it is the landowner's responsibility. Clerk to pursue.
10. Community Infrastructure Levy: Assistant Clerk read email from Cllr Martin saying slow progress is being made with the proposed Priest Lane speed signs; Cheshire East is being responsive and Prestbury Parish Council helpful. Clerk reported Cheshire Fencing had been ordered. No further action at present.
11. Adlington New Town Proposal: Chairman reported that he and the clerk are attending joint Town and Parish Council monthly meetings as part of a Task and Finish Group. Things are progressing well; residents will be updated via a dedicated page on the website and push notifications. A concern was raised over the safety of the PC website, Chairman to speak to the provider. The group are working with other residents' groups

such as SANT and SOTAG. Specialist reports are being prepared. Contribution requested towards the fighting fund from all councils involved. **Parish Council to contribute £1500: Proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Lane. Resolved unanimously.** SEA (strategic environmental assessments) due in three weeks, Councillors requested to look out for the report. Links will be put on the website to SANT and SOTAG.

Chairman reported that we are encouraged by Task and Finish group progress which is logical and of merit. It is also a good basis for us to work together on other issues in the future.

12. **Peak Cluster Consultation:** Chairman reported that in order to achieve nett zero, plan was to move CO₂ from lime and cement waste in Derbyshire via pipeline to Morecambe Bay for storage in undersea containers. First anyone knew was when affected landowners of proposed route were sent a brochure and letter as Peak Cluster wished survey the land affected. Advise is to decline access at this stage as could lead to compromise in the future. There is an interactive map of the proposed route on Peak Cluster website, and information about this will also go on the PC website. Chairman had attended a webinar for Councillors, but many questions remain unanswered. This is a previous government's proposal from 2023 and would be completed at great public expense. Other options for reducing CO₂ are not being looked into. Notification to the public appears to have been delayed. There is now a consultation period before it proceeds for approval with a final decision in 2028. Cheshire East position is unknown. **Clerk instructed to write to CE to ask for their clarification. Proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Lane. Resolved unanimously.** There is a webinar for the public on January 31st. Anyone who needs details can contact the Chairman.
13. **Planning:** Extensions of time granted on 25/4271/HOUS and 25/4436/FUL applications.
25/4271/HOUS Oak Grange, Wilmslow Road- Application was debated; query on visibility when coming out, but the gates and wall are set back. No observations.
5/4436/FUL Thornlea Oak Road- A member of the public raised their objections. There had been issues accessing the portal to object and a complaint had been registered. Council debated numerous objections. **Observations to be made by the clerk citing loss of privacy/overlooking a number of properties, sloping site and drainage issues, destruction of a listed graveyard and graves within the land, request highways site visit due to driveway on narrow bend. Proposed: Chairman, Seconded Cllr Lane. Resolved unanimously**
25/4759/FUL Green Meadow Farm, Castle Hill-Council considered application and noted the bat survey was outdated, concerns regarding padel court lighting and noise, as well as loss of amenity to the surrounding properties. **Clerk instructed to make these observations. Proposed: Cllr Lane, Seconded Chairman. Resolved unanimously**
25/4669/PIP Land at Woodside Farm, Smithy Lane- Application made no reference to a public footpath through the land, the farmhouse itself is a listed building and the site is served by a single-track road access, although acknowledged 4 dwellings might have less traffic than current buildings. **Clerk instructed to make these observations, but that we are not opposed as we accept the application is using previously built infrastructure. Proposed: Chairman, Seconded Cllr Lane. Resolved unanimously**

14. War Memorial: Chair had raised this as there is nowhere obvious in the village. The listed memorial is inside the Methodist Chapel. Need to explore further: c/f to next meeting.
15. Allotments: Assistant Clerk had liaised with Ann Readman and there was nothing to report at present.
16. Village Maintenance: Fallen tree across footpath off Priest Lane- Cllr Sidebottom had taken a look, but we need to confirm if it is definitely on parish land first, so c/f to next meeting. Telephone box -Clerk reported no further update with painting, but it is still being used as a library. Christmas lights for the village- Chairman reported he had no success in finding ones to run of a leisure battery. Cllr Sidebottom, explained these were the ones used to decorate tractors. If lights are purchased, he could fit to battery and should last about 3 weeks. £500 budget previously agreed to remain for this year and matter will be carried forward.
17. Police Report: Previously circulated and read by all. Clerk informed council that PCSO will be leaving post, due to significant reduction of PCSO from 87 to 27 that was announced and expressed concern who are we supposed to contact.
18. United Charities: Chairman reported this is still under discussion. Clerk stated some work still to be done to resolve this matter.
19. Village Hall: Cllr Martin not present so no update.
20. Community Pride Award: Assistant Clerk stated the award for 2025 will be open until 1st April. Application forms can be obtained by emailing clerk@motttramstandrewpc.org.uk. Posters will be put up on noticeboards and former nominees contacted.
21. Other Business: Cllr Lane raised invitation to nominate someone to attend Royal Garden Party. Email had been received re omission of update on a planning application on the agenda, Cllr Lane to respond. Cllr Sidebottom gave his apologies ahead of the parish council meeting in March.