

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 20th JULY 2026

Present: Cllr Levis (Chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Sidebottom, Cllr Battersby, P Mott (Clerk), and 3 members of the public.

1. Presentation of Community Pride Award 2025: Chairman Cllr Levis introduced the presentation of the Community Pride Award for an outstanding contribution for the benefit of Mottram St. Andrew and its residents. The winner of the award for 2025 is Steve Hatton who has been involved with the village hall for over 14 years, 12 as the chairman, organises the horticultural show and has also previously served as a Parish Councillor. He has had the pleasure of working with Steve for a few years and all his support of the village is very much appreciated. Following presentation of the certificate Steve thanked the Parish Council for hosting the award and to the person who nominated him.
2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Houston (work commitments) was approved.
3. Declaration of interests from Councillors: None declared.
4. Requests for dispensations: None required.
5. Minutes of AGM and meeting held on 18th May 2026: **Proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Battersby. Resolved unanimously** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
6. Co-option of New Councillor and Casual Vacancy: R Taylor has decided not to proceed with co-option, so one vacancy remains. Cllr Lane has resigned with immediate effect due to work commitments and a further casual vacancy was declared. Clerk directed to put in hand the process to fill the vacancies.
7. Public Participation: Public attendance for Community Infrastructure Levy, Community Pride Award and Use of Recreation Ground.
Member of the public was seeking the council approval for use of the Recreation Ground for Forest School by the village school and explained what this was and the benefits for the children. Councillors were in favour of this use, but explained the Recreation Ground was responsibility of Cheshire East Council and they would need to grant approval. Council was minded to offer financial support towards equipment.
Tree stump by Bulls Head still remains. Chairman reported this was supposed to have been dealt with by highways and he will chase.
8. Finance: Clerk reported Bank balance at 19th July as £27,6 21.68, less £15,417.45.47 C.I.L, leaving £12,204.23. Payments made have been as follows: £89 SLCC renewal, £458.42 Gallagher Insurance, £30 Methodist Chapel hire, £412.64 Clerk's wages May, £98 HMRC, £131.40 Defib rental, £97.73 Poynton with Worth Legal costs, £25 ChALC training Chairman, £24 Lennards, £36 HMRC, £151.33 Clerks Wages June, £24 Lennards. Money in £25 Allotment 18B rental, £5 credit from SLCC. We have received a renewal notice for website hosting and support £291.60. **Website renewal fee Proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Sidebottom.** Governance and accounting statements were shared, along with variance report. These will be submitted, having been granted an extension. **Certification for exemption for 2025-26 was agreed.** **Proposed: Chairman, Seconded Cllr Battersby. Resolved unanimously.** Budget for 2026-27 was

reviewed. £10 annual rent for Way Leave mast was queried and agreed to renegotiate. **Budget proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Sidebottom. Resolved unanimously.**

9. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): Cllr Martin updated on signs. Cheshire East Council are fast to respond, but not supportive and a meeting in March never took place. Two posts signs would cost £5000, but approval to sit on the verge has to go through CE, plus police approval of the site. Prestbury PC has reported a noticeable difference following installation. Cllr Martin will contact highways and police again to arrange a meeting. Cllr Sidebottom apologised that the fencing still hadn't been installed. Debate on remit of CIL and what else CIL can be used for to improve the village.
10. Planning: Extension of time granted on 26/1755/ FUL application.
26/1937/ HOUS Little Acorns, Wilmslow Road, 26/1695/VOC Bowesleigh, 26/2080/LBC and 26/2079/HOUS Woodend Farm Barns Councillors had no observations on these applications and this representation had been made to Cheshire East Planning.
26/2421/HOUS Longmeade, Oak Road- Debated and council had no observations.
26/2454/VOC Greendale Farm - Debated and council had no observations.
26/1755/FUL Former Collingwood Nurseries Field- Debated. **Clerk to respond that council object to the current plans for this application on grounds it is greenbelt as identified in previous applications with no prior hardstanding, there is no proper drainage design and solution involving residents that it would impact, Japanese knotweed has previously been identified on the site, 6 house are too many 4 would be preferable in keeping with house nearby and a need for terraced cottages for young families. Cllr Sidebottom, Seconded Chairman.**
11. Clerk's report: Two residents have asked if the triangle can be planted with Erigeron (Mexican Fleabane) instead of begonia, as it is a bit more modern, flowers for months and fulfils both criteria (rabbit proof/ no watering). Agreed to proceed. Email received to paint phone box, but level of work quoted was felt excessive- it just needs painting. Police report had been circulated. Chairman is to meet Stephen Gilder, who is proposed borough councillor, and against Peak Cluster. A member of the public produced information that shows CO₂ with green hydrogen could be used as airline fuel and could create jobs. Chairman will update.
12. Adlington New Town: Chairman reported no update on consultation. Poynton Town Council have requested Cheshire East do an interim housing policy statement to protect against development; they have said they are not prepared to do this. The solicitor is looking into whether it is worth the expenditure and we are waiting for Poynton to report back.
13. Village Septic Tanks: Cllr Battersby will forward a document to the clerk for all councillors from the environment agency regarding legalities of septic tanks. Most of the village are no longer compliant and whilst the Parish Council cannot enforce, we can make residents aware that they need to comply with 2023 regulations e.g. a soak away plan and a yearly certificate. Debate regarding affect of development, moral responsibility, most should move to a treatment tank. Suggested actions include letter to all parish residents 'a guideline check', working party to clean up streams and brooks, raise with environmental department at the council. Chairman to enquire with environment agency procedure if we smell sewage.
14. Other Business: No further business was declared.