MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD 21st SEPTEMBER 2026

Present: Cllr Levis (Chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Sidebottom, Cllr Battersby, Cllr Houston, P Mott (Clerk), and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: None.
2. Declaration of interests from Councillors: Item 10 Peak Cluster- Cllr Levis, Cllr Battersby, Cllr Sidebottom
3. Requests for dispensations: Previously granted for same matter.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 20th July 2026: **Proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Battersby. Resolved unanimously** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. Public Participation: Two members of the public in general attendance, no specific item.
6. Finance: Clerk reported Bank balance as of today £30, 609.11, less £15,417.45 C.I.L, leaving £15,191,66. Payment of £1225.57 have been made as follows: £99.54 Print it, £30 Methodist Chapel hire, £291.60 BWP Creative (webhosting), £24 Lennards (June), £366.51 Clerk's wages July, £86.40 HMRC, £24 Lennards, £119.32 Clerks Wages August, £28.80 HMRC, £131.40 Imperative Training (Defibrillator hire), £24 Lennards. Money in £10 cheque from Way Mast and £4179.00 Cheshire East (Precept). Following on from end of year accounts there had been a difference £116 that could not be found: this has since been identified due historical non-presentation of two cheques for £25 and £91 from 2023 and this will now be recorded in the accounts. Half yearly budget is on track with no unexpected changes to what was presented. Chairman raised previously agreed £500 spend for Christmas lights. Matter was debated and cost needs to include leisure batteries. **Up to £600 budget for Christmas lights if needed, proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Sidebottom. Resolved unanimously.** Bank informed Clerk that she doesn't have mandate to access main account only online banking. Arrange to go into bank with Chairman to see if we can resolve.
7. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): Cllr Martin looking for someone to take lead on speed signs. Borough Councillor advised Andy Simpson is still in post at Cheshire East. It was the police who approved signs for Prestbury and that they do work. Difference is that Prestbury have pavements and highway verges, Mottram St Andrew does not. There had been previous attempts to put in 20mph signs near the school. It would be a matter of asking landowners to site posts on their land. Two existing signs need cleaning.

   Clerk shared email from school regarding equipment requirements for forest school lessons. Council believe this would fit CIL criteria and would like to provide enough equipment for full class. **To offer school up to £300 for forest school equipment, proposed Cllr Sidebottom, Seconded Cllr Battersby. Resolved unanimously**. Clerk to liaise with the school regarding this, and ask that copies of invoices are provided.

   Tree stump removal, the large part has gone, one section behind railings remains. Railings also need replacing and doubtful that Cheshire East will do. Chairman to check with highways if they intend to do this.

8. Planning:

   26/2561/VOC Greendale Farm No observations as this is raised due to listed building status. 26/4669/PIP Appeal Land at Woodside Farm, Smithy Lane Clerk reported response had been submitted citing reasons given at original application.

   Cllr Battersby raised concerns to work on a property on Greendale Lane. It had been previously subject to council enforcement. Cllr Levis had raised it again as a resident, but had no response. Has permission been given for 6 houses on corner of Moss Lane? Clerk to check.

9. Adlington Task & Finish Group: Chairman reported that whilst New Town was not one of key sites, neither had it officially been removed. The new proposed development for 1200 houses isn't covered by remit of the group. This would be a normal planning application and as yet not submitted. The T & F will pause; however, the New Town proposal had got all councils working together which is good, and agreed to working together in future. 4 meetings proposed over a year with rotating hosts and chairperson with 2 councillors per council to attend, and possibly invite relevant agencies into address the group.

10. Peak Cluster: Chairman had been approached by Stephen Gilder asking what Parish Council stance was on Peak Cluster. This was debated. The Parish Council are opposed to the Peak Cluster project on the grounds of the effect the pipeline will have on the residents of Mottram St Andrew and also the destruction of the environment, **proposed Cllr Levis, seconded Cllr Sidebottom. Resolved unanimously**. Chairman reported the Bollington Town Council had held a Peak Cluster drop-in session and he had spoken to the speakers who would be willing to attend a similar event in Mottram St Andrew. Look at using the village hall plus bar available 4-7pm. Clerk to liaise with Village Hall and Chairman will liaise with speakers regarding dates.

11. Village Septic Tanks: Cllr Battersby had spoken to three companies to see if they would be willing to sponsor a letter regarding responsibility of septic tanks, and they could also give their details if residents wanted to contact them for further information, or offer discount to install as we are providing them with prospective customers. Cllr Battersby to circulate.

12. Emergency Plan: Parish Council has a comprehensive emergency plan, yet when recent emergency occurred police simply took over, and the plan was not required. Raises the question does it need to be in such detail. Chairman to investigate other emergency plans as comparison and bring matters back to council to debate as necessary.

13. Clerk's report: With resignation of Cllr Lane the Complaints committee is left without a chair. Cllr Martin, Cllr Sidebottom and Cllr Houston offered to be on the committee, Cllr Sidebottom will chair. **Proposed Cllr Martin, Seconded Cllr Battersby. Resolved unanimously**. Email from resident about village sign on Priest Lane in need of restoration and hedge trimming. Clerk to contact Peter Pownall regarding the sign and householder regarding the hedge. Email from Cheshire East regarding fingerposts offering service for inspection and repair. Parish Council have been responsible and agreed to carry on with this arrangement. Previously handyman has cleaned and painted. Clerk to look into how much was paid. Email received from a resident regarding the uncompleted parking spaces for bungalows by Peaks and Plains. Cllr Houston reported that parking on the crescent was an issue: emergency services unable to access properties and refuse bins not being emptied. 8 spaces had been agreed, 4 created with promise that the other 4 later but this hadn't happened. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the company to see where we are up to.

14. Other Business: No further business was declared. Meeting closed at 8.30pm.