

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 in Mosterton Village Hall. The meeting opened at 7.25pm, following on from the Annual Village Meeting.

Present Cllr R Fry, Cllr J Cooper, Cllr N Hickman, Cllr A Bullock, Cllr D Shoemark
In Attendance District Cllr Alford, and 14 residents.

2017/031. Election of Chairman

Cllr. Bullock proposed that Cllr. Hickman be elected as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr. Cooper. There being no other nominations Cllr Hickman was elected.

2017/032. Apologies for Absence District Cllr Barrowcliff

2017/033. Approval of the Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Mosterton Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2016, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2017/034. Chairman's Report for the Year 2016-2017

“This year has been busy if nothing else, very difficult at times but I hope productive. Time can move slowly at times but it's important to do things right. The Speed watch scheme is now active and having been involved with it from conception I must commend the volunteers and the work that they put in. We will be using the data to consult with highway to see what can be done in the village to reduce traffic speed and so reduce the risk to parishioners. The bus stop is a slow Mosterton time project that we hope to see completed this summer and a push to achieve this is needed. The play area continues to be maintained and looked after by MPC and a subcommittee is going to look at new equipment to improve the facility.

Where things have moved a little quicker is the defibrillator. Having first tried to use the phone box to house the unit the council have objected to its change of use. However, a new location has already been agreed and it will be installed in the next few weeks. We have had since the last AGM about 13 planning applications. Those which fit in with villagers's wishes set out in the village plan, MPC have supported and helped to get plans passed. Unfortunately, we have also had planning applications for large developments which we as a parish council have fought along with local residents. The application for 40 houses at Mosterton Cross is ongoing as recently we have revived support with objections and concerns from the Landscape officer which includes the view of the Dorset AONB team.

Then we have matters that need to be resolved quickly. I talk of the three extra meetings involving Mosterton Preschool requesting financial help. We had to learn the process very quickly as a council, and consultation was key. Thank you to all that helped to print and deliver leaflets highlighting the meetings, which resulted in one of the largest public meetings we have had, and where spirits were high. Well done to Mosterton Preschool for presenting their case well, and now Mosterton Parish Council will apply for the loan and draw up an agreement with them for repayment.

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Signed.....Name.....Date

There are many more mundane things we have to do to keep the parish council running and with that I have to thank my fellow councillors for their work and support with special thanks to our clerk, Vicky Reed without whose work we would not function. And finally, in a year off many challenges without advice and support from the extremely knowledgeable Janet Page life would have been more difficult. To a Parish Council chairman her experience is invaluable. Thank you.”

2017/035. Financial Report for the Year 2016-2017

The annual accounts for the year 2016-2017 were reported.

Total income for the year was	£ 11,172.44
Total payments for the year was	£ 7,667.67
The parish council made grants totaling	£ 334.00
Balance in hand as at 31 st March 2017	£ 30,008.34

Full details will be available on the website shortly.

The accounts have been internally audited by Mr Peter Coles, and will now be externally audited.

The annual accounts and Annual Governance statement were accepted by the parish council.

Note: The Amenity Account is not funded from the precept, but from fundraising in order to set up and maintain the play area. The balance of the Amenity account was £10,126.55 as at 31st March 2017.

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm