

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GARAGES COMMITTEE OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL, MOULTON on MONDAY 17th JUNE 2008 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. A. Burgess, D. Hough, G. Fox and P. Vernon
In attendance: E. Beech - Clerk D. Harrison / L. Williams – residents

01 Appointment of Chair

Resolved: that Cllr. Fox be appointed Chair of the Committee

02 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apology for absence received from Cllr. Turner (work commitment) be accepted.

03 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Vernon – relative of garage lessee

04 Operational Arrangements

Noted the background to the Council's ownership of the area at the rear of Regent Street, the current operational arrangements for the allocation of garages and garage plots, including the current contract template and plan of the current garage / garage plot allocations.

Resolved: that the following be recommended to the Council:

- a) the contract template be immediately revised to include the requirement to install a substantial base (e.g. concrete) for a garage to be placed on, for all newly-allocated plots and that any new garages or newly sited garages not be of a timber construction
- b) the contract template be further reviewed and revisions to improve clarification of the requirements of lessees and the Council's management of the area be submitted at a later date; Cllrs. Burgess and Hough to draft a specification for the next Committee meeting

05 Vision for the Area

Considered how area needs to look in the future and how that might be achieved.

Resolved: that

- a) details of how the land can be used be clarified via the land registration document
- b) a plan of how the area might look be developed over a period of time for further consideration
- c) consultation on this with lessees, neighbours to the site and the rest of the community would need to be undertaken
- d) a visual inspection of the whole area by the Committee be made on Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30pm

06 Committee Terms of Reference

Reviewed the Council's recently allocated terms of reference, as follows:

To make recommendations to the Council in relation to its land at the rear of Regent Street, annually or within agreed timescales, on

- o *garage plot rents*
- o *current and future use of all or some of the areas*

Resolved: that the following addition to the terms of reference be recommended to the Council:

'to agree garage plot and garage allocations'

07 Specific Plots of Land

Considered the specific plots of land behind the garages.

Resolved: that in view of the confidential nature of this item it be considered at the end of the meeting and members of the public and the press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw for that item.

08 Next Meeting

Resolved: that the next meeting be held on 10th September 2008 at 7.30pm, the agenda to include:

- further drafting of revisions to the contract template
- review maintenance and upkeep costs of the area
- begin long term planning of the area

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.50pm and the Chair invited comments from residents present.

Noted concerns that some of the spaces between garages were being used as a toilet by contractors working in the area, including refuse collection staff. With regard to the latter it was agreed that Vale Royal BC would be alerted to this and requested to take action to ensure the practice ceased.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.00pm