

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. P. Vernon (Chair)
C. Bowie, A. Burgess, M. Green, D. Hough and A. Wood

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
K. Stock – Police Community Support Officer
L. Williams – resident

Noted the death of Mrs. Margaret Toombs who served as a Councillor and Chairman for a number of years.

10.02.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. J. Gregory, J. Kershaw, G. Sant and D. Watkinson (all due to work commitments) be agreed and those received from Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs. Mashlan and Musgrave be noted.

10.02.02 Public Open Session

The meeting commenced with a 15 minute session during which members of the public had the opportunity to raise questions and seek clarification in relation to village and community matters. Matters raised were:

- a Community River and Hotpot event is to be held on 19th February
- the Events Committee is still trying to organise the purchase and putting up of bunting for the Crow Fair
- some concerns about the proposed merger of all local surgeries to the Northwich Infirmary site – noted Cheshire West LINK is organising an event on 25th February at the Memorial Hall about this and other matters affecting the Northwich area. Noted the Clerk will check whether a formal consultation will be taking place and if Local Councils will be invited to comment

PCSO Kat Stock gave her latest report, including the first Community Surgery prior to this meeting. Noted she has been contacted by the Probation Service to promote community work projects by young offenders. Identified possible projects for Moulton to be pursued.

Also, noted that Cllr. Mashlan, Cheshire West and Chester Council has donated £2,000 for the Pre-School project from her Member's Budget.

10.02.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 11th January 2010 be agreed and signed as a correct record

10.02.04 Clerk's Report

Resolved: that

- a) the Clerk's report relating to progress on a number of current matters be received;
- b) arising from the report it was noted that:
 - Davenham Parish Council are broadly in favour of the matters raised by Moulton Parish Council on the new PCSO Service Level Agreement and a meeting is being arranged with Inspector Snasdell with representatives of both Councils.
 - Davenham Parish Council submitted the same proposal on the current review of electoral arrangements to the Boundary Committee
 - no nominations have been received to date for the Citizenship Awards so they will be widely advertised again and the closing moved to 28th February 2010.
- c) Cllrs. Vernon, Sant and Bowie represent the Council at the meeting with Inspector Snasdell regarding the PCSO service level agreement
- d) In light of the lack of nominations, the arrangements for the Citizenship Awards be reviewed, in particular that they be moved to later in the year

10.02.05 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- a) the 3rd quarter financial statement for 2009/10 be received
- b) the report of the Internal Auditor for the 3rd quarter 2009/10 be received and that there are no areas of concern or anomalies be noted

- c) the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2010 be received and the following recommendations be agreed:
- i) to extend the use of the Cooperative Bank's GIB for a further 6 months from March 2010 to enable, along with the amount in the Deposit Account, a minimum reserves level of £29,500 to be retained in accordance with its Reserves Policy
 - ii) £4,500 of the accrued interest be available for development expenditure in 2010/11; and
 - iii) this to be available to fund improvements and maintenance at the Garages Area
 - iv) the level of fidelity insurance be increased in accordance with the requirement of the External Auditor to take effect in the 2010/11 premium costs.
- d) the contract with Mr. G W Scott to carry out the management of the Council's internet services be continued for 2010/11 at the current cost of £135.00

(b) Planning

Noted:

- a) the Planning Committee's comments to be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council on the following applications:
- land adjacent to 6 School Lane – portable modular building for use as Pre-school and demolition of old canteen – *no objections in principle but concerns that floor level needs to be higher than existing as prone to flooding*
 - 50 Niddries Lane – first floor side extension, front porch extension and pitched roof to replace existing flat roof over garage – *no objections but attention to be drawn to errors in plans*
- b) Cheshire West and Chester Council's decision on the following application:
- 152 Main Road – replacement garage – *permitted*

(c) Garages

Noted rents collection held on 23rd January; a number of rents remain outstanding but will be chased up. Also, Cllr. Burgess and the Clerk had attended an initial meeting with a Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the outstanding planning matters for the site. A further meeting is arranged for 9th February.

10.02.06 Appointment of Solicitor

Resolved: that G. Gigg be appointed to give legal advice to the Council on two current matters, namely the Village Hall lease and the new garage plots lease at a fixed hourly rate but the number of hours used be appropriately managed.

10.02.07 Village Hall Lease

Noted available feedback from the recent meeting of the representatives of the Parish Council and MADCA

Resolved: that this matter be considered at the end of the meeting and due to the current confidential nature of the lease discussions at this point in time, members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

10.02.08 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Noted Cheshire West and Chester Council has allocated a budget of £2k for the printing and distribution of the final document. Considered what distribution would be appropriate.

Resolved: that as part of the distribution arrangements the VDS team be recommended to produce an Executive Summary for distribution to all households with the Council's April newsletter.

10.02.09 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted meeting of MADSAG held on 21st January 2010, one action from which is contact with Cheshire West and Chester Council about CCTV at the MUGA.

10.02.10 Correspondence

Resolved: that correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	18 Jan	'Partnerships West' - Edition 12 – Jan. 2010	Noted
		28 Jan	Notice of External Funding Event at Winsford Lifestyle Centre – Wed. 24 th March – 10am	Circulate to Grps.
		29 Jan	Further update on Event with Local Councils held on 14 th October 2009	Noted
		5 Feb	Opportunity to attend Gypsy and Traveller training – 23 rd February	Noted
		8 Feb	Notice of the Northwich West and Abbey Community Forum at Whitegate Recreation Rooms on 4 th March	Noted

2	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service	15 Jan	Copy of draft Corporate Plan and Integrated Risk	Noted
3	Cheshire Community Action	25 Jan	Community Pride Competition 2010 - opportunity to submit an entry for this and other Awards – closing dates 12 th March / 14 th April	Not enter
4	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	10 Jan 18 Jan	Nomination form for Buckingham Palace Garden Party 22 nd June Newsletter – January 2010 Information re Post Office banking consultation papers	Chair to be nominated Noted Noted
5	Clerks & Councils Direct	20 Jan	January edition and 2010 Guidebook	Noted
6	CHAIN	Various	News releases and update regarding the waste incinerator planned at Lostock	Noted
7	Davenham PC	28 Jan	Concerns about local electricity supply – power cuts, etc – seeking views	Noted

10.02.11 Accounts – net payments / income

		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	555.84
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Jan.- 4 occasions	140.00
G. J. Steele	operational inspection – Jan.	20.00*
A. Burgess	expenditure - garages area – numbering resources, plans	28.44
Linnet Book-keeping Ltd	internal audit – Jul to Dec. 09	24.00
British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall 23/9/09 – 6/1/10	620.54
IMS	Cleaning out 5 gullies at car park and play areas	95.00*

*net cost will be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Green Seconded: Cllr. Hough

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

		£
Interest on current account (Dec)		0.64
Garage plots – 2010 rent		1392.00
Playing Field Trust reimbursement		3506.07

10.02.12 Councillors' Reports

Resignation

Cllr. Green submitted his resignation to take effect at the end of this meeting.

Resolved: that the Council's thanks on behalf of the community to Cllr. Green for his significant contribution during his period of office on the Council be recorded.

Weaver Road Play Area

Noted concern about the state of the area raised by a resident will be relayed to Cheshire West and Chester Council which is responsible for the site.

10.02.13 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved: that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday 25th May 2010 at 7.30pm and the Annual Report be prepared for distribution within the required timescale.

10.02.14 Next Meeting

Noted the next Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 8th March 2010 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall), commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and followed by a meeting of the Children's Playing Field Trust

Also, Garages Area Committee – Monday 1st March – 7.30pm – Village Hall

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.15pm