

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON SCHOOL on MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs P. Vernon (Chair)  
A. Burgess, G. Fox, D. Hough, J. Kershaw, C. Turner and D. Watkinson

**In Attendance:** E. Beech – Clerk  
L. Williams – resident  
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

**09.03.01 Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved:** that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Green (agreed apologies), Sant (work commitments) and Wood (unwell) be accepted. Also, noted apologies from Cllr. J. Mashlan (Principal Authorities)

**09.03.02 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. The only matter raised was a concern that a letter is being distributed by the Watling Street GP Practice advising that prescriptions will not be dispensed at the Practice pharmacy for some Moulton residents due to the village not now being deemed rural. Also that a pharmacy may be established in the village. The Clerk will seek clarification from the relevant NHS Trust.

**09.03.03 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

*Proposed: Cllr. Burgess*

*Seconded: Cllr. Watkinson*

**09.03.04 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:
  - further details on the summer playscheme will be received at a later date
  - Davenham Parish Council have agreed to share the cost of the Councils' contribution to the work on FP3 to the River Weaver
  - the Parish Plan ought to be reviewed as it was published in 2004; Cllr. Burgess will contact Bron Kerrigan, Parish Plans Officer - Cheshire Community Action, to arrange a meeting
  - the community noticeboard will need replacing soon; possible support from the new Authority
- c) in view of the confidential nature concerning the Village Hall lease at this point in time, it be considered at the end of the meeting and members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

**09.03.05 Reports**

**(a) Finance**

Noted the end of year internal audit is arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> April to enable the Council to receive and agree the accounts at its AGM to meet the deadline of the External Auditor

**(b) Planning**

Noted no matters to consider.

**(c) Garages**

**Resolved:** that

- a) the minutes, including the confidential minutes of the Garages Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 be received
- b) the latest revisions for the lease arising from the advice received from Vale Royal BC be noted
- c) the Garages Committee be thanked for its work on the lease

**(d) Publicity/Website**

Noted items for the next Newsletter are to be submitted by the end of March and need to be co-ordinated with the content of the IMPPs newsletter.

Cllr. Turner reported that, with regard to recognised standards the website home page is fully compliant and he will continue to liaise with the contractor.

**09.03.06 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment**

Cllr. Burgess reported Cheshire West & Chester Authority will consider the draft documents at its Local Development Framework Panel on 16<sup>th</sup> March. This will be followed by discussion with the relevant Officer to determine the consultation arrangements.

**09.03.07 Annual Parish Meeting**

**Resolved: that**

- a) the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall
- b) it will include the presentation of the Individual and the Group Citizenship Awards and may be an opportunity to provide information and undertake consultation on the Village Design Statement

**09.03.08 Anti-Social Behaviour**

Noted the next MADSAG meeting is to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March at The County High School, Leftwich. Considered the principle of the PCSOs attending MADSAG meetings about which the majority view is that they should attend.

**Resolved: that** the matter of PCSOs attending MADSAG meetings be discussed at the Joint Meeting with Davenham Parish Council

**09.03.09 Correspondence**

**Resolved: that**

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) the Clerk and Chair of the Finance Committee expect to attend the Participatory Budgeting seminar
- c) the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service be invited to take a stall at the Crow Fair
- d) MADCA be advised the Parish Council's priorities for the Village Hall are disabled toilet facilities, energy costs and efficiency approaches, and increased noticeboard facilities

1	Cheshire West & Chester	21 Feb 2 Mar	Notice of funding available for major play projects – to be submitted 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Partnership bulletin (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition)	Noted Noted
2	Cheshire County Council	25 Feb	Cheshire Safer Roads Partnership – information note on the Speed Management Assessment Framework	Noted
3	The Boundary Committee	26 Feb	Notice of electoral review of the Cheshire West & Chester – consultation on the size of the Council – deadline 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Noted
4	Cheshire Community Council	25 Feb	Newsletter	Noted
5	Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils	2 Mar	Newsletter Invitation to Participatory Budgeting seminar – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 7pm - Delamere	Noted See b) above
6	Clerks and Councils Direct	2 Mar	March edition	Noted
7	NW Air Ambulance	18 Feb	Letter of thanks for the donation	Noted
8	The Standards Board	28 Feb	'Town and Parish Standard' - February edition	Noted
9	Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service	2 Mar	Offering to give a presentation on its work in the community	See c) above
10	Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society	16 Feb	Invitation to affiliate at cost of £8.00 per annum	Not affiliate
11	Cheshire Police Authority	4 Mar	Consultation on crime and disorder priorities in Cheshire West & Chester	Noted
12	MADCA	7 Mar	Village Hall questionnaire	See d) above

### 09.03.10 Accounts – net payments / income

Payments:		£
E. Beech	Salary	488.96
E. Beech	Travel (Dec 08 - Mar 09 £38.40) & postage (Dec 08 – Feb09 £8.16)	46.56
E. Beech	For use of office space and PC for period Sep 08 – Mar 09	200.00
G. J. Steele	Litter pick & playground inspections Feb. (4 occs.)	140.00
G. J. Steele	Operation Inspection-playing field facilities– Feb.	20.00
G. J. Steele	Removal of rubbish from garages area	220.00
Ash Skip Hire	Skip for removal of rubbish from garages area	139.14
Northwich Town Council	Planting 3 trees inc. provision of stakes and ties	54.00
Vale Royal BC	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter – empty bins at playing field and sweep car park area	221.25
Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration 2009/10	35.00

**Resolved:** that the above accounts be passed for payment

*Proposed:* Cllr. Watkinson

*Seconded:* Cllr. Kershaw

#### Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting: £

Interest on account for February	0.81
Garage plot rents	235.00

### 09.03.11 Councillors' Reports

#### Litter and Dog Waste

Cllr. Kershaw raised concerns regarding the amount of litter lying around the village and dog waste, particularly on the playing field.

**Resolved:** that an item be included in the next Parish Newsletter

#### Weaver Parkway

Noted the only remaining part of the path not to be improved is that between the Vale Royal locks and Newbridge, some parts of which are not easy to traverse

**Resolved:** that the relevant Authority be requested to complete the improvements to include the identified stretch of path

#### Moulton School

Noted David Coulbeck is retiring as Head Teacher of Moulton School at Easter.

**Resolved:** that in recognition of his tremendous contribution to, and involvement of the School in, the community through his position as Head Teacher the Parish Council present him with a gift on behalf of the community.

#### Regent Street

**Resolved:** that Cheshire Highways be requested to carry out maintenance to the footpath and edge which is next to the steeped grass verge on the 'odd-number' side of Regent Street

### 09.03.12 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall), commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

Also:

Joint Meeting with Davenham Parish Council - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm – Moulton Village Hall  
Garages Committee - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm – Moulton Village Hall

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.21pm