

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2007 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs D. Watkinson (Chair)
G. Fox, M. Green, J. Kershaw, C. Turner, P. Vernon and A. Wood

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams, R. Cushing – residents
Cllr. J. Mashlan – Vale Royal BC
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian
C. McPhillips – Dog Warden Supervisor, Vale Royal BC

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) Removal of advertising banners for community events
Noted Vale Royal BC has written to Parish Councils about a process for resolving this matter.
- b) CHAIN - Noted a petition is on the CHAIN website regarding objections to the County Council's plan to enable a waste incinerator to be located at Lostock Gralam. Advised that a notice to this effect could be put on the community noticeboard.
- c) Minosus - Reported that a visit to the Mine for the Liaison Group took place last week.
- d) Motorbikes - Concerns expressed about motorbikes using the path at the rear of Beechfield.

The Chair welcomed Mr. McPhillips who explained the role of the Dog Warden Service, its responsibilities and responses and its work with Cheshire Police. With particular regard to dog fouling in Moulton;

- the Service had received only a few complaints regarding fouling and these areas had been targeted for Service visits
- invited the Council to submit details of any areas about which it has particular concern
- welcome reporting of incidents, including name of owner, car registration, etc so Service can seek owner's co-operation and give a warning of possible action
- the use of the marked vehicle is as a deterrent and usually is effective
- prosecution is possible for fouling on the highway in areas where the maximum speed limit is up to 40mph and on the playing field providing a Dog Control Order exists.
- advised that the Borough Council has not decided whether it will take up powers to facilitate DCOs but has consulted with Parish Councils (although no consultation papers have been received by this Council)

07.11.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apology for absence received from Cllr. Burgess (holiday) be accepted.

07.11.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2007, including the confidential minutes, be agreed and signed as a correct record, subject to the resolution at 07.10.06 reading 'the Village Design Statement Group be invited to contact Cllr. Felix-Browne if assistance with edition is required'.

Proposed: Cllr. Fox

Seconded: Cllr. Kershaw

07.11.03 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:
 - nominations for the Citizenship Awards are being invited
 - suitable signage is to be erected on the Restricted Byway at the rear of the village regarding use by vehicles and a suggested site was identified
 - the County Council has confirmed its adoption of the roadways at the rear of Regent and Church Streets
- c) proposed revisions of the Standing Orders be considered at the next meeting

07.11.04 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the 2nd quarter report of the Internal Auditor advising that no anomalies or areas of concern were identified be received
 Noted the Finance Committee next meets on 26th November 2007 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

(b) Planning

Resolved: that the no objections providing the neighbours have been notified, be submitted on the planning application for 6 Lawrence Avenue to demolish an existing outbuilding to the side and the erection of a two storey extension to the side and single storey extension to the rear

Noted the planning application made by the Council for the development of the toddler and junior playgrounds had been permitted.

(c) Garages

Resolved: that in view of the confidential nature of a report regarding a plot this item be considered at the end of the meeting and members of the public and the press be temporarily excluded and they be instructed withdraw for that item.

(d) Publicity / Website

- a) Cllr. Turner reported his satisfaction with the website and thanks to Mr. Scott for his maintenance of it. Noted the next step is to consider how it might be extended.
- b) Noted the need to have a website response policy in place to enable an appropriate response to a general issue raised

Resolved: that Cllr. Green draft a policy for the next meeting.

(e) Community

Noted the recent Parish Newsletter had been distributed and is on the website. The next edition would be prepared in early Spring. Thanks to Cllr. Turner recorded.

07.11.05 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Cllr. Kershaw reported that a final editing meeting is planned then the document will be distributed for consultation.

07.11.06 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted the recent arson incident at the MUGA but overall the number of incidents had declined as a result of the investment in a PCSO and the work of MADSAG. Noted next MADSAG meeting due on 15th November.

07.11.07 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) an alternative, less bureaucratic process for the 'licensing' of arrangements for community and other recognised groups to advertise fund-raising events be suggested to the Borough Council

1	Vale Royal BC	13 Oct	Summary of Accounts 2006/07	Noted Noted To Cllr. Kershaw Supplied Ordered hornbeam
		19 Oct	Revised timetable of Borough Council meetings 2007/08	
		23 Oct	SPD on Historic Built Environment – invitation to contribute	
		25 Oct	Request for contact details of Chairs of Parish Councils	
		27 Oct	Parish Tree Planting Scheme	
31 Oct	Community Safety Warden Scheme – report for period July to Sept. 2007	Noted		
10 Nov	Seeking view on fly-posting – in particular re removal of flypostings advertising social and community events inviting help to identify specific sites	See above		
2	Cheshire CC	12 Oct	Minerals Development Framework – consultation of the Core Strategy and Site Specific Policies and Allocations document	Noted Noted
		7 Nov	'Cheshire Matters' – October	
		10 Nov	Strategic Environmental Assessment – Joint Waste Management Strategy – consultation on the Joint	

			Councils' assessment of environmental and sustainability impacts and of their proposals for measures to prevent, mitigate and monitor the impacts – availability of documents and notice of drop in sessions – deadline 4 th Feb 2008	Details to be e-mailed to members
3	Cheshire Community Council	19 Oct	Results of the Community Pride Competition 2007	Circulate information
4	Cheshire Police	3 Nov	Vale Royal Forum – October Newsletter	Noted
5	NHS North West	1 Nov	Annual Report 2006/07	Noted
6	NW Air Ambulance	22 Oct	Appeal for financial donation	Noted
7	Re grants	Various	Thanks for grant – from MADCA, Moulton Drama Group Moulton WI, MAG and British Legion	Noted
8	Energy Projects Plus	20 Oct	Publicity regarding energy efficiency	To Cllr. Kershaw
9	Open Spaces Society	17 Oct	Autumn 2007 newsletter	Noted
10	Joint- Crewe and Nantwich BC and Congleton BC	16 Oct	Letter re Local Government in Cheshire – update and request for support not to implement unitary local government in Cheshire	Noted
11	ChALC	12 Nov	Agenda for Vale Royal Area meeting – 29 th November – Winsford	Noted
12	Clerks & Councils Direct	7 Nov	November newsletter	Noted

07.11.08 Accounts – net payments

	Staff expenditure	£ 466.67
E. Beech	reimbursement-shield engraving & receipt book	£ 6.47
P. Sanders	internal audit	£ 30.00
G. J. Steele	contract - litter pick up/playground insp. Oct - 5 occasions	£ 175.00
Scottish Power	electricity supply to MUGA lights	£ 50.49
Scottish Power	electricity supply to War Memorial	£ 45.92
Scottish Power	electricity supply to Village Hall	£ 346.95
Davenham Parish Council	2 nd instalment for PCSO costs	£1406.66
G. W. Scott	reimbursement for web hosting fee and e-mail services	£ 53.94
MADCA	hire of Back Hall for meetings (Sep-Nov) & CAM (19 th Sept.)	£ 74.50
Sale Brass Band	hire of services for Christmas tree lighting event on 1 st Dec.	£ 150.00
Vale Royal BC	2 nd quarter-emptying litter / dog waste bins and sweep car park	£ 215.00
Office Essentials	laser printer toner and A3 green copier paper	£ 82.64
Moulton School	use of copier for 1100 copies of newsletter	£ 44.00
Royal British Legion	donation for poppy wreath	£ 16.50

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Vernon

Seconded: Cllr. Turner

07.11.09 Councillors' Reports

Minosus Liaison Group

Cllr. Wood reported back from the recent meeting of the Group.

07.11.10 Village Hall Lease

Resolved: that in view of the confidential nature of further discussions regarding the village hall lease this matter be considered at the end of the meeting and members of the public and the press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw for that item.

07.11.11 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting will be held on Monday 10th December 2007 in the Back Room at the Village Hall, commencing with a 15 minute public participation session starting at 7.15pm and followed by a meeting of the Playing Field Trust.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 8.40pm