

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY  
14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs D. Watkinson (Chair)  
A. Burgess, M. Green, J. Kershaw, G. Sant, P. Vernon and A. Wood

**In Attendance:** E. Beech – Clerk  
D. Hough, R. Pearson, L. Williams – residents  
Cllr. J. Mashlan (Vale Royal BC)  
G. Bebbington (Northwich Guardian)

**08.01.01 Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved:** that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Fox (unwell) and Turner (work) be accepted.

**08.01.02 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) Police commitment at Community Action Meeting in September for a 6-week rolling programme of action on parking
- b) To report a regular flooding problem at the junction of Whitlow Lane and Park Lane
- c) A request for the Parish Council to sponsor an Inter Pub Darts Shield

**Resolved: that**

- a) Police action on parking matter be raised at the Community Action Meeting due on 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- b) the flooding problem be reported to Cheshire Highways
- c) the request for sponsorship be considered at the next meeting

**08.01.03 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007, including the confidential minutes, be agreed and signed as a correct record.

*Proposed: Cllr. Green                      Seconded: Cllr. Burgess*

**08.01.04 Clerk's Report**

No items to report. Copies of the revised pages of the Standing Orders distributed.

**08.01.05 Reports**

**(a) Finance**

**Resolved:** that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial statement for 2007/08 be received.

**(b) Planning**

Noted Vale Royal BC has permitted the following applications:

- 1 Niddries Lane – demolition of conservatory and erection of new single storey side extension
- 45 Whitlow Lane – ext. to front & rear dormers & addition of pitched roof over flat roof to front elevation

**(c) Garages**

Noted work on allocating garage areas and the collection of the annual rents is in hand.

Whilst accepting the amenity value of the area continuing concern was expressed about the poor environmental state the rear of Regent Street.

**Resolved:** that a working group of Cllrs. Fox, Burgess, Vernon and Wood consider three aspects of the area (garages, parking and the strip of land) and develop some first recommendations to report back to the next meeting.

**(d) Publicity / Website**

Noted the communications response policy is on the website.

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

Cllr. Kershaw reported that the draft document is now ready and will be sent to Vale Royal BC for comment before being submitted to wider consultation.

**08.01.07 Anti-Social Behaviour**

Noted:

- a list of graffiti 'tags' is being built to enable easier identification of 'artists'
- repeated concerns about high levels of litter lying around the parish, especially after the w-end
- recent damage to one of the bus shelters and the telephone kiosk in Jack Lane
- PCSO's request for help with posting notices to households advertising the next Community Action Meeting arranged for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Resolved:** that Parish Council members assist with the distribution of CAM meeting notices

**08.01.08 Correspondence**

Cllr. Green declared a personal interest in the correspondence received from the Parochial Church Council.

**Resolved:** that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed; in addition,
- b) the Council welcomes the plan to upgrade the bus stops in Moulton and Davenham but wishes to submit the following comments on the VR073 stop outside the Vicarage, Jack Lane, Moulton:
  - to add sides to the current bus stop
  - to alert the County Council that the footway is narrow and difficult for wheelchairs and children's buggies to use this stretch of path, therefore to request the shelter is moved back from its current position and that the tree trunk be removed as this is also a path obstruction
- c) further information on the timescale for response and detailed proposals be sought if the deadline for response has not passed
- d) the Parochial Church Council be invited to submit a grant application in relation to the tree for the 2008 grants timetable

1	Vale Royal BC	14 Dec	Notice of adopted Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) on Affordable Housing, Managing Housing Land Supply, Developer Contributions, Landscape Sensitivity and Wind Turbine Development, and Landscape Character – details of where they are available for inspection	Noted
		5 Jan	Inviting nominations for the Mayor's Award for Endeavour 2008 – making a 'significant contribution to the Vale Royal community'	Noted
		12 Jan	Copies of A-Z Guide to Council Services	Distributed
2	Cheshire CC	14 Dec	Re on-going programme of improving bus stop facilities – proposed upgrades of facilities for Moulton and Davenham bus stops, including the two on Jack Lane	Submitted comments (see above)
		21 Dec	Notice of the final decision of the relevant Secretary of State on local government reorganisation – the County and 6 District Councils to be abolished on 31/3/09 to be replaced by 2 unitary authorities – Cheshire West and Chester, and East Cheshire	Noted
3	Cheshire Police Authority	21 Dec	Programme of 'Have Your Say' meetings for 2008 – next one is Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup> January at Northwich Memorial Hall at 7pm	Noted
4	Lach Dennis Parish Council	12 Dec	Re proposal for construction of 10 underground gas storage cavities on King Street – requesting support for objections to the development	Noted but see above
5	Parochial Church Council	17 Dec	Request for Parish Council to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pay for or contribute to the cost of pruning back the trees in the churchyard</li> <li>- help with issue of parked cars blocking lowered kerb for disabled access to the Church</li> </ul>	See above Noted action to contact Ches. Highways
6	Clerks & Councils Direct	7 Jan	January edition and Councils Yearbook	Noted

### 08.01.09 Accounts – net payments / income

#### Payments:

	Staff expenditure	£ 466.66
E. Beech	tel. calls & broadband (Sep – Dec 07)	£ 29.20
J. Kershaw	gift for consultant re playing field drains inspection	£ 9.99
G. J. Steele	contract - litter pick up/playground insp. Dec - 5 occasions	£ 175.00
Northwich Town Council	cleaning War Memorial for Remembrance Day	£ 225.00
Northwich Town Council	repair hoof damage to playing field	£ 60.00
L. J. Price	erect and remove Christmas tree	£ 70.00
HFS Tarporley Ltd	22' Christmas tree	£ 100.00

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

*Proposed: Cllr. Vernon      Seconded: Cllr. Green*

#### Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Garage plots - £360; from Christmas tree event - £130.18; re-imburement for hall costs for summer playscheme - £188.00; interest on current account - £10.41; instalment for compensation payment - £40.00; Insurance reclaim for tarmac path reinstatement at playing field - £275.00

### 08.01.10 Councillors' Reports

#### Christmas Events

Cllr. Green reported residents' interest in developing the Christmas community event to include other elements, including perhaps a live nativity.

#### Carbon Footprint

Cllr. Green introduced the possibility of the Council including a carbon neutral element to any decision on its activities. Noted Vale Royal BC is due to consider a report on a similar approach.

**Resolved:** that this be placed on the agenda for the March meeting.

#### RB4 – path at rear of village

Large, dense holly bush on RB4 near the back of properties in Orchard Rise which is narrowing the path to be reported to Cheshire County Council to be cut back.

### 08.01.11 Moulton Adventure Group

**Resolved:** that in view of the confidential nature of further discussions regarding a matter relating to the Adventure Group this 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.

### 08.01.12 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30pm in the Back Room at the Village Hall, commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

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