

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 14th APRIL 2008 at 7.40pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
11 members of the public
Cllr. J. Mashlan (Vale Royal BC)
G. Bebbington (Northwich Guardian)
S. Greenwood & N. Vose (King Street Energy Ltd representatives)

Prior to the meeting representatives from King Street Energy Ltd presented and discussed proposals for the King Street Gas Storage Project pipeline which will be routed through Moulton Parish in 2009/10.

Questions raised related to:

- the waste of the reusable brine and lack of intention to seek a market
- query of need for the seeming haste of this development
- possible wildlife impact on the Wirral estuary
- design, depth, road crossing arrangements and cost of pipeline
- movement of construction traffic
- reinstatement of land post-installation
- long term commitment of King Street Energy to the development

The Chair thanked Sean and Nicola for their input.

08.04.01 Apologies for Absence

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

08.04.02 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 question regarding the future of the old school canteen which is currently boarded up.

08.04.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2008, including the confidential minutes, be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Kershaw

Secoded: Cllr. Wood

08.04.04 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:
 - a resident had fly tipped building materials at the rear of Regent Street about which a complaint had been made to Vale Royal BC who had instructed its removal;
 - a large skip was regularly located at the rear of Regent Street and probably being used to dispose of trade waste;
 - the Middlewich Clean Team is making a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May;
 - matters relating to the Adventure Group lease were drawing to a more satisfactory conclusion;
 - there may be funding for additional facilities for the teen area of the playing field
- c) the Clerk arrange for the removal of the fly tipping and the skip owners be informed that a charge for siting the skip will be made if it is not removed from the site
- d) consideration of additional facilities at the playing field be given at the next meeting.

08.04.05 Cllr. Felix-Browne

Noted Cllr. Felix-Browne automatically ceased to be a member of the Council on 8th April 2008 due her failure to attend any meeting throughout the last six consecutive months (Local Government Act 1972 S85(1) refers).

Resolved: that the vacancy arising from the above action be advertised as required

08.04.06 Reports

(a) Finance

Noted the Finance Committee will meet on 28th April 2008 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Resolved: that the final financial statement for 2007/08 be received.

(b) Planning

Considered the following applications:

i) 16 Lodge Drive – first floor extension to form en-suite and enlarged bedroom and continuation of existing front and rear flat roofed dormer windows (Planning Committee recommend ‘no objections’)
Resolved: that no objections be submitted.

ii) King Street Energy (Cheshire) Ltd – construction and operation of twin parallel pipelines, pumping stations and infrastructure for water delivery and brine disposal.

Resolved: that this application be considered at the next meeting to enable Councillors to consider the relevant documents and the information received at the earlier presentation

iii) Moulton School – construction of external disabled access ramp (Cllrs. Watkinson and Vernon declared an interest)

Resolved: that the Planning Committee (exc. Cllrs. Watkinson and Vernon) consider the application and submit the Council’s response

Noted the following application has been permitted by Vale Royal BC:

Co-operative Retail Services, Whitlow Lane – erection of fascia sign and double sided projection sign

(c) Garages

Noted need to specifically consider the use of land at the rear of Regent Street soon to be available and noted requests received regarding its use

Resolved: that residents at the Annual Parish Meeting be given the opportunity to comment on its future use, followed by a special meeting of the Council to give it fuller consideration.

(d) Publicity / Website

Noted Cllr. Turner is finalising the Newsletter which will incorporate the Annual Report. Thanks to IMPPs for its helpful offer to print and distribute the Newsletter with its Newsletter but the timescale has to link to IMPPs AGM notice.

08.04.07 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Resolved: that the Village Design Statement and PLA be endorsed and it be recommended that once finalised it be submitted to Vale Royal BC to be adopted as a supplementary planning document.

08.04.08 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted next meeting will be held in May. The PCSO has been operating the speed indicator device in Main Road and a number of vehicle owners have been warned regarding their speeding.

08.04.09 Correspondence

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

1	Vale Royal BC	25 Mar 2 Apr 12 Apr	2 copies of the Notice of Election for the election of Councillors of the Shadow Council for Cheshire West and Chester Homelessness Review and Strategy 2007-10 Budget 2008/09 and financial outlook 2008/13	Placed on n-boards Noted Noted
2	Cheshire CC	22 Mar	‘Cheshire Matters’ – March edition	Noted
3	NW Regional Assembly	20 Mar	Proposed changes to the draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West now published for consultation at www.gos.gov.uk/gonw	Noted
4	Audit Commission	20 Mar	Confirmation of appointment of Jackie Bellard of the Commission’s Limited Assurance Specialist Unit as External Auditor	Noted
5	Resident	25 Mar	Complaint about young people congregating around the basket swing – noisy and nuisance	Noted
6	Cheshire Police Authority	11 Apr	Agenda for ‘Have Your Say’ meeting at Frodsham on Wed. 16 th April	Noted
7	NMC	14 Apr	Invitation to Open Day on 26 th June	Noted

