

MOULTON NEWS

Spring 2015

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR 2014/15**

Another year goes by and, once again, your Parish Council has been busy on many fronts.

The most important event of the year was the recent granting of full Planning Permission for Bovis Homes to build 148 homes on land adjoining Beehive Lane and Barnside Way. We fought against this development for over two years, but had to admit defeat in the face of overwhelming odds. Once the Planning Appeal Inspector had approved the original Outline Application it was highly unlikely that the development would not proceed. Like many of you, we have serious concerns about building on such notoriously wet land. We can only hope, primarily for the sake of the people buying the properties, that Bovis’s plans for water management prove workable. Rest assured that we will work closely with Bovis during the construction phases, which are expected to start within the next few months. Furthermore, and we will liaise with Bovis and local residents to ensure that disruption to nearby properties is kept to an absolute minimum.

We must not forget that Outline Permission for 70 properties on land off Jack Lane was given in 2013. We wait to see if those plans will be taken forward in the coming months.

Our Neighbourhood Plan continues to move forward, albeit more slowly than we would like. We have had to wait for CWAC’s New Local Plan to progress to Adoption, which it did earlier this year. The recent Household Survey enables us to move further forward – thank you to those who took the time to answer the questions. We are now working on finalising a Draft Plan with a view to seeking your comments later this year. Following further input from the Community the Plan then has to be scrutinized by CWAC Planning and an Independent Examiner. All of these things take time, but should result in us having a Neighbourhood Plan that is robust, community driven and a vital tool in taking forward our community in the next 15 years.

On 1 March 2015 the Parish Council took over the running of the somewhat run down Weaver Road Play Area. We are currently looking for Support to help generate funds to transform the area. Our plans include the creation of a wildflower/wildlife area, a picnic area and a book swap facility. The area will have relaxation as its’ theme, our view being that the Playing Fields in the centre of the village adequately cater for ball games and general play. Our working partners will include Moulton and Leftwich County High Schools. We will be asking for volunteers to assist the Parish Council in the initial stages of development and any materials, labour or planting donations would be greatly appreciated.

Last month the Parish Council installed CCTV on the playing field - at both the MUGA and toddlers / memorial areas - this was in response to residents comments regarding Anti-Social Behaviour. We will continue to work with local residents and the Police to ensure that inappropriate behaviour is tackled.

Once again the Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Event was a huge success and many thanks to all of you who braved the cold. We plan to hold something similar again this year – full details will appear in the Autumn Newsletter. Our new permanent tree should be a bit taller by then and will grow over the coming years!!

Additionally, the Community Engagement Evening back in January gave us some excellent feedback on a number of topics.

In the coming year we will turn our attention to the future of Regent Street Backs, specifically the Garages Area. The existing Covenant, decreeing that the area be available for resident parking, expires in 2019. The Parish Council has, and will continue, to consult with local residents on how best to develop and utilise the land for the benefit of the village. The primary aim will be to tidy up the area and create better parking facilities. The key issue will be funding and this is what we will have to address in detail.

We still have plans to create an Interactive Walking Trail around the village, but lack of Finance remains a key hurdle to overcome in an era where funds for such initiatives are not easy to source.

As only 8 people sought a position on the Parish Council – which has provision for a maximum of 9 members – all of those who put themselves forward for nomination were successful. The Parish Council has a very similar look, with 8 existing Councillors continuing in post. This will give us a welcome degree of continuity and considerable experience of village issues. We will look to fill the remaining position by co-option later in the year. I shall again take on the role of Chairman for a further twelve months, with Nick Harris acting as my Deputy.

Allan Burgess chose not to stand again as a Councillor and I must take this opportunity to thank him for his outstanding service to the community over many years. His knowledge and experience will be greatly missed. That said, we wish Allan well for the future.

The Parish Council encourages you to share your thoughts on village life and to suggest any improvements that you think may prove beneficial. Our contact details, along with those of other Local Agencies can be found on our website and on page 4 of this Newsletter. The Parish Council can also be contacted through our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/MoultonParishCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/MoultonParishCouncil)

Best wishes.

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Chairman

**LIAISON WITH BOVIS**

**We have written to Bovis suggesting regular monthly meetings to discuss any issues that may arise once building work commences. If you would like to put your name forward as a representative for the community at such meetings please contact Phil Sanders (see contact details on page 4).**

**CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL WARD MEMBERS**

**Following the recent Elections our Ward Councillors are now:- Helen Weltman, Gaynor Sinar and James Pearson. Our sincere thanks go to Elton Watson who did not stand for re-election. Elton but gave excellent support to the Parish Council during his term in Office.**



**CROW FAIR - Saturday 11 July 2015**

**Commencing at 1pm, this year’s Arena Events include Stone the Crows, Well Heeled Dogs, Red Taekwando and, of course, the Famous Moulton Crow Men. There will be a variety of stalls selling a wide array of items, including various food offerings. In addition there will be various Fairground Rides, a Bungee Run and Body Zorbing.**

**At 6pm Live Music will begin, with the day being rounded off with a Firework Display at 10pm.**

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| **Sounds like a great day out for all the family!!**  ========================================================================================== | ou |  |

**I’VE GOT A PROBLEM ...... WHO DO I CONTACT?**

To speak to the right person at the right time please note the following:-

* For an emergency requiring rapid response from the Police, Ambulance Service or Fire Brigade ........ 🕾 **999**.
* For Police support in a non-emergency situation, e.g. stolen vehicles/damaged property/minor traffic issues/anti social behaviour/to report drug activity ....... 🕾 **101**.
* For Highways Issues requiring attention, e.g. potholes/street lamps not working/uneven pavements/uncut hedges that limit viewing; Refuse Collection Issues; Off Road Footpath Issues, e.g. overgrown verges/obstructions ...... 🕾 **0300 123 8 123, or download the SMYLE app on your smartphone**.
* 🖱**enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk**, or report via **www.cheshirewestandchester.org.uk** (see homepage for links to specific report pages).
* For Moulton Playing Field issues requiring prompt attention, e.g. broken equipment, glass on the floor ..... 🕾 **07908 031367**.

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**HOW DO I CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL?**

There are several ways, all of them very easy to do:-

Firstly, why not come and meet us at a Parish Council Meeting – every 2nd Monday in the Month (except August) at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm. Time is always set aside for Public Questions at the start of the Meetings. Alternatively, you can contact any of the Councillors/Officials listed below:-

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