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MOULTON NEWS

Autumn 2016

**THE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN ASTON**

May I take this opportunity to welcome firstly the new Parish Clerk Sharron Spruce who joined us in April this year.

As you are all aware I am sure the village have been experiencing a number of problems with lorries travelling to the Bovis Development off Barnside Way/Beehive Lane. The Parish Council have been working together with Cheshire West and Chester Council to manage this situation and we have seen measures put in place which have improved situation over recent months although this is an ongoing matter of concern for us all.

The Parish Council currently meet with Bovis regularly, in conjunction with Community Representatives Angela Capstick, Jim Clark and Graham Scott (see later feature) to which we are grateful for their input. These meetings ensure that any problems arising as a result of the building work are suitably addressed.

The closure of Footpaths – Beehive Lane and across the field being developed by Bovis – this remains closed after an extension has been granted until August 2017 when the closure of FP 2 can be reviewed. The developers have provided an alternative route from Beehive Lane/Footpath 3 so that the footpath can be partly re-opened and access linked to Barnside Way. The Legal position is that the Footpaths are closed, with the land (including Beehive Lane) now owned by Bovis. As a result any use of the land without Bovis’s prior permission is technically Trespass. We therefore ask that all residents fully respect the closures and refrain from using the 2 paths until they’re formally re-opened. Like Bovis, we have no wish to see any avoidable accidents occur.

Miller Homes have started work on their development of 70 homes on the land off Jack Lane. The Parish Council have met with Miller Homes and will continue to meet with them on a regular basis to ensure that any problems are suitably addresses.

**MOULTON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

**(At the entrance to the park)**

**Friday 2 December 2016 commencing at 6.30pm**

***Special Guest Santa on his sleigh***

The work on our Neighbourhood Plan continues to move forward, albeit far more slowly than we would like. Progress has slowed down due to changes required to the original draft plan, we are hopeful that this will be completed within the next 6 months. After that the Plan will be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council, and then to an Independent Inspector for scrutiny. Once finalised there will then be a Referendum at which all Registered Electors in the Parish will be entitled to vote either in favour of the Plan, or against it. We will keep you updated as to the Plans’ progression, if anyone is interested in taking part in the Steering Committee then please contact the clerk- clerk@moultonpc.org.uk.

Exiting Plans have been approved for the Weaver Road Play area and work will commence in the coming months to provide a vibrant welcoming park for all to enjoy. Watch this space for updates on progress.

As previously mentioned, the Parish Council is looking at ways of making fuller use of the Regent Street Backs area. We continually receive complaints regarding inconsiderate parking in this area and would request that residents park their vehicle within a designated parking bay to ensure that the entrances to the garages are not obstructed. Our aim is to increase off road parking for Residents, specifically those living in Regent Street, and to tidy up what can be a problem area for litter, fly tipping and abandoned vehicles. The Covenant that was in place has now been removed which will enable the Council to move forward with the plans. Please be assured that your wishes will be fully considered before any final decisions are reached.

On behalf of all residents can I thank Moulton Events Committee for the excellent organisation at this year’s Crow Fair. It was a wonderful day and the Event goes from strength to strength with each passing year. It really puts Moulton on the map!

Can I please draw your attention to the contact details given below for Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC)? The Parish Council still receives a large number of queries relating to services provided by CWAC – refuse collection; grass verge cutting; potholes; street lighting; the mobile library service; footpath maintenance. Please contact CWAC direct if you have any issues relating to these services. Contacting the Parish Council will not result in faster responses, indeed it may well delay action being taken.

**CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL**

**To raise any issues with the Borough Council please contact 0300 123 8 123 or e-mail enquiries @cheshirewestandchestercouncil.org.uk.**

**See www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk for details of all services provided by the Council.**

Litter and Dog Fouling remain problems throughout the village and I would, once again, ask that everybody makes an effort to clean up after themselves and their Dogs. There is no excuse for this problem which reflects poorly on the village. The Dog Warden has been requested to monitor this situation.

We are also experiencing a problem with overhanging hedges on the footpath and would remind residents that it is their responsibility to cut back the hedge on their boundary that overhangs onto the footpath which affects the pedestrians and can be a safety issues.

Cheshire Police have informed the Council that they are running an initiative named Operation Shield which involves the use of smart water to mark house holder’s property including bicycles. Sergeant Gary Weaver is currently arranging to visit Moulton School with some free kits that he has available

Lastly, with the Festive Season approaching can I take this opportunity, on behalf of all at the Parish Council, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

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Allan Aston

Chairman

**ONGOING LIAISON WITH BOVIS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OFF BARNSIDE WAY**

**We meet regularly with Bovis to discuss issues arising. If you have any queries that you wish to raise please contact one of the three Community Representatives who attend the Meetings:-**

**Angela Capstick –** [**mard2012@hotmail.co.uk**](file:///C:\Users\Phil\Documents\PhilSanders\MPC\mard2012@hotmail.co.uk)

**Jim Clark –** [**jimwclark@lineone.net**](file:///C:\Users\Phil\Documents\PhilSanders\MPC\jimwclark@lineone.net)

**Graham Scott –** [**bovis@astondb9.plus.com**](file:///C:\Users\Phil\Documents\PhilSanders\MPC\bovis@astondb9.plus.com)

**MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE**

The Parish Council’s Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/MoultonParishCouncil - is proving a popular method of passing on information to villagers. Not only are Parish Council Meeting Details listed, but other items of general interest are also posted, including messages from Cheshire Police. Please take a look!

**Our new MP, the Rt. Hon. Antoinette Sandbach attended the Annual Parish Council meeting this year addressing the concerns of the resident which included : Planning, New Homes Schemes,vBroadband and mobile signals, Bovis and Miller Homes. Contact can be made either by contacting the Constituency Office on 01606 861300, The Verdin Exchange, High Street, Winsford CW7 2AN or Westminster ffice on 02072196671, House of Commons, London,SW1A OAA**

**COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT ………… Best Kept Garden Competition 2016**

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RQYLVPH5\MC900215961[1].wmfOnce again, we were very impressed with the overall quality of gardens around the village. The fine summer obviously encouraged those of you with green fingers! Counsellor Pauline Vernon once again arranged the competition accompanying Cheshire West Councillor Gaynor Sinar around the village for the final judging in early August presenting the prizes at the October Parish Council meeting.

Congratulations to the prize winners who received Gardening vouchers, with an extra prize for the winners of a meal for two at Cheshire Bar and Grill donated by Cllr Sinar, our thanks to Cllr Vernon for contribution and to Cllr Sinar for supporting the Parish Council.

**Winning Gardens**

**1st Mr & Mrs Andrew 38 Meadow Lane**

**2nd 9a Mr & Mrs Moss Chapel Street**

**3rd Mr & Mrs Walker 144 Main Road**

**WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DO?**

**We are often asked this Question, so thought it would be useful if we outlined some of our main functions:-**

* To meet Monthly (except August) involving Residents in the Meetings - there are always opportunities for villagers to raise issues of concern.
* To arrange the Annual Parish Meeting (usually around April/May).
* To comment, where appropriate, on all Planning Applications submitted to CWAC relating to property and land in the village.
* To comment to the Local Authority on all general issues affecting the village – e.g. road management; speed limits; refuse collection arrangements.
* To manage land within the village – Regent Street Backs and Weaver Road Play Area.
* To manage a Budget and collect The Precept via Council Tax. This year we have a Budget of broadly £35k.
* Councillors are also Trustees of Moulton Children’s Playing Field thus ensuring that the Playing Field and Equipment is maintained and enhanced when funds allow.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

**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 Moulton Playing Field issues requiring prompt attention, e.g. broken equipment, glass on the floor ..... 🕾 07908 031367.**

**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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| NAME | ADDRESS | E-MAIL ADDRESS |
| Cllr. Allan Aston (Chairman) | 8 Barlow Road | aaston@moultonpc.org.uk |
| Cllr. Nick Harris (Vice Chairman) | 81 Gladstone Street, Winsford | nharris@moultonpc.org.uk |
| Cllr. Chris Bowie | 69 Niddries Lane | cbowie@moultonpc.org.uk |
| Cllr. Mark Boyle | 13 Wilson Drive | mboyle@moultonpc.org.uk |
| Cllr. Pauline Vernon | 30 Main Road |  |
| Cllr. Denise Watkinson | 37 Eaton View | dwatkinson@moultonpc.org.uk |
| Cllr Stefan Ward | 60 Regent Street | sward@moultonpc.org.uk |
| Cllr. Arthur Wood | 489 London Road, Davenham | awood@moultonpc.org.uk |
| Sharron Spruce (Parish Clerk) | 16 Whitlow Lane Moulton | clerk@moultonpc.org.uk  Tel – 07908 031367 (Calls only please. No Text messages) |

**WE NEED YOU – COUNSELLOR VACANCY**

We currently have a vacancy for a Counsellor, why not get involved? If you are interested in becoming a Counsellor and have the time and commitment then please get in touch with our clerk to discuss the opportunity further- clerk@moultonpc.org.uk

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