

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Rigby (Chair)
A. Aston, A. Burgess, D. Hough, N. Harris, P. Vernon and D. Watkinson

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams – resident
PCSO K. Stock

12.01.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Bowie (holidays), Kershaw (work commitments) and Wood (other Parish Council meeting) be agreed and those from Cllrs. Sinar, Weltman and Watson (Cheshire West and Chester Council) be noted

12.01.02 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. The only matter raised was difficulties in getting a reported repair needed to a protruding gird in the walkway between Lodge Drive and Niddries Lane. It was given as a United Utilities matter but arising from has come some issues about road adoption regarding Lodge Drive.

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest monthly report, including reference to there being 10 incidents including 2 burglaries (one in Moulton and one in Davenham).

12.01.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

12.01.04 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:
 - nothing further has been received regarding the Community Governance Review of Winsford and surrounding areas, including Moulton.
 - still no response received to the invitation to attend a meeting of the Council, from the young resident who raised the matter of insufficient activities for young people in the village
 - the Barnton Silver Band is booked to appear at the 2012 event due to be held on Saturday 24th November
 - reported highways matters regarding blocked gullies had been responded to, noting that work has been commissioned to improve rainwater run off at the bottom of Orchard Rise
 - there cannot be a requirement on the owner of a field hedge to cut the top of a hedge unless it is an obstruction
 - the protruding manhole cover had been removed from the garages area having been found to be flytipped
 - the cantilever basket swing and toddler swing are back in place at the play area and that the upper part of a streetlight on the public right of way through the play area was removed after damage during the Christmas break
- c) permission to erect a permanent 'Christmas' tree on the land adjacent to the Hall be sought again

12.01.05 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the 3rd quarter financial statement for 2011/12 be received

(b) Planning

Resolved: that the following applications have been permitted by Cheshire West and Chester Council:
St. Stephen's Churchyard – removal of a tree with a Tree Preservation Order
10 Chapel Street – rear conservatory

(c) Garages Area

Noted rents collection is to be held on 21st January 2012

(d) Community

Council's Citizenship Awards

Resolved: that the Individual and Group Awards be promoted through the production and distribution of A5 copies of the presented draft information and application leaflet via local outlets

12.01.06 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Considered the community's involvement in celebrating the Jubilee and the Council's role in supporting this.

Resolved: that

- a) the Council's role be to act as a co-ordinator in terms of arranging a meeting, helping with the production of a list of events to be distributed to the community and ensuring that there's not too much overlap so all events are 'different' and therefore maximise community interest
- b) the meeting be of representatives of community groups and organisations, local businesses, etc and ideally be held on Wednesday 8th February at 7.15pm in the Main Hall at the Village Hall.

12.01.07 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted MADSAG next due to meet on 12th January.

12.01.08 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) Cllrs. Bowie, Rigby and Harris represent the Parish Council at the Local Council Assembly on Thursday 1st March 2012 at 7pm at Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham
- c) corrections to a report being presented to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Executive Committee on 11th January in respect of the omission of Moulton on a list of Councils which make a financial contribution to a PCSO post, as submitted by the Clerk, be noted

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various	Various briefing notes for Elected Members (from N&ANWT) – re one-way system to be trialed in Northwich) Streetscene Service Standards – wef Jan. 2011 Local Council Assembly – 1 st March 2012 December Partnerships Bulletin December Bulletin to Town and Parish Councils Notice of the Borough being granted Pilot Status for Whole Place Community Budget Options for elimination of double taxation – comments by 8 February Invitation to comment by 1 st March on 'A Joint Strategy for the Future Wellbeing of the Communities of West Cheshire'	Noted
		16 Dec		Noted
		16 Dec		Noted
		20 Dec		See b) above
		20 Dec		Noted
		21 Dec		Noted
		22 Dec		Noted
5 Jan	See c) above Further consider at next meeting			
2	Fields in Trust	16 Dec	Re Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields – invitation to 'Have a Field Day' – applied for a free toolkit to organise an event	Noted & link with Events Comm.
3	Cheshire Community Action	21 Dec	Annual Review 2010/11 and December 2011 Newsletter	Noted
4	St. Luke's Hospice	30 Dec	Thanks for donation from Christmas tree lighting event	Noted
5	Clerks & Councils Direct	8 Jan	January 2012 edition	Noted
			2012 Council's Guide and Yearbook	Noted
			Order form for Diamond Jubilee commemorative mugs	Noted

12.01.09 Accounts – net payments / income

£

E. Beech	salary – Clerk	587.50
E. Beech	travel (Jun-Nov 2011)	35.20
E. Beech	tel. calls (£15.61) & broadband (£20.01) Sep-Dec	35.62
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Dec - 4 occasions	140.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work at Playing field – additional re play area	94.00
Play and Leisure Ltd	repair of basket swing	200.00#
N. Harris	Christmas tree event provisions	11.90*
P. Vernon	Christmas tree event provisions	6.75*
C. Bowie	Christmas tree event provisions	27.00
Cheshire West and Chester Cl.	cleansing service at playing field & car park	241.75#
Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils	postage for planning booklets	4.50
G W Scott	final payment for IT service 2011/12	75.00

net cost will be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts below be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Vernon

Seconded: Cllr. Watkinson

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest – Dec. - current account	0.58
Sale of refreshments at Christmas tree lighting event	143.90

12.01.10 Councillors' Reports

The following were highlighted for report, action or to note:

- the extensive number of documents and information received from, in the main, Cheshire West and Chester Council – need to ensure the Council considers and respond where necessary – noted these are always highlighted on the 'correspondence' list on meeting agendas
- concern about the number of cars parked on grass verges throughout the village but acknowledged increase in car ownership and parking problems but where properties have drives these should be used – agreed Highways be contacted about their response to verge damage

12.01.11 Appointment of new ClerkNoted the post has been advertised with a closing date of 20th January 2012.**Resolved: that** Cllrs. Aston, Rigby and Watkinson (Cllr. Burgess – reserve) be appointed as the

Panel to shortlist, interview and appoint to the post of Clerk to the Council:

Panel meeting to shortlist candidates for interview – Tuesday 24th January at 7pm at 37 Eaton ViewPanel meetings to interview shortlisted candidates – Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January at 7pm in the Back Room, Village Hall.**12.01.12 Next Meeting**Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13th February 2012 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm