

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. C. Bowie (Chair)  
A. Aston, A. Burgess, D. Hough, J. Kershaw, A. Rigby, P. Vernon, D. Watkinson and A. Wood

**In Attendance:** E. Beech – Clerk  
P. Sanders – Clerk (incoming)  
CWAC Cllr. Watson  
CWAC Cllr. Sinar  
L. Williams – resident

**12.03.01 Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved:** that the apology for absence received from Cllr. Harris (School Governors Meeting) be noted.

**12.03.02 Public Open Session**

Laura Williams mentioned that one of the recently refitted swing seats at the Play Area is squeaky. The Incoming Parish Clerk will arrange for remedial action.

Cllr. Watson confirmed that the Co-Op have agreed to the creation of a lay-by adjacent to their store to aid with traffic flow. The Freeholders of the Travellers Rest have also agreed to give full consideration to giving up an element of their land to enable the corner to be widened. It is anticipated that the work will be undertaken during 2012/13, with an element of the funding coming from the Local Councillors budget.

PCSO Kat Stock gave a monthly report, which included reference to there being 6 incidents, including 2 crime related and 2 anti social behaviour (including at the War Memorial). She attended the latest Meetings of MADSAG and Moulton Friends Group. She is also involved in the launch of the ArchAngel Project which focuses on the need for general vigilance at Licensed Premises.

**12.03.03 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 be agreed and signed as a correct record

**12.03.04 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:
  - CWAC have been approached regarding the possibility of using the new grass verge strengthening process within the Village. CWAC Cllr. Sinar suggested that Councillors view the newly reinforced verges at Leftwich before making a final decision on whether to seek implementation within the Village.
  - The Council has received a request from Gary Steele for an increase in his Litter Picking Rate from £35 to £37.50 (2hrs per week). Agreed, as this is first increase in three years.
  - An update has been received from the Organiser of the Summer Playscheme, Arthur Neil. He confirms that every effort is being made to maximize attendance numbers, primarily via the School. Level of publicity will be monitored. It was agreed to provide £500 towards the overall running costs of £1,500.
  - The Parish Clerk recently attended a Meeting of CHAMP and gave a Report. CHAMP Constitution is set to change and all users, including the Parish Council, will be asked for input before any changes are ratified. The outgoing and incoming Clerk will shortly liaise regarding Parish Council papers currently stored at the Village Hall. The Brownies (Leader Angela Oakes) have indicated a willingness to finish 15 minutes earlier on regular Parish Council Meeting nights. This will enable meetings to be conducted in the Main Hall, thus avoiding the need to disturb the Pre School layout in the back room.

- Advertising material has been provided by the National Wildflower Centre outlining the cost of wild flower seed. The information was passed on to the Garages Committee for consideration in respect of the proposed flower beds at Regent Street.

### 12.03.05 Reports

#### (a) Finance

**Resolved:** that the incoming Parish Clerk and the Chair of The Finance Committee liaise regarding the appointment of a new Internal Auditor.

#### (b) Planning

**Resolved:** that the following be noted:

- planning applications permitted by Cheshire West and Chester Council:  
09/00589/FZ5 – Winsford Rock Salt Mine – variation of conditions 2 and 13 to enable work on a second mining horizon within the South Bostock Zone B and extend the operational life of the mine from 30 June 2021 to 31 June 2048.  
12/00187/FUL - 87 Main Road, Moulton – First floor extension to rear.
- comments made by the Planning Committee on the following application:  
12/00591/FUL - 32 Beechfield – Single Storey Side Extension. No objections.
- Cllr. Bowie gave a summary Report of a Meeting held, in conjunction with Davenham Parish Council, with Jeremy Owens, Strategic Manager-Spatial Planning at CWAC on Monday 5 March 2012. The meeting focused on the new Neighbourhood Planning Process.

#### (c) Garages Area

The Meeting received a Report from Cllr. Burgess on the Garages Area Meeting held on 20 February 2012. A complaint has been received relating to excess noise from the site and this is being investigated.

**Resolved:** to accept a recommendation from the Garages Committee to progress with the wildflower meadow subject to prior costing.

#### (d) Community

- The Parish Clerk advised that no nominations have yet been received for the Citizenship Awards.
- Resolved:** that the incoming Parish Clerk and Cllrs. Aston and Rigby, in consultation with Graham Scott, will form a Working Group to look at Web Site enhancements in time for the next Contract Renewal in March 2013.

### 12.03.06 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr. Rigby reported on the second meeting of representatives of community groups, organisations and local businesses held on 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Moulton British Legion. An full programme of Events has been arranged across the Bank Holiday Weekend. The Parish Council will help to publicise by way of Flyers, Posters, Press Releases and an article in the next Village Newsletter. An approach will be made to Weaver Valley Parkway to ascertain if any funding is available in support of any of the Events and the planting of trees. Next meeting of all Organising Groups has been arranged for 7.30pm on Tuesday 27 March 2012 at Moulton British Legion.

### 12.03.07 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted MADSAG met on 12<sup>th</sup> January. Concerns were expressed about continued anti social behaviour in the vicinity of the War Memorial as large pieces of brick have been found within the fenced area.

**Resolved:** that the incoming Parish Clerk will approach CWAC's Heritage Crime Unit for some guidance on how to tackle the problem.

### 12.03.08 Correspondence

- Resolved:** a).that the correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed.
- Parish Council becomes a Member of Fields In Trust.

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 17 Feb 20 Feb 23 Feb  23 Feb	Various briefing notes for Elected Members West Cheshire Together - Partnership Bulletin – Jan. 2012 February Bulletin for Town and Parish Councils Notice of outcome of consultation on proposed closure of Hartford High School and establishment of a Voluntary Aided C of E High School Re General Power of Competence to permit prayers at meetings	Noted Noted  Noted Noted
2	DEFRA	17 Feb	Invitation to respond to the Red Tape Challenge – Water and Marine Theme	Noted

3	FIT (Fields in Trust)	14 Feb	Invitation to become a member of FIT at annual cost of £35 (reduced rate of £20 for 1 <sup>st</sup> year)	See Resolution
4	Cheshire Community Action	29 Feb	March 2012 – Newsletter	Noted
5	Clerks & Councils Direct	27 Feb	March Newsletter	Noted
6	Tarporley Parish Council	1 Mar	Re Greenfield sites at risk in Cheshire West and Chester Council area following recent planning decision	Noted
7	Cheshire Fire Authority	2 Mar	March Newsletter	Noted

### 12.02.09 Accounts – Net Payments / Income

Payments:		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	576.90
E. Beech	use of office facilities and PC (October – March)	200.00
E. Beech	postage (Dec 11 – Feb 12)	4.04
E. Beech	coloured copier paper for Citizenship Awards	4.65
E. Beech	reimburse – 2 x tubular lamps for lights at War Memorial	25.89
P. Sanders	salary – Clerk	427.22
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	PAYE – EB & PS	117.40
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Feb - 4 occasions	140.00
Davenham Parish Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> & final payment part funding of PCSO post for 2011/12	2,632.44
British Gas	gas supply for village hall (23 Sept. – 12 Dec)	384.34 <sup>^</sup>
Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils	Councillor training – Roles & Responsibilities - 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb – AA	30.00
Information Commissioner	data protection registration renewal	35.00
Fields In Trust	Annual membership (reduced rate for first year)	20.00

<sup>^</sup> VAT cannot be reclaimed until Charity Status obtained by Hall

#### Resolved: that

- i). The above accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr. Vernon. Seconded by Cllr. Aston.
- ii). The Contracts with Scottish Power for electrical supplies to War Memorial, MUGA area and Village Hall be renewed until 2014. Increase sought is approx. 5%.

#### Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest – Feb. - current account	0.41
Garage and land plots rents	275.00

### 12.02.10 Councillors' Reports

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

- Cllr. Watkinson, supported by other Members, noted that instances of uncollected Dog Faeces are increasing.
- Cllr. Rigby advised that Cheshire Community Council have dedicated Staff available to support the creation of Neighbourhood Plans.
- Cllr. Vernon commented that the rear of Regent Street is again in need of a general tidy up.
- Cllr. Wood commented that many Regent Street residents do not take their Waste Bins back inside once they have been emptied.
- Cllr. Wood commented that the fence alongside Hillside Lane is badly in need of repair. It currently consists of concrete posts and no wiring. Additionally, the adjacent grass bank is in need of remedial attention.
- Cllr. Aston commented that his second ChALC Training Course was cancelled and has been rearranged for November.
- Cllr. Aston commented that, whilst some potholes have been filled on Barlow Road, others are in need of attention.

#### Resolved: that

- a) The incoming Parish Clerk will liaise with the CWAC Dog Warden regarding Dog Faeces.

- b). The incoming Parish Clerk will liaise with CWAC Highways regarding the tidying up of the rear of Regent Street and the removal of Waste Bins once emptied.
- c). The incoming Parish Clerk will liaise with CWAC Highways regarding the fencing alongside Hillside Lane.
- d). The incoming Parish Clerk will liaise with CWAC Highways regarding infill of potholes on Barlow Road.

**12.02.11 Next Meeting**

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall), commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

Also: Joint Parishes Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm – Moulton Village Hall (primarily to focus on possible joint collaboration on Neighbourhood Planning Process).

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 23 April 2012 – Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.