

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012 at 7.30pm**

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

**Also In Attendance:** P. Sanders – Parish Clerk. A. Ross. L. Williams. A. Nelson.

**12.06.01 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Wood (illness) and PCSO Kat Stock.

**12.06.02 Public Open Session**

Andrew Nelson commented that he had recently received a letter from Weaver Vale Housing Trust (WVHT) regarding the informal driveway that has been created in front of his property at 33 Wilson Drive. The letter states that the Parish Council (PC) has brought the matter to WVHT's attention. The Parish Clerk commented that the PC wrote to WVHT seeking to highlight the general problem of spoilt verges throughout the village, not to specifically single out individual properties. The difficulties in parking on such narrow roads were fully acknowledged by Parish Councillors. Those properties that have received such letters should liaise with Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) Highways and WVHT to take matters forward.

Laura Williams advised that there is a meeting of Crow Fair Organisers being held at The Lion Public House on 21 June 2012, commencing at 7.30pm. Cllr. Aston will represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

Laura Williams commented that the Bridlepath that runs alongside Jack Lane is regularly covered in manure from cattle that cross the path. Furthermore, other pathways within the village are in need of some remedial work to trim back weeds and hedges. The Parish Clerk will report the issues to CWAC.

Laura Williams commented that the Privet Hedge at the front of Rose Cottage, Main Road is growing out onto the pavement. The Parish Clerk will highlight the issue with the property owner.

**12.06.03 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**12.06.04 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:
  - Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) have confirmed that they have discussed the reduction in footpath width outside the Travellers Rest with Enterprise Inns with a view to widening the roadway. Further discussions are scheduled for later in the year.
  - CWAC have attended to potholes in service roads to the rear of Regent Street, cleaned up the Bus Stop on Jack Lane and repaired a broken step on Regent Street.
  - CWAC have advised that they are unable to assist with enhancements to the barrier between School Lane and the Playing Field due to the fact that, as it currently stands, it represents no danger to users. The Parish Council will therefore attend to its' own modifications, thus ensuring that the barrier is more user and emergency incident friendly. Cllr. Hough will cost out the materials, as per his earlier drawings, and report back at the next Parish Council Meeting.
  - CWAC and Weaver Vale Housing Trust (WVHT) have again re-iterated that the dilapidated fence at the top of Hillside Lane is not on their land. A letter, incorporating a questionnaire, will be delivered to each household fronting on to the path to ascertain residents views on what remedial action they would like to see undertaken.
  - CWAC have advised that, at this point in time, they are unable to undertake verge re-enforcements on Niddries Lane. However, they will continue to monitor the situation and will act as and when resources allow.

- Northwich Town Council (NTC) has been asked to quote for various items of work. Removal of existing trees and shrubs adjacent to the War Memorial, to be replaced by new Trees, grass and flower beds - £1,996; trim of hedge on playing field to 30 inches in height - £260; creation of hardcore approach to kissing gate at top of the playing field - £360; in fill of gap in hedge adjacent to last property on Main Road - £ to be advised. The Parish Clerk will ask Chris Shaw for detailed plans of the proposed new Trees and Flower Beds adjacent to the War Memorial, to include a permanent Christmas Tree, along with an indication of ongoing maintenance costs.
- Former Parish Clerk, Elaine Beech, is handing over various Parish Council Documents to Cheshire Records Office for safe-keeping.
- Fields In Trust (FIT) have confirmed that the letter sent to the Parish Council last month was an error. All paperwork is now in place. Commemorative Plaque will be unveiled at The Crow Fair on 14 July 2012. The Parish Clerk will liaise with Simply Signs to arrange supply and fitting of a suitable support frame for the plaque.
- CWAC have again re-iterated that they neither supply nor fund new Community Notice Boards. The Parish Clerk will ask Chris Shaw for a quote for supply and fitting of a new Notice Board, and Flag Pole, adjacent to the War Memorial.
- A letter has been sent to CHAMP relating to future Energy Costs at the Village Hall. To date no reply has been received.
- The organizers of the Pie and Peas Race on 1 August 2012 have confirmed that they will liaise with local residents regarding arrangements for traffic at the time of the event.

### **12.06.05 Reports**

#### **(a) Planning**

**Resolved:** that the following be noted

- i). None.
- ii) 12/01927/LDC – Repositioning of Wall – 1 Chapel Lane, Moulton. Lawful Development Certificate issued.
- iii). None.

#### **(b) Community**

**Resolved:** that the following be noted

- i). The Parish Clerk issued Judging Sheets for the 2012 Best Kept Garden Competition to all Councillors. Initial judging sheets to be returned to the Parish Clerk at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- ii). The Parish Clerk confirmed that Cllr. Rigby will present the Moulton School Community Award on Friday 15 June 2012 at 10.30am.
- iii). Cllr. Aston gave a brief outline of the recently launched Community Learning Innovation Fund aimed at increasing IT knowledge amongst adults. It was decided that the cut off date for bids (28 June 2012) is too close to enable a Tender for funding to be submitted. However, the Parish Council is keen to explore possibilities for IT Training/Awareness throughout the Village and will continue to address the issue at each Parish Council Meeting.

#### **(c) Administrative Issues**

**Resolved:**

- i). Following a recent call out to sweep up glass at the Play Area the Parish Clerk sought clarification as to the handling of such calls, particularly at weekends. It was agreed to ask Northwich Town Council how they handle such issues. The Parish Clerk will report back to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- ii). Following Andrew Ross's recent presentation of his community Web Site ( [www.MoultonVillage.co.uk](http://www.MoultonVillage.co.uk) ) at the recent Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council discussed working in tandem with Mr. Ross to improve its' electronic information base. This was agreed in principle. The Web Site Working Group will meet with Mr. Ross to discuss matters in greater depth - a meeting has been scheduled for 2 July 2012 at 7.30pm.

#### **(d) Highways**

**Resolved:**

- i). To write to CHAMP asking if, when publicising future events at the Village Hall, they include information about car parking at the War Memorial. This should help to alleviate the parking problems regularly seen on Main Road.

### **12.06.06 Anti-Social Behaviour**

The Parish Clerk read out PCSO Kat Stock's Monthly Report. Since the last Parish Council Meeting there have been 14 incidents reported. No crimes, but 2 cases of anti social behaviour and 1 seizure of an off-road motorbike for which a male has been arrested. Additionally, there have been 2 call outs to the same address and Police are still looking into the issues raised by residents.

### 12.06.07 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr. Rigby, supported by all Councillors, commented that the recent Jubilee Celebrations within the village were very successful, in particular the Scouts and Beavers Games Session/Jubilee Beacon Switch On held on 4 June 2012. This reflected well on all those involved in organising the various events. It was agreed to liaise with Gina Bebbington at the Northwich Guardian to issue a public thank you and to create some positive post-event publicity. Additionally, letters are to be sent to Jill Darlington thanking her for her work in organising the Scouts Games event and to Lee Jackson, General Manager of the Woodpecker, thanking him for the donation of meal vouchers .

All of the Community Groups who have been involved in the Jubilee Weekend Celebrations have expressed a desire to work together again in the future to help promote and organise further events in the village. Future ideas being considered include events with an Olympic Games Theme and Harvest/Autumn Events. A meeting of Local Community Groups is to be arranged for 17 July to take matters forward.

### 12.06.08 Correspondence

a) **Resolved:** that the correspondence received as below be noted and the following action be agreed.

Item 4 – an e-mail be sent to Cheshire Community Development Trust (Arthur Neil) advising that the Parish Council pledge of financial support (£500) is subject to an event being staged in Moulton.

Item 9 – it was agreed that the Parish Council will again have a stall at the Crow Fair. Parish Clerk to arrange payment to Moulton Events Committee. The format of the stall, and what to feature, will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. The Parish Clerk will liaise with Alan Melbourne, Community Warden, to ascertain whether CWAC could also have a stall at the event.

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 1 June Various Various	Various briefing notes for Elected Members. June news from Northwich and Rural North Area Team 'Altogether Better' - weekly updates West Cheshire Together - Partnership Bulletins – May and June 2012 E-mail re CWAC's new Cycling Strategy April Bulletin for Town and Parish Councils Copy of Dog Control Order covering CWAC Borough	To note To note To note To note
2	UK Youth Parliament	21 May	Newsletter – West Cheshire – Summer 2012	To note
3	RBL Winsford Branch	22 May	E-mail relating to proposed Jubilee Memorial Woodland Project in conjunction with Winsford and Davenham.	To note
4	Cheshire Community Development Trust	1 Jun	Minutes of Meeting held on 29 May	To discuss
5	Fields In Trust	23 May	Notice of AGM on 22 June 2012	To note
6	Vale Royal Environmental Network	Various	E-News Bulletins	To note
7	Audit Commission	12 May	Letter relating to Consultation on appointment of External Auditor for 2012/13 and future years	To note
8	Connecting Cheshire	29 May	Newsletter	To note
9	Moulton Events Committee	11 June	E-mail re Stalls at Moulton Crow Fair	To discuss

### 12.06.09 Accounts – Net Payments / Income

Payments:

		£
P Sanders	Salary – Clerk	462.91
HMRC	PAYE for PS June 2012	115.60
P Sanders	Expenses – Mileage, Computer Protection, Postages	98.80
GJ Steele	Litter Clearing and Playground Inspections – May 2012	150.00

Lights4Fun	Additional Lights for Jubilee Beacon	119.93
Cllr. D Hough	Electrical Components for Jubilee Beacon	38.49
Pantomime Players of Moulton	Group Citizenship Award	*100.00
UK Mailing	Jubilee Leaflets and Posters	*145.60
UK Mailing	May 2012 Newsletter Printing	*115.90
P Sanders	Beacon Truck/Tower - Payment to Access Height	*372.00
GW Scott	Web Site/E-mail Services	75.00
Office Essentials	Stationery	48.54
Royal British Legion Branch	Poppy Badges for Jubilee Princesses	10.00
Moulton Events Committee	Fee for Stall at Crow Fair	10.00

\* retrospective payment

" 55% rechargeable to DPC and T&TF PC

**Resolved: that**

i). The above accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr. Vernon. Seconded by Cllr. Watkinson.

**Income:**

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Davenham PC – Shared Stationery Costs	19.14
Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall PC – Shared Stationery Costs	4.25
Jubilee Beacon Pledges	705.00
Bank Interest	2.64

**12.06.10 Councillors' Reports**

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

- Cllr. Hough reported that a pothole has appeared on Main Road adjacent to the War Memorial. The Parish Clerk will report the matter to CWAC Highways.
- Cllr. Burgess reported that a residents' hedge is growing outward on to the pavement near to the mini-roundabout at the junction of Jack Lane and Main Road. The Parish Clerk will review the situation and contact the appropriate homeowner.
- Cllr. Aston commented that another ChALC Councillor Training Course has been postponed, due to lack of numbers, until the autumn. It was agreed to write to ChALC should any more cancellations/postponements occur.
- Cllr. Aston commented that parked vehicles are still causing problems at the ends of Regent Street. CWAC have asked Cheshire Police to monitor the situation prior to making a decision on introducing double yellow lines. The Parish Clerk will liaise with PCSO Kat Stock on this issue.
- Cllr. Aston commented that there are tree branches hanging over the pavement adjacent to The Verdin Club. The Parish Clerk will liaise as appropriate with the Club Management.
- Cllr. Aston commented that there is an overgrown boundary hedge fronting on to the pavement adjacent to 41 Whitlow Lane. The Parish Clerk will liaise with the homeowner as appropriate.
- Cllr. Bowie commented that the Litter Pick held on 10 June 2012 was successful with 14 bags of rubbish collected from along the pathway between Niddries Lane and the River Weaver. The Probation Service provided 5 helpers who also covered other areas of the village. The only items not bagged up were several piles of bricks near to the riverside car park. The Parish Clerk will liaise accordingly with CWAC to arrange removal.

**12.06.11 Next Meeting**

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Room). There will be a 15 minute public participation session.

Also: Garages Tenants Meeting – 23 June 2012 – Village Hall – 10.30am (followed by a Garages Committee Meeting).

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – 27 June 2012 – Village Hall – 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.47pm.