

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2012 at 7.45pm

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

Also In Attendance: P. Sanders – Parish Clerk. CWAC Cllr. Watson. PCSO Kat Stock. **3** Members of the Public (names recorded).

12.11.01 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Resolved: to accept apologies from Cllrs. Blackwood (personal commitment) and Burgess (holiday).

12.11.02 Public Open Session

David Tunstall, supported by David Monks, spoke about the traffic problems that constantly occur at the Main Road/Whitlow Lane/School Lane junction at peak times. Mr Tunstall provided considerable documentation highlighting the level of congestion that can occur at peak times. Several Councillors and the Parish Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council is aware of the problem, as are CWAC Highways – no easy solutions are thought available. It was agreed to seek a further visit from a CWAC Highways Engineer – a Parish Councillor, the Parish Clerk, a CWAC Councillor, Primary School Head Teacher and Mr Tunstall to attend if a mutually convenient date and time can be arranged.

12.11.03 PCSO's Monthly Report

PCSO Kat Stock advised that, since the last Parish Council Meeting, there have been 13 reported incidents. 4 crimes – 1 shop-lifting; 1 assault; 1 criminal damage; 1 drugs related. Additionally, there has been 1 case of anti Social Behaviour and 1 drink/driving arrest. Kat continues to work closely with community groups, including the Primary School.

12.11.04 Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2012 be agreed and signed as a true record.

12.10.06 Clerk's Report

Resolved: that the Clerk's Report relating to progress on a number of current matters be received; Arising from the report:

- Dixon Rigby Keogh (DRK) has confirmed that there is no Registered Owner of the strip of land between Hillside Lane and the Public Footpath. It was agreed to ask DRK to seek Possessory Title on the Parish Council's behalf, on the basis that the Council will make good and maintain the land.
- Mindful of the need to have larger facilities for Parish Council Meetings the 10 December Parish Council Meeting will again be in the Main Hall, commencing at 7.45pm. As the Main Village Hall is not available for the 14 January 2013 Meeting the Parish Clerk will approach the Primary School to arrange hire of the Assembly Hall.
- CWAC are still considering the best way forward regarding the Parish Council taking over the running of Weaver Road Play Area. An initial site meeting has been arranged for 20 November 2011 to discuss possible options.
- CWAC Streetscene has been advised of ongoing litter problems along Niddries Lane Pathway and outside the Travellers Rest Public House.
- Northwich Town Council has been advised of the decision to delay the proposed improvements to the War Memorial Area until Spring 2013.
- Scottish Power and British Gas have been advised of the switchover over of Bill Payer, to CHAMP, in respect of Energy Costs at the Village Hall.
- A Children's Swing Basket has been broken and, as a result, removed from the Toddlers Play Area. This is to be repaired by Play and Leisure at a cost of £32 + VAT.
- MUGA Lighting Service is to be undertaken this month.

- Gary Steele can no longer undertake the monthly Playground Inspections. The Parish Clerk has sourced a replacement, Phil Davies of Play Inspection and Maintenance Services, at £30 per month (an increase of £5 per month). It was agreed to ask Mr Davies to commence Inspections with immediate effect.
- Streetscape have visited the Playing Field and provided a suggested layout for the installation of 4 items of Outdoor Gym Equipment. Broad cost is c.£12k, including installation and a concrete floor base. Northwich Town Council has intimated that they may be able to source similar, second-hand equipment. More details to follow. Issue to be discussed at next Playing Fields Trust Meeting.
- Newsletter is now ready for distribution. As Laura Williams is currently unavailable to co-ordinate deliveries, Cllr. Bowie has offered to organise village-wide deliveries later this week.
- The Parish Clerk gave a brief report on the recent ChALC AGM. No major issues arising.
- Northwich Town Council has in-filled potholes on the Garages Access Road.

12.11.06 Reports

(a) Planning

Resolved: that the following be noted

- i) None.
- ii) 12/04563/LDC – 3 Regent Street, Moulton – Single storey rear extension. Lawful Development Certificate issued.
- iii). None.
- iv). Richborough Estates (RE) have confirmed that Public Consultation sessions will be held on Friday 30 December 2012 (3 to 9pm) and Saturday 1 December 2012 (10am to 3pm) at Moulton Royal British Legion. They have also provided outline plans and costings for a Village Community Facility that could partially be funded by s.106 funds. The Parish Clerk will respond to RE thanking them for the information provided and requesting permission to make the papers available for public viewing. Comment will also be made that the Council trusts that the matter will be included in the Public Consultation Sessions.
- v). A written Application to create a Neighbourhood Plan Area has been forwarded to CWAC Spatial Planning. This has been acknowledged and it is anticipated that Consultation Documentation will be released shortly.
- vi). Cllr. Harris and the Parish Clerk have formulated the Parish Council's feedback to the CWAC Document entitled Local Plan: Preferred Policy Directions. This has been forwarded on to CWAC Spatial Planning and subsequently acknowledged.

(b) Community

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- i). Initial feedback from Coffee and Chat and RBL Mens Group indicates that there is potential demand for "Introduction to the Internet" Sessions. The initiative is also mentioned in the Newsletter being delivered this week and a stand at the Christmas Fair will also feature an interactive display. The Parish Clerk will, in the meantime, liaise with Jane Birch at the Primary School regarding possible midweek staging times - dates, hours of opening etc for Q1 2013.
- ii). The Christmas Tree is to be delivered on 20 November 2013 by The Hollies Farm Shop. It will be put in place by a team of volunteers. Cllr. Hough will obtain the lights and have these checked by a Qualified Electrician, who will provide a Certificate confirming that all electrical components have been tested. The Lights will be switched on at 5pm on Saturday 24 November 2012 by Mary Mitchell (Citizen of the Year 2012) and the Jubilee Princesses. Barnton Silver Band will be accompanied by Moulton RBL Mens Group Choir. A Temporary Event Notice has been obtained from CWAC (cost £21) to cover the sale of alcoholic drinks. Cllrs. Rigby, Harris, Aston, Hough and Vernon, and the Parish Clerk, will arrange provision of food and drink – mulled wine, fruit juice and hot dogs - on the night. Cllr. Watkinson will arrange Posters. The Parish Clerk will post an entry on the Moulton Village Web Site.

12.11.07 Correspondence

- a) **Resolved:** that the correspondence received as below be noted and the following action be agreed.
 - Item 2 (ii) – **Resolved:** to grant a Dispensation to Members and Co-Opted Members to participate in discussions and votes relating to the setting of the Precept. This Dispensation to be in place for 4 years.
All Members to write individually to the Parish Clerk requesting a personal dispensation for the same purpose.
 - Item 2 (iii) – Parish Clerk to write to NALC confirming the Parish Councils' support for the wish to see Town and Parish Councils have the right to appeal against Planning Decisions.

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 23 Oct 11 Oct 10 Oct 22 Oct 8 Nov	Various briefing notes for Elected Members Bulletins for Town and Parish Councils Partnership Bulletin Northwich and Rural North Area News Police and Crime Commissioners Election – Public Notice of Poll Consultation on New Governance Model	To note To note To note To note To note To note
2	ChALC	Various 8 Nov 8 Nov	Details of Police Commissioner Candidates Code of Conduct Dispensations Technical Reforms of Planning Appeals	To note To discuss To discuss
3	Vale Royal Environmental Network	Various	Newsletters	To note
4	Cheshire Community Action	12 Oct	Network Lunch and Speaker Session	To note
5	D Tunstall	Various	E-mail re Moulton Traffic Issues	Discussed in Public Open Session
6	TA Palin	23 Oct	Letter of thanks re Best Kept Garden Competition	To note
7	Cheshire Playing Fields Assoc.	1 Nov	The Playing Field – Autumn 2012	To note
8	Clerks and Councils Direct	3 Nov	November 2012 issue	To note
9	The Playing Field	3 Nov	Autumn 2012 issue	To note

12.11.08 Accounts – Net Payments / Income

Payments:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
P Sanders	Salary November – Clerk	590.14
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS November 2012	146.29
Cllr. D Hough	Expenses re New Locking Gate School Lane/Playing Field	*214.72
Moulton RBL	Food and Bingo – Community Meal 21 October 2012	-358.50
GJ Steele	Playground Inspections, Litter Picking and Repairs to Wet Pour	387.50
P Sanders	Expenses	132.23
Office Essentials Ltd	Stationery	^202.79
Davenham PC	50% share of PCSO Costs (Oct 2012 to Mar 2013)	2,950.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation	*20.00
ChALC	Subscription	555.30
CWAC	Cleansing Services – July to Sept 2012	300.00
Davenham Electrical Services Ltd	MUGA Lights Switch On/Off & Fault Trace	96.00
Open Spaces Society	Annual Subscription	40.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract Work – Playing Fields	654.90
The Hollies Farm Shop	Christmas Tree supply and delivery	330.00

^55% rechargeable to DPC and T&TF PC

*retrospective - retrospective, less £120 repaid by MRBL

+ rechargeable to MCPFT

Resolved: that

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

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

£

Bank Interest	2.77
Moulton Playing Fields Trust	1,955.95

12.11.09 Councillors' Reports

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

- Cllr. Aston advised that the recent Community Meal attracted over 40 attendees. Feedback was positive and letters of thanks have been forwarded to Ann Buckley (RBL), Sheila Hetherington (MDG) and Alan Fitton (Time and Leisure Ltd).
- Cllr. Aston advised that he attended the recent Cheshire Community Action AGM. No specific issues to report.
- Cllr. Vernon commented that there appear to be cracks forming on the War Memorial Base. The Parish Clerk will ask Quadriga to visit and undertake a full structural check.
- Cllr. Vernon advised that Moulton Facebook Group have a small quantity of fireworks left over from the recent Family Fun Day and that they are happy to allow these to be used when the Village Christmas Tree is switched on. For Health and Safety reasons it was felt best to decline this offer.
- Cllr. Vernon advised that Moulton Facebook Group would also like to arrange a Float to enable Santa, and Elves, to tour round Moulton in the run up to Christmas. Funds will be collected en route "for the benefit of Moulton". It was felt that this is an excellent idea. The Parish Clerk will liaise with David Evans accordingly.
- Cllr. Hough commented on the previous days' Armistice Day service and procession. Discussions are underway to ensure that there is a higher degree of organisation/co-ordination in subsequent years.

12.11.10 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10 December 2012 at 7.45pm at Moulton Village Hall (Main Room). There will be a 15 minute public participation session at the outset. Moulton Playing Field Trust will meet on completion of the Parish Council Meeting.

Also:-

Finance Committee – 22 November 2012 – Village Hall (Committee Room) – 7.30pm. Re-arranged from 15 November 2012.

Joint Parish Councils Meeting (Neighbourhood Plans only – John Heselwood from CCA attending) – 29 November 2012 – Davenham Methodist Church Hall – 7.30pm.

There being no further business this section of the Meeting closed at 9.27pm.