

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 10th DECEMBER 2012 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr. A. Rigby (Chair)
Cllrs. T. Blackwood, C. Bowie, A. Burgess, D. Hough,
J. Kershaw, N. Harris, P. Vernon and A. Wood.

Also In Attendance: P. Sanders – Parish Clerk. CWAC Cllr. Watson. PCSO Kat Stock. 16 Members of the Public (names recorded).

12.12.01 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Resolved: to accept apologies from Cllrs. Aston (holiday) and Watkinson (personal commitment).

12.12.02 Public Open Session

David Evans and Barry Gibson, from the Moulton Facebook Group, outlined the group's aims – to support village organisations and arrange events. All monies raised are put back into the community either via donations or in covering the cost of public events. The group has 280 members spread across the world, the common theme being a link with Moulton. Cllr. Rigby thanked the Group for its' work and confirmed the Parish Councils' ongoing support.

Several Speakers raised points relating to Richborough Estates' (RE) recent Public Consultation at which their plans for 147 homes off Barnside Way were revealed. In summary:-

- RE do not appear to have advised all villagers of the Consultation Sessions (held on 30 November and 1 December) in advance as previously promised. Only residents in close proximity to the development site were written to direct. The vast majority of people were only aware of the sessions due to the Village Newsletter and locally produced Flyers.
- RE's Traffic Survey was completed in July, a quiet time of the year with the school shut down for summer. It is felt that this greatly distorts the accuracy of the data. A number of the projections covered in the Survey are thought inaccurate/unrealistic.
- Several residents from the Beehive Lane vicinity have highlighted concerns over drainage issues to RE. It is felt that RE do not fully understand the specific issues that need to be considered in ensuring that the proposed site is adequately drained.
- There was concern that RE continue to openly outline their ideas for a School Annexe. This in spite of the School Governors having rejected the idea at a recent meeting with RE.
- RE's continued reference to the building of a Community Facility on the Playing Fields was also raised. Cllr. Rigby confirmed that the Parish Council is not supportive of the plans, nor has it encouraged them. A Covenant, backed up by recently acquired QEII Fields In Trust status, precludes building on the Fields. The Parish Council, which is sole Trustee of the Moulton Childrens' Playing Field Trust, has no wish to see the Covenant lifted.
- Concerns were raised over RE's plan to route Construction Traffic along Beehive Lane. It is felt that this unadopted roadway is unsuitable for such vehicles.
- As RE are only likely to be seeking Outline Planning Permission there is concern that any eventual build will not bear much resemblance to the plans exhibited by RE at the Consultation Sessions. If RE does obtain Outline Planning Permission it will then be for the Building Company to put forward detailed proposals to CWAC Planning. These could be very different from the plans exhibited to date.
- The Parish Council will arrange a Public Meeting as soon as the Planning Application is submitted. Feedback from this meeting will form part of the Parish Council's formal written response to CWAC Planning.

Robert Snasdell highlighted what he feels is a growing trend for vehicles to be parked on verges and pavements, thus causing access problems for pedestrians. Cllr. Rigby commented that the Parish Council is aware of the problem and has referred the matter to both CWAC and Cheshire Police in the past. It is a side effect of the larger problem of

a lack of driveways/garages, thus leading to residents' vehicles being parked on the streets. Additionally, the road system in Moulton dates back many years and struggles to cope at times with higher vehicle numbers. Many solutions, including parking restrictions and one way systems, have been discussed in the past without any firm conclusions having been reached.

A meeting with CWAC Highways, scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday 5 December 2012, was cancelled by the Parish Council after a post on a social Web Site encouraging residents to create traffic congestion was brought to its' attention. It was felt unwise to proceed with the Meeting as traffic volumes on the day were unlikely to be truly reflective of normal patterns. Additionally, there were safety concerns arising as a result of probable increases in traffic volumes. The Meeting will be rescheduled for January 2013, with the visiting Traffic Engineer invited to study traffic flow/parking issues along Main Road and around the area of School Lane. Feedback from this Meeting will be made public.

12.12.03 PCSO's Monthly Report

PCSO Kat Stock advised that, since the last Parish Council Meeting, there have been 6 reported incidents – 2 Crimes (1 Anti Social Behaviour and 1 Drink Driving) and 2 Thefts (properties on Barlow Road and Weaver Road).

12.12.04 Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2012 be agreed and signed as a true record.

12.12.06 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 been advised of the Parish Councils' wish to seek "Possessory Title" over the land between Hillside Lane and Footpath RB4. They have contacted HM Land Registry to progress matters.
- The Moulton Childrens' Playing Field Trust Meeting postponed this evening is to be held on Monday 21 January 2013. To assist cash flow it was agreed to ask Messrs Brown Shipley to remit £3k, rather than £2k, in January 2013.
- CWAC have advised that they are agreeable in principle to the Parish Council taking over the running of Weaver Road Play Area. They wish to be made aware of the Parish Councils' intentions for the site, which would be leased to the Parish Council. The matter will be further discussed at the next Playing Field Trust Meeting.
- Quadriga has inspected the small cracks evident on the War Memorial. They have suggested pinning, as opposed to resin infill, at a cost of £500+VAT. It was agreed to progress the repairs.
- MUGA Lighting Service is to be undertaken this month by Davenham Electrical Services.
- Phil Davies, of Play Inspection and Maintenance Services, has completed his first Monthly Inspection of the Play Equipment. All items highlighted are to be attended to. Play and Leisure, whilst supplying the parts to repair the broken swing seat, have not completed the repair. Mr Davies has offered to undertake the necessary work, and replace worn parts on the Basket Swing, at a combined cost of £70. It was agreed to progress the repairs through Mr Davies.
- Northwich Town Council has confirmed that it will attend to the creation of two Blue Badge Holder parking slots on Regent Street Backs in the near future.

12.12.06 Reports

(a) Planning

Resolved: that the following be noted

- i) 12/04953/FUL – 6 Anthony Drive, Moulton – Single storey extension to rear. No objections.
12/05263/FUL – 29 Main Road, Moulton – Single storey rear extension and detached garage.

Currently with the Planning Committee for overview.

ii) None.

iii). None.

iv). Richborough Estates (RE) undertook their Public Consultation sessions on Friday 30 December 2012 (3 to 9pm) and Saturday 1 December 2012 (10am to 3pm) at Moulton Royal British Legion. RE have assured the Parish Council that they will review in detail the Questionnaire Responses and liaise

before any Planning Application is submitted. It is understood that a Planning Application is to be submitted to CWAC within the next 4/5 weeks. The Parish Council will seek to open dialogue with the Planning Officer handling the Application at the earliest opportunity.

v). A written Application to create a Neighbourhood Plan Area has been accepted by CWAC Spatial Planning. Notices are to be displayed around the Village advising that the Consultation Period is now open. Mindful of the need to create a Neighbourhood Plan that conforms with CWAC's Local Plan, a meeting is to be arranged with CWAC Spatial Planning to discuss the primary areas that require addressing to ensure synergy. Additionally, it is thought worthwhile, on the advice of Cheshire Community Action, to undertake a Housing Needs Survey – this will be taken forward in the New Year, including liaison with Lesley Bassett at CWAC Housing.

(b) Community

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

i). Feedback via Coffee and Chat, RBL Mens' Group and the recent Village Newsletter indicates a demand for "Introductory Internet Courses". A list of interested parties is to be compiled in the next 2/3 weeks. Arrangements with the School – for use of the IT Suite – will then be finalized with a view to commencing the sessions in Q1 2013.

(c) Administration/Finance

i). The Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 22 November 2012 were reviewed.

Resolved: to accept the Draft Budget for 2013/14 and to set the Precept at £29,670.

Resolved: to accept a revised Reserves Policy, with funds held totaling £25,000 (future development plans for Moulton Village £20,000 and Revenue Account Contingency £5,000).

Resolved: to accept the revised Asset Register.

Resolved: to accept the unaltered Risk Assessment Document.

ii). Parish Council Meeting dates for 2013 were confirmed as follows (all Mondays):- 14 January, 11 February, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May (AGM), 10 June, 8 July, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December. The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 22 May 2013. Finance Committee to next meet on Wednesday 1 May 2013. Garages Area Committee dates to be agreed at next Meeting.

12.12.07 Correspondence

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

Item 1 (5) – Cllr. Harris will review the Consultation Document and advise the Parish Council at the January Meeting whether a formal response is appropriate.

Item 1 (6) – no action required.

Item 1 (7) – no action required.

Item 9 – Mr Snasdell confirmed that all issues raised were covered during the Public Open Session.

Item 10 – email to be forwarded on to CWAC for actioning.

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 23 Nov 22 Nov 23 Nov 19 Nov 19 Nov 15 Nov	Various Briefing Notes for Elected Members Bulletins for Town and Parish Councils Partnership Bulletins Northwich and Rural North Area News Consultation on Kingsmead Primary School Car Parking Enforcement Proposed Local Transport Plan Works	To note To note To note To note To discuss To discuss To discuss
2	ChALC	Various	NALC Bulletins	To note
3	Vale Royal Environmental Network	Various	Newsletter	To note
4	Cheshire Community Development Trust	30 Nov	Play Schemes 2012 - Report	To note
5	Open Spaces Society	23 Nov	Attack on Greens – We Are Fighting Back	To note

6	Mid Cheshire Footpath Society	26 Nov	Walks Programme – Jan to June 2013	To note
7	CWAC/Arriva	16 Nov	Supply of Bus Timetables for Routes 29/29a/29b/31/31a/31e/37/37e	To note
8	Lion Moulton FC	3 Dec	Letter of Thanks re Grant Award	To note
9	R Snasdell	4 Nov	Various Issues to be raised at December Parish Council Meeting	To discuss
10	R Booth	8 Dec	E-mail relating to Cycling, walking and Using Public Transport	To discuss

12.12.08 Accounts – Net Payments / Income

Payments:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
P Sanders	Salary December – Clerk	589.94
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS November 2012	146.49
Cllr. D Hough	RBL Badges for Village Princess (Xmas Lights Event)	21.00
Cllr. D Watkinson	Glowsticks (Xmas Lights Event)	6.00
Cllr. N Harris	Food Supplies (Xmas Lights Event)	40.65
Cllr. A Aston	Mulled Wine (Xmas Lights Event)	74.40
GJ Steele	Visual Playground Inspections and Litter Picking	*150.00
P Sanders	Expenses	79.05
Office Essentials Ltd	Stationery	^63.24
ChALC	Training Course Fees	60.00
SLCC	Clerks Membership Fee for 2013	+162.00
GW Scott	IT Services Payment 2012/13	75.00
UK Mailing	Newsletter Printing	150.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract Work – Playing Fields	“ *394.80
Northwich Town Council	Contract Work – Church and Play School	*225.60
Play Inspection and Maintenance Services	November Playground Inspection	36.00
CHAMP	Room Hire	42.75
Cllr. C Bowie	Food and Drink Supplies (Xmas Lights Event)	28.10

^55% rechargeable to DPC and T&TF PC
*retrospective
+ 50% rechargeable to DPC
“ rechargeable to MPFT

Resolved: that 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 (Current Account only)	2.76
Moulton RBL – Refund Community Meal	120.00
Davenham PC – Stationery Supplies	76.05
Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall PC – Stationery Supplies	26.12
Food and Drink Sales at Xmas Lights Event	62.00

12.12.09 Councillors' Reports

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

- Cllr. Wood suggested that "twinning" with other Moulton's in the UK be considered. This will be discussed at a future Parish Council Meeting.
- Cllr. Wood commented on the poor state of the Niddries Lane pathway (RB9) heading towards the Tunnels. It was noted that some infilling of potholes has been undertaken recently.

12.12.10 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14 January 2013 at 7.30pm at Moulton Primary School. There will be a 15 minute public participation session at the outset.

It was agreed that Moulton Playing Field Trust will meet on Monday 21 January 2013.

Also:-

Garages Area Committee – 12 November 2012 – Village Hall (Back Room) – 7.30pm.

Garages Rent Collection Day – 19 January 2013 – Village Hall (Back Room) – 10am to Noon.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.14pm.