

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2011 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams – resident
K. Stock – PCSO
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

11.01.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. J. Kershaw (work commitments) and G. Sant (family illness) be agreed and those from Cllr. J. Mashlan (Cheshire West and Chester Council) be noted

11.01.02 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:

- Good feedback on the Village Design Statement

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest report, including reference to dealing with ten crimes since the last meeting. Noted also more dog fouling signs have been erected but fouling continues to be a significant problem.

11.01.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2010 and the minutes of an additional meeting held on 3rd December 2010, be agreed and signed as a correct record

11.01.04 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:
 - the Moulton session on Cheshire FM will be on Sunday 20th February from 10am to 12noon; the community will be represented by the Chair of the Council and invited representatives of some local groups
 - the Barnton Brass Band is booked for the 2011 Christmas tree lighting event
- c) comments, as discussed, be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council Scrutiny and Review Committee regarding its review of its relationship with Town and Parish Councils

11.01.05 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- i) the 3rd quarter financial statement for 2010/11 be received
- ii) the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 15th December 2010 be received and the following recommendations be agreed:
 - the 2011/12 budget, including setting a precept of £26,378 representing a 9% increase to take account of the revised part costs of the PCSO post, be agreed
 - the Council's current Reserves Policy be continued for 2011/12, as follows:

Re: land at rear of Regent Street (Garages Area site)	£ 5,000
(for ownership and management responsibilities of the site)	
Re: war memorial	£ 2,000
(for any necessary repairs which are outside of insurance coverage)	
Re: any future land purchase	£17,500
(increase due to current land prices - to enable any opportunity for land purchase for the benefit of the community to be given serious consideration)	
Re: to meet provide a contingency for the revenue account	£ 5,000

	£29,500

(b) Planning

Noted the Planning Committee's comments on the following application;

7 Orchard Rise - two storey extension to include car port

Resolved: that objections to the application be submitted on the grounds that:

- it is likely to prevent a similar development to the adjacent property without it leading to a 'terracing' effect as whole gap between properties would be filled
- the car port appears too narrow for a vehicle to use and is likely to make the garage unusable for a vehicle therefore all cars for the property would then park on the road conflicting with the Moulton Village Design Statement
- from a building regulations point of view the extension appears to be carried on two small back piers; regulation may require a better structural support

(c) Garages

Noted garage and land plots rents are being collected on 15th January

11.01.06 Village Hall Lease

Noted recent developments on this matter.

Resolved: that this matter be considered at the end of the meeting and due to the confidential nature of the lease discussions at this point in time, members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

11.01.07 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted MADsAG meeting on 13th January. The continuing concern about dog waste in areas of the village be raised.

11.01.08 Correspondence

Resolved: that correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	14 Dec	Partnerships Bulletin 23 1 st edition of Town and Parish Councils Bulletin Notice of meeting as part of consultation on 2011/12 budget – 17 th January – HQ Building, Chester – 5.15pm	Noted Noted Cllrs. Rigby & Bowie will attend Noted
		17 Dec 17 Dec		
		22 Dec 22 Dec	Standards Committee Newsletter - Issue 3 Consultation on Proposed Changes to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Home Assistance Policy	Noted
2	ChALC	15 Dec	January Newsletter	Noted

11.01.09 Accounts – net payments / income

E. Beech	salary – Clerk	701.80
E. Beech	tel. calls 14/9-13/12 & broadband Oct-Dec	25.91
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Dec. - 4 occasions	140.00
Cheshire West & Chester Cl.	car park sweep & emptying bins – 2 nd qu. + additional	#373.00
St. Luke's Hospice	collection held at Christmas tree event	75.40
A. Burgess	reimbursement – two sets of photos of garages / plots	12.48

to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Vernon

Seconded: Cllr. Wood

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Interest on current account (Dec.)	0.25
Profit from refreshments at Xmas tree event	24.91
Collection for St. Lukes' Hospice at Xmas tree event	75.40
Garage plots rents	104.00

11.01.10 Councillors' Reports

Fly Tipping

Noted fly tipping on path near Hillside Lane and on route to river – to be reported

War Memorial

Cllr. Vernon reported that a resident has offered to paint the railings at no charge and that the Salt Union is to pay for the paint.

Public Right of Way

Cllr. Wood highlighted the poor state of public footpath 2 from the playing field stile towards Beehive Lane and the high water level in the ditch was also raised – to be reported.

11.01.11 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th February 2011 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 8.45pm