

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY 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
F. Bennett, L. Williams – residents
K. Stock – PCSO
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

11.02.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apology for absence received from Cllr. J. Kershaw (work commitments) be agreed.

11.02.02 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 a request for a dog waste bin on Beehive Lane.

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest report, including reference to dealing with 20 incidents including 6 crimes in the village since the last meeting. Thanks to Cllr. Vernon for presenting the boxing awards recently and Cllr. Hough for his attendance at the presentation. Agreed has been good project and hope it will continue.

Noted again that dog fouling continues to be a significant problem; Kat has alerted the new Dog Warden recruited by Cheshire West and Chester Council to the particular problems in Moulton.

11.02.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 10th January 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

11.02.04 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:
 - those representing Moulton for the session on Cheshire FM on Sunday 20th February will meet on 16th February to finalise the content areas, order, etc to be covered
 - the Clerk is requesting the main locations of the dog waste problems so that a clean up by the Streetscene Services can be requested
 - Town and Parish Councillors' period of office comes to an end on 4th May 2011 with elections being held on Thursday 5th May
 - the Primary School is sorting its nomination for the Parish Council's School Citizenship Award
 - the SCHOOL yellow zig-zag markings at the junction of Main Road and School Lane will be repainted by the end of March
- c) Cllrs. Bowie and Rigby's feedback on the main issues discussed at the budget consultation with Cheshire West and Chester Council held on 17th January, be noted.

11.02.05 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the 3rd quarter report of the Internal Auditor for 2010/11 be received and that no areas of concern or anomalies are identified, be noted

(b) Planning

Noted there are no matters relating to planning applications to report but that a resident has raised concerns about any planning requirements for the equipment being erected in the school playground. Noted the resident has been encouraged to seek the advice of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

(c) Garages

Resolved: that

- a) the draft minutes of the Garages Committee meeting held on 24th January 2011 be received

b) noting the receipt of a complaint regarding the state of an area of the rear of the garages, this matter be considered at the end of the meeting due it being related to individual tenants and members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

11.02.06 Maintenance Contracts

Noted need to review current maintenance contracts.

Resolved: that this matter be considered at the end of the meeting and due to the confidential nature of the contract prices and performance, members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

11.02.07 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

11.02.08 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted next MADSAG meeting is arranged for 17th March.

Noted vandalism at the play area; some fencing nuts have been tampered with and this may be linked to recent similar incidents in the area which seem to relate to metal theft

11.02.09 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) the PCSO contact the resident to establish more detailed information regarding speeding vehicles and the location of a permanent flashing speed warning sign be pursued

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	13 Jan	draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2011-2016 and invitation to comment by 15 April	Consider at next meeting
		14 Jan	E-mail from Chief Executive regarding the review of the Local Councils Charter	Noted
		21 Jan	January edition of Town and Parish Councils Bulletin	Noted
		3 Feb	Waste Strategy – campaigns for inclusion at community events and in publications	Noted
		3 Feb	'Open Source Planning' - re proposed changes to development control. Notice that CW&C is applying to be a 'vanguard' in the development of a neighbourhood plan	Noted
			A copy of a plain English Guide to the Localism Bill also attached for information.	Noted
		7 Feb	The first copy of a briefing paper to CW&C Members' - 'Spotlight' – a summary of national issues for Local Government	Noted
	14 Feb	Copy of Members' Briefing re Adult Social Care Survey	Noted	
2	ChALC	13 Jan	Copy of a Govt. guide to Decentralisation and the Localism Bill	Noted
		20 Jan	NALC Summary of the Bill Royal Garden Party – nomination for Cheshire representation	Noted Chair to be nominated
3	Brunner Mond	13 Jan	Invitation to attend a public meeting on the Sustainable Energy Plant proposed for Lostock	Noted
4	Clerks & Councils Direct	11 Jan	January newsletter	Noted
5	Royal British Legion	11 Jan	Re Great Poppy Weekend 10-12 June	Noted
6	St. Luke's Hospice	29 Jan	Thank you for the £75.40 donation from Christmas Tree lighting event	Noted
7	NW Air Ambulance	4 Feb	Request for donation	Refer to Finance Comm
8	Resident	3 Feb	Re speeding in Jack Lane/Niddries Lane area – suggesting a section of 'raised road'	See b) above
9	Voluntary	14 Feb	Notice that a 2-week playscheme can be delivered in	Consider at

Action, Vale Royal	Moulton – seeking financial contribution	next meeting
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11.02.10 Accounts – net payments / income

E. Beech	salary – Clerk	701.80
British Gas	gas supply to Village Hall 24 Sep – 29 Dec	686.25
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Jan.- 5 occasions	175.00
Linnet Book-keeping Ltd.	internal audit July – Sept. 2010	24.00
Office Essentials	Printer drum unit, laser toner and paper	118.47
Suddenstrike Ltd	Removal of moles from playing field	92.50*

* to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Vernon

Seconded: Cllr. Bowie

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Interest on current account (Jan.)	0.12
Trust reimbursement	2326.50
VAT reclaim	934.31
Rents – garage and land plots	2175.00

11.02.11 Councillors' Reports

Highways

Noted swift response to reported potholes.

Friends of Weaver Parkway

Cllr. Rigby reported on the last meeting of the Group and that both he and PCSO Stock will be attending the next meeting on 8th March

Proposed Privatisation of Forests

Cllr. Wood expressed his concern about the Government's proposals to sell off areas of forest and highlighted the petition on the Woodland Trust's website.

11.02.12 Next Meeting

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

Also noted the next Joint Parishes meeting is arranged for Monday 21st March 2011 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) – agenda items to be agreed

11.02.13 AGM and Parish Council Meeting – May 2011

Resolved: that the AGM and Parish Council meetings arranged for Monday 9th May 2011 be put back to Monday 16th May 2011 due to the date of the parish elections and the timescale for the distribution of the meetings agendas

11.02.14 Annual Parish Meeting

Considered the date of the Annual Parish Meeting in light of the parish elections.

Resolved: that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Thursday 28th April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Back Hall)

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