

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 14th MARCH 2011 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams – resident
K. Stock – PCSO

11.03.01 Apologies for Absence

None submitted.

11.03.02 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. There were no specific matters raised.

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest report, including reference to dealing with 11 incidents in the village since the last meeting. She reported on her attendance at a meeting of The Friends of Weaver Parkway with Cllr. Rigby. They highlighted the availability of small grants from British Waterways for projects linked to waterways and conservation. Kat is proposing to liaise with the School about a bid for funding for a project to plant wildflowers and trees.

Noted works are to be undertaken to improve the riverside paths from New Bridge to the Blue Bridge.

11.03.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 14th February 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

11.03.04 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:
 - thanks to the participants representing Moulton for the session on Cheshire FM on 20th February be recorded
 - locations identified with significant dog waste problems will be reported to Streetscene for a clean-up
 - the Clerk is to attend a briefing session with an Officer from the Audit Commission on 30th March at Delamere, regarding external audit requirements for completion of the year end
- c) correspondence received from one of the contractors concerning a contract price be considered at the end of the meeting due it being related to an individual; members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

11.03.05 Reports

(a) Finance

Noted the intention of the Voluntary Action, Vale Royal to run a Playscheme for 2 weeks in Moulton in the summer holidays and considered a request for a donation towards its costs.

Resolved: that a contribution of £500 be offered from the Council's budget and MADCA be requested to consider matching this contribution.

(b) Planning

i) Noted the following comments to be submitted on the following application:

6 Orchard Rise – car port and first floor side extension

That a similar application has recently been permitted for 7 Orchard Rise (the adjacent property) so perhaps the two neighbours should have been encouraged to submit a common scheme which would result in each having more space (i.e. by having a party wall)

Objections to the application, as follows:

If this extension goes ahead it leads to a 'terracing' effect as whole gap between properties would be filled; and 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 – if so then the plans would need to be amended.

- ii) Noted Cheshire West and Chester Council has permitted the following application:
7 Orchard Rise – two storey side extension to include car port

(c) Garages Area

Noted the next meeting of the Garages Area Committee is arranged for Monday 4th April 2011 at 7.30pm.

(d) Community

Considered items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter and Annual Report to be distributed 10 days prior to the Annual Parish Meeting.

11.03.06 Village Hall Lease

Noted recent developments on this matter, including the arrangements and publicity for an Open Evening to be held on 18th March from 7.15pm to enable members of the community to look at the facilities the Hall offers and to consider getting involved in its future running.

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

11.03.07 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted next MADSAG meeting is arranged for 17th March.

11.03.08 Correspondence

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

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	15 Feb	'Partnerships' – edition 25	Noted
		18 Feb	'Spotlight' - issue 24 – summary of national issues for Local Government	Noted
		18 Feb	Notice of the Northwich West & Abbey Community Forum	Noted
		3 Mar	Notice of intention to communicate regarding planning applications electronically only wef 1 st April 2011 – seminar regarding the electronic process	Noted suspended
		7 Mar	Information re Census Day on 27 th March – is on noticeboard	Noted
		various	Copies of various briefing notes for Elected Members	Noted
2	ChALC	28 Feb	March Newsletter	Noted
3	Cheshire Community Action	21 Feb	February Newsletter and copy of the Annual Review 2009/10	Noted Clerk to attend
		28 Feb	Renewable Energy free workshops and roadshows – invitation to attend	
4	Northwich Town Council	17 Feb	'Save Our Northwich Infirmary Campaign' – invitation to nominate a PC Champion for this campaign	For newsletter
5	Council for the Protection of Rural England	7 Mar	Notice of a day's seminar at Middlewich on 4 th June re Planning and the Localism Bill	Noted
6	Open Spaces Society	11 Mar	'Open Space' - Spring 2011 edition	Noted

11.03.09 Accounts – net payments / income

E. Beech	salary – Clerk	530.08
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	PAYE & NI (final quarter)	258.42
E. Beech	use of office facilities and PC (Sep-Mar)	200.00
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Feb.- 4 occasions	140.00
G. J. Steele	full monthly playing field/equipment inspections Oct10–Feb11	100.00*
Josef Hughes & Daughter	removal of diseased tree on land adjacent to Village Hall	90.00
Ches. Assoc. of Local Cls.	Clerk's attendance at seminar on Devolution of Assets	30.00
Cheshire West and Chester Cl.	printing of 1100 flyers for Village Hall Open Evening	66.00
The Information Commissioner	annual notification fee (15 th April 2011-14 th April 2012)	35.00
Scottish Power	provision of electricity for Christmas tree	13.20

* to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Vernon

Seconded: Cllr. Kershaw

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Interest on current account (Feb.)	0.19
Rents – garage and land plots	109.00
Reimbursement re printer toner and drum	53.86

11.03.10 Councillors' Reports

Community Forum

Cllrs. Burgess and Wood reported on the recent Community Forum, highlighting items discussed including Northwich Regeneration, Weaver Valley and 2011/12 Highways schemes.

Friends of Weaver Parkway

Cllr. Rigby reported on the last meeting of the Group, highlighting available grants, the Saltscape Project to attract tourists and its implications for Moulton and the Chairman's request to attend a Council meeting.

Resolved: that the FOWP Chairman be invited to give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Litter

Cllr. Kershaw raised her concerns about the amount of litter around the Village but particularly at the playing field.

Resolved: that two community litter picks be organised; one for the playing field on Saturday 26th March and one for roadway down to the river from the top end of Niddries on Saturday 30th April.

Manchester Airport Community Liaison

Cllr. Wood reported that Moulton would not be invited to be involved to the Liaison Meetings as it is located outside the Airport's agreed liaison area.

11.03.11 Joint Parishes Meeting

Considered items for the agenda of the next Joint Parishes meeting arranged for Monday 21st March 2011 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall.

11.03.12 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th April 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 9.15pm