

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. A. Burgess (Chair)  
D. Hough, A. Rigby, D. Watkinson and A. Wood

**In Attendance:** E. Beech – Clerk  
A. Adams, M. Fletcher, L. Williams – residents  
K. Stock – PCSO  
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

**11.04.01 Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved:** that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. C. Bowie (holidays), C. Turner (working abroad) and P. Vernon (holidays) be agreed.

**11.04.02 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.

Mr. Fletcher (Moulton Lion FC) presented a case for the use of the playing field for league football matches and training. A number of matters of detail relating to the this request were covered, including the status of the field in respect of use by other than children, the probable age of players, etc. Noted that this would be considered under the correspondence item below.

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest report, including reference to dealing with a number of incidents in the village since the last meeting, including lead thefts and low level ASB calls.

**11.04.03 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

**11.04.04 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 Clerk attended a briefing session with an Officer from the Audit Commission on 30<sup>th</sup> March regarding external audit requirements for completion of the year end
  - the latest Parish News, including the Annual Report is printed and being distributed
  - a representative of the Friends of Weaver Parkway will attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April
  - the move to electronic consultation on planning applications has been postponed for a period whilst a pilot scheme is run involving a number of volunteer Parish Councils
  - a successful litter pick had been held at the playing fields on 26<sup>th</sup> March and one was planned along the roadway from Niddries Lane to the River Weaver on 30<sup>th</sup> April
  - Cheshire West and Chester Council will provide a bin at a point near the junction of Beehive Lane and Jack Lane.

**11.04.05 Joint Parishes Meeting**

**Resolved:** that

- a) the draft minutes of the Joint Parishes meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 be received and arising from the recommendations:
- b) outstanding actions promised by Cheshire West and Chester Council arising from the Parish 'Environmental Strolls' be chased up
- c) ways of identifying any obstructions of stiles and footpaths to be reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council Rights of Way team be considered
- d) the revised arrangements for the split of contribution from both Parishes for the shared element of the cost of the PCSO post be approved, in line with the previously agreed formula, as follows:

Cost Distribution for PCSO Funding					
Overall cost of PCSO		£11,800.00			
	No Houses	Parish Contribution £	Difference split £	No Band D Equivs. For Council Tax setting	Parish Contribution £
Moulton	1,028	*5,577.20	5,264.89	839	#4,952.58
Davenham	1,147	*6,222.80	6,535.11	1,160	#6,847.42
Total	2,175	11,800.00	11,800.00	1,999	11,800.00

#### 11.04.06 Reports

##### (a) Finance

**Resolved: that**

- i) the final quarter financial statement for 2010/11 be received
- ii) the increase in web provider/host costs be agreed, subject to further discussion with the company to look for a reduction where possible.

##### (b) Planning

Noted the following application has been withdrawn due to errors in the paperwork:  
9 Lodge Drive – single storey rear extension and front porch

##### (c) Garages Area

**Resolved: that**

- i) the minutes of the meeting of the Garages Area Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 be received
- ii) action to seek a quote for crushed hardcore to fill the potholes and to remove rubbish at the site be agreed

##### (d) Community

Noted 3 nominations received for the Individual Citizenship Award and 2 nominations received for the Group Award. A ballot process was held.

**Resolved: that** the Individual Citizenship and Group Award winners and the nominators be notified of the outcome and invited to attend and receive the Awards at the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### 11.04.07 Bronze Age Moulton Mound and Round Barrow

Noted the existence of these historic monuments in the Parish and considered how they may be highlighted and what may be in place to ensure they are protected.

**Resolved: that** advice be sought on approaches to their promotion and protection

#### 11.04.08 Village Hall Lease

**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

#### 11.04.09 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted the May meeting of MADSAG is postponed so the next meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 11.04.10 Correspondence

**Resolved: that**

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) Cheshire West and Chester Council's action to establish a Borough-wide Dog Control Order be fully supported
- c) the use of the playing field again by Moulton Events Committee for the Crow Fair, subject to specific conditions as in previous years, be agreed
- d) the request submitted by Moulton Lion FC to use the playing field for matches and training be considered a special meeting of the Playing Field Trust to be held following the Council AGM and Ordinary meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various Various 22 Mar	'Spotlight' - summary of national issues for Local Govt Copies of briefing notes for Elected Members Re proposed Borough-wide Dog Control Order –	Noted Noted See b) above
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		29 Mar	comments requested by 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Noted
		31 Mar	Consultation on Rural Housing Strategy and Rural Regeneration Strategy - comments by 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Noted
2	ChALC	14 Mar	March bulletin to Town and Parish Councils	
			Minutes of Vale Royal Area Meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Noted
3	Moulton Events Committee	23 Mar	Request for use of playing field for 2011 Crow Fair on 9 <sup>th</sup> July	See c) above
4	The Lion Moulton FC	29 Mar	Request for use of playing field for football matches from 2011/12	See d) above
5	Cheshire West & Chester LINK	8 Mar	Notice of Change 4 Life Family Fun Day at Marbury Park on 26 <sup>th</sup> June	In Newsletter
6	Resident	23 Mar	Complaint that large lorries are using Jack lane to access No 4 Shaft to deliver to Veolia or Salt Union	Noted action taken
7	Brunner Mond	28 Mar	To advise that the company will be known as Tata Chemicals Europe Ltd wef 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Noted
8	Ches. Hedgerows Network	11 Apr	Information on planting, restoring and maintaining hedgerows	Noted

#### 11.04.11 Accounts – net payments / income

E. Beech	salary – Clerk	587.50
E. Beech	telephone calls (14 Dec-13 Mar) and broadband (Jan-Mar)	29.61
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Mar.- 4 occasions	140.00
Ches. Assoc. of Local Cls.	Clerk's attendance at Audit Seminar – 30 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00
Cheshire West and Chester Cl.	cleansing service at playing field (final inv. 2010/11)	288.00*
British Gas	gas supply – Village Hall for period 30 Dec 10 -29 Mar 11	622.99
Northwich Town Council	erect new fence in gap in hawthorn hedge and	348.00*
	remove moss around play area and treat	53.00*
Prism Design and Print	Printing of 1100 copies of Parish News & Annual Report	86.60

\* to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

**Resolved:** that the above accounts be passed for payment

*Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson*

*Seconded: Cllr. Wood*

#### Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Interest on current account (Mar.)	0.29
Rents – garage and land plots	88.00
Reimbursement – Playing Field Trust	652.50

#### 11.04.12 Councillors' Reports

##### Public Rights of Way

Cllrs. Wood suggested that regular community walks of local paths, including those detailed in the Joint Councils Millenium Footpath Map should be organised. This approach could be supported by the Mid Cheshire Footpath Society; the Clerk will contact the Society to establish what involvement they could have.

#### 11.04.13 Next Meetings

Noted the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Council and a meeting of the Playing Field Trust.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 8.50pm