

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011 at 7.50pm (following the AGM)**

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

**In Attendance:** E. Beech – Clerk  
L. Williams – resident  
K. Stock – PCSO  
Cllr. E. Watson – Cheshire West and Chester Council

**11.05.01 Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved:** that the apology for absence received from Cllr. D. Watkinson (unwell) be agreed and those from Cllrs. Sinar and Weltman (Cheshire West and Chester Council) be noted.

**11.05.02 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.

Matters raised were:

- the poor state of the mini roundabout at Jack Lane / Main Road junction
- need for junction improvements at Brick Kiln Lane / By-pass and lack of foot/cycle path along the By-pass  
(Cllr. Watson agreed to raise these with CWAC Highways Services)
- the Pound the Bounds event has been postponed due to repairs being carried out on the river towpath
- the Parish Council having a stand at the Crow Fair on 9<sup>th</sup> July
- IMPPs has now ceased as its key actions from the Parish Plan are resolved, from which the Events Committee and the Youth Group remain to continue their roles
- the possible introduction of a community newsletter to complement the Council's Parish News but involving more local groups' reports and increasing to three editions a year

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest report, including reference to dealing with a six ASB incidents, to the new system of classification of ASB incidents (to 'person' or 'community' or 'environmental'), and the recent attempted theft of some of the play area railings in response to which additional police patrols will be put into place.

**11.05.03 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

**11.05.04 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:
  - a successful litter pick had been held along the roadway from Niddries Lane to the River Weaver on 30<sup>th</sup> April and a clean up of the War Memorial fenced area had been undertaken
  - a suitable package for the web provider / host costs has been found and therefore these remain at £8.99 per month
  - noted Cheshire West and Chester Council are advising contact with English Heritage regarding the Bronze Age Mound and Round Barrow but will help with signage and further advice if required
  - the individual citizenship award has been presented to the award winner
  - contact is being made with the Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society

**11.05.05 Vacancies**

Noted following the recent elections there are 3 vacancies on the Council.

**Resolved:** that the actions proposed to advertise an invitation to be co-opted to the Council be noted.

**11.05.06 Reports**

**(a) Finance**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 be noted and the following recommendations be agreed:

- i) the summary of accounts as distributed be received and the Annual Return for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, including the Annual Governance Statement be agreed and signed for submission to the External Auditor;
- ii) the Internal Auditor's report for the final quarter 2010/11 be received and that there are no areas of concern or anomalies, be noted;
- iii) the Council's insurance provider be changed to Came & Company Parish Council Insurance with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 and a 3-year agreement be entered into;
- iv) the 2011/12 budget now revised to take account of the 2010/11 outturn and savings from the insurance switch, be agreed and £1k be transferred from the current to the deposit account; and
- v) a donation of £50 be sent to the North West Air Ambulance

**(b) Planning**

Noted:

- i) the Planning Committee has submitted objections in the following application:  
162 Main Road – demolition of existing derelict building and proposed erection of a five bedroom detached dwelling house
- ii) the previously withdrawn application for 9 Lodge Drive – single storey rear extension and front porch has now been re-submitted correctly for 29 Lodge Drive
- iii) receipt of correspondence from a Director of the Bostock Hall Management Company highlighting that the application permitted for the Salt Union to extend the operational length of the salt mine to 2021 included a clause to protect Bostock Hall by no mining under it being permitted, has now been appealed against and the appellant won the appeal.

**(c) Garages Area**

Noted that a skip full of rubble, wood, metal and other rubbish was cleared from the garages area site on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**11.05.07 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

**11.05.08 Anti-Social Behaviour**

Noted concerns that an area of fencing at the play area has been tampered with as part of what may have been an attempt to remove it.

**11.05.09 Correspondence**

**Resolved:** that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) Councillors consider if they wish to attend the Rural Conference at Oulton Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and /or one of the seminars on The Localism Bill
- c) this matter be considered at the June meeting

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various Various 24 Apr 26 Apr 14 May	'Spotlight' - summary of national issues for Local Government Copies of various briefing notes for Elected Members April bulletin to Town and Parish Councils Rural Conference – Thurs. 23 June – Oulton Park Copy of new Public Transport Map and Guide for Northwich and Winsford Area	Noted Noted Noted See b) above Noted
2	ChALC	20 Apr 10 May 16 May 16 May	Details of free half day seminars on The Localism Bill May Newsletter May and June training sessions reminder Details of free half day seminar on The Localism Bill – Crewe	Noted Noted Noted See b) above
3	NALC	26 Apr	Re consultation on Govt. plans to move inland waterways into a new charity	See c) above
4	Web Manager	29 Apr	Website statistics for period 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan-27Apr 2011	Noted
5	Events Committee	9 May	Notice that the Pound the Bounds event is postponed to later in the year due to river footpath renewal	Noted

6	Clerks & Councils Direct	12 May	May Newsletter	Noted
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### 11.05.10 Accounts – net payments / income

		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	587.50
E. Beech	Reimbursement for Individual Citizenship Award gift token	20.00
E. Beech	Certificate card (pkt. of 50)	9.82
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Apr.- 4 occasions	140.00
Office Essentials	A3 green copier paper (Newsletter) & printer toner	74.28
Moulton Drama Group	Group Citizenship Award 2010	100.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work-Churchyard, Village Hall & Regent Street – Apr.	571.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at Playing field – April	493.50*
G. W. Scott	Web hosting fee to 1&1 Internet Ltd. (May – Nov. 2011)	53.94
Nick Brookes Skip Hire	Hire of skip for garages area – removal of large rubbish	133.10
G. J. Steele	Garages site clearance – 12 May	120.00
North West Air Ambulance	Donation	50.00

\* to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

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

*Proposed: Cllr. Wood*

*Seconded: Cllr. Vernon*

#### Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest - current account £0.08(Apr.) and deposit account £1.12 (Sep-Mar)	1.20
Cheshire West and Chester Council - precept 2011/12	26,378
MADCA – reimbursement of agreed amount for Village Hall energy costs	127.53

### 11.05.11 Councillors' Reports

#### Highways

Concerns were raised about the difficulty of pedestrians getting to the Co-op Store from the junction of Main Road and Whitlow Lane. The footpath on the pub side is very narrow and necessitates crossing at a dangerous point and on the other side there is no footpath and the hedge is high and overhanging.

**Resolved:** that Highways be requested to:

- i) paint hazard yellow markings on the shop side of Whitlow Lane at this junction and require the owner of the hedge to keep it cut back
- ii) action the following other matters:
  - remove the dead tree and replace it with another suitable one as well as planting one near 19/21 Main Road where there is an obvious gap
  - arrange for the hedge along Jack Lane on the 'field side to be cut back (especially at the bus stop area)
  - paint the yellow zig-zag lines as promised, at the junction of School Lane and Main Road
  - repair or resurface the footpath along Regent Street as it is dangerous to walk on, particularly for elderly residents

#### Playing Field

Noted the tree nearest the School needs to be cut back.

#### Neighbourhood Watch

Noted disappointingly that no members of the community came forward to help progress a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in areas of the village but that a promotion of the benefits of this could be part of the Council's stall at the Crow Fair.

### 11.05.12 Next Meetings

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 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.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.12pm