

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 13th JUNE 2011 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams – resident, K. Stock – PCSO, P. Ashton – Moulton Adventure Group
Cllr. H. Weltman – Cheshire West and Chester Council
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

11.06.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllr. J. Kershaw (family illness) D. Watkinson (unwell) be agreed.

11.06.02 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. P. Ashton from Moulton Adventure Group outlined details of a planning application shortly to be submitted to site a container for storage at the Group's HQ in School Lane. Noted the details and that this would be considered by the Parish Council under the usual consultation process.

Other matters raised were:

- branches of an oak tree are overhanging the pavement in Niddries Lane
- the new 30mph sign in Jack Lane is obliterated by tree branches
- various hedges were identified as overhanging pavements
- various highways issues as identified from correspondence from a resident

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest report, including reference to a small fire at the play area.

11.06.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 16th May 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

11.06.04 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:

- Cllr. Watson (CWAC) had met with Highways Officers concerning the state of the road surface at the Beehive Roundabout and safety issues at junction on Jack Lane onto the by-pass – action to undertake repairs to the former are in hand but no scheme to alter the junction at the latter will be undertaken. A review of this will be requested.
- English Heritage has advised that the farmer has been approached to put the area of the barrow in the Natural England Stewardship Scheme and that the erection of a notice regarding its location would be helpful – Cllr. Rigby will contact the farmer to pursue this
- the Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society can help but need to be advised of any paths which are not being maintained, support a village walk of footpaths and invite subscription to the Society – Cllrs. Bowie and Wood to work on organising a first joint Parishes walk
- Cllr. Burgess and Cllr. Bowie will attend Cheshire West and Chester Council's Rural Conference at Oulton Park on 23rd June and The Localism Bill seminar at Crewe on 29th June, respectively
- an update on progress of the pilot scheme for electronic consultation on planning applications for Local Councils has been received; it is being trialed with a Town Council before being rolled out to other pilot Councils
- Debbie Bennett, the Council's appointed School Governor will give a brief report to the next meeting
- the Council will have a stall at the Crow Fair.

11.06.05 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved: that the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2011 be received.

11.06.06 Vacancies – Co-options

Noted no applications for co-option were received by the closing date but one has been received since.

Resolved: that the closing date be extended to the end of the month, all applications received by that date be considered and applicants be invited to attend to meet members of the Council on Monday 4th July from 7.30pm, following which recommendations for appointment will be made to the next meeting.

11.06.07 Reports

(a) Finance

No matters to report.

(b) Planning

Noted:

- i) updates on the following applications:
Land at 162 Main Road – demolition of existing derelict building and proposed erection of a five bedroom detached dwelling house – *refused*
65 Main Road – two storey side and rear extension and detached garage - *withdrawn*
- ii) the proposed submission of the following applications:
Moulton Adventure Group, School Lane - to site a storage container outside its building
The Salt Union – to vary some conditions on a previous permission and extend the operational life of the mine
- iii) CHAIN (Cheshire Anti-Incinerator Network) are requesting support for their involvement in the public inquiry into the erection of an incinerator at Lostock

Resolved: that a representative from CHAIN be invited to give a brief presentation to the next meeting.

(c) Garages Area

Noted that a meeting with tenants is arranged for Saturday 18th June 2011 at 10.30am at the Village Hall.

(d) Community

Resolved: that the arrangements for initial judging for the Best Kept Garden Competition 2011 be agreed.

11.06.08 Government's Proposal's for Inland Waterway

Considered the current consultation on the Government's proposal to move inland waterways into a new charity

Resolved: that the proposal be supported but the Council's belief that the period of government funding is too low so there should be a longer commitment than 10 years, that it has concern from where the vast army of volunteers likely to be needed would come and that it is hoped that it would operate like, and achieve the same status as, the National Trust, and develop its leisure potential and place an emphasis on conservation.

11.06.09 Town and Parish Council Representatives on CWAC Standards Committee

Undertook voting on the 4 candidates for election to 3 places on the Standards Board.

Resolved: that the Council's first, second and third choices be Peter Guildford, Edward Lush and Roger Parkin respectively

11.06.10 Village Hall

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

11.06.11 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted that again anti-social behaviour at the play area this time an attempt to set fire to one of the pieces of play equipment.

11.06.12 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) the Planning Committee consider the consultation papers on the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy and respond prior to the next meeting

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various	'Spotlight' - summary of national issues for Local Government	Noted
		Various	Copies of various briefing notes for Elected Members	Noted
		16 May	Standards Committee Newsletter 4	Noted
		17 May	Consultation on proposed changes to Home to School Transport policy	Noted
		20 May	Agenda and application form for Rural Conference – Thurs. 23 June – Oulton Park	Cllr. Burgess to attend

		25 May 6 Jun 9 Jun	May bulletin to Town and Parish Councils Notice of initial consultation on Mineral Safeguarding Areas and Mineral Infrastructure The Future of Your Area – Have Your Say! – reminder about the consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy – implications of growth for the borough - online response facilities and at Rural Conference	Noted Noted See b) above
2	Cheshire Community Action	2 Jun 10 Jun	Update on direct support and guidance available for Rural Community Groups Open Day and Members Evening – 7 th July – Chelford Village Hall – from 3.30pm	Noted Noted
3	CHAIN (Cheshire Anti-Incinerator Network)	25 May	Seeking a contribution to maintain objections during the Public Inquiry, Committee membership, presentation by member, etc	See 11.06.07 b) iii) above
4	North West Air Ambulance	9 Jun	Letter of thanks for donation	Noted
5	Cheshire Police	10 Jun	Question Time – influence the delivery of local policing – public meeting – Wed. 13 July at 7pm – The Drummer	Noted
6	Open Spaces Society	11 Jun	Summer newsletter & Notice of AGM – 5 th July	Noted

11.06.13 Accounts – net payments / income

		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	577.10
E. Beech	postages £7.85 (Dec10 –May11)and travel £44.00 (Mar-May)	51.85
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	PAYE and NI – 1 st quarter	10.40
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – May - 5 occasions	175.00
G. J. Steele	emergency fence repair at toddler play area	16.00*
Morrall Play Solutions	play and MUGA areas – annual independent inspection	195.00*
Northwich Town Council	Contract work-Churchyard, Village Hall & Regent Street – May	450.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at Playing field – May	415.00
Cheshire Community Dev. Trust	Donation towards 2011 Playscheme	500.00
Cheshire Assoc. of Local Cls.	Chairmanship training pt.1(CB)	30.00

* to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Vernon

Seconded: Cllr. Rigby

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Interest - current account (May)	1.99
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11.06.14 Councillors' Reports

School Citizenship Award

Cllr. Vernon reported Moulton School's nomination for the School Citizenship Award.

Resolved: that Cllr. Bowie present Nathan Mather of Yr. 6 with the Council's School Citizenship Award certificate and book token at a ceremony to be arranged with the School.

River Weaver Path

Cllr. Burgess reported on good progress on the path improvements.

Training

Cllr. Bowie reported on her attendance on Part 1 of a Chairmanship Course run by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils.

11.06.15 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th July 2011 at 7.15pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and a presentation by a member of Cheshire Anti-Incinerator Network.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.05pm