

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 11th JULY 2011 at 7.15pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams, D. Bennett – residents
B. and H. Cartwright – CHAIN
K. Stock – PCSO
Cllr. G. Sinar – Cheshire West and Chester Council
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

Brian Cartwright gave a presentation on CHAIN (Cheshire Anti Incinerator Network) and its current fight against the appeal submitted by TATA Brunner Mond to overturn the decision to refuse the building of an incinerator at Lostock Gralam. He outlined the role of the organisation and highlighted the following:

- there are or have been a number of proposals to incinerate waste for this area
- the pre-enquiry meeting is to be held in Northwich at the end of July
- he believes there is enough capacity in Cheshire with two current plants – this development would result in lorries bringing waste from outside Cheshire
- there are issues about safety – although it is claimed there are no fumes why is a high chimney needed
- will be a major addition to traffic issues in the area
- have a 25,000 signed petition against the development
- are seeking funds to help with the fight against the appeal

The Chair thanked Mr. Cartwright for his presentation.

Mrs. D. Bennett, Parish Council nominated Moulton School Governor gave a brief report outlining the business of the School during the last school year. She highlighted her meetings' attendance details, school developments and other issues managed during the year. Particular reference was improved interaction between Governors and Staff, her involvement with the Y6 class, the future use of the old canteen and that all places for the new intake is full for September 2011. A question was raised regarding the impact on this for any child from the village needing a place during the coming year and it was reported that some children living in the village cannot get places. Noted that Cheshire West and Chester Council have an admissions policy which includes the criteria applied to allocate places at an oversubscribed school.

The Chair thanked Mrs. Bennett for her report and for carrying out the Governor role on behalf of the Parish Council.

11.07.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Watson and Weltman (Cheshire West and Chester Council) be noted.

11.07.02 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 to report the success of the Crow Fair including the involvement of staff from Veolia. The Council expressed its thanks and congratulations to the Events Committee.

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest monthly report, including reference to a small number of low level anti-social incidents, some crimes including damage and lead theft and to report that an ANPR operation had been undertaken locally. Kat also advised that she is giving a monthly talk to the Yr6 group at the School

11.07.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 13th June 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

11.07.04 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:

- Re the safety issues at the Brick Kiln Lane junction onto the by-pass – a survey of the number of buses that undertake to turn left to use the Peckmill roundabout in order to get to Winsford and a survey of the volume of traffic using the Brick Kiln Lane and the Peckmill junctions to compare difference in use will be undertaken
- re the footway/cycle way on Davenham bypass – we are advised there is a pedestrian/cycle route off the southern end of the bypass along bridleway Bostock BR4 which offers the safe alternative route
- Mr. Ford, owner of Bank Farm, is aware of the grant to put the area of the barrow in the Natural England Stewardship Scheme and is happy for the erection of a suitable notice in an agreed place regarding its location
- Cllrs. Bowie and Wood are looking to organise a first joint Parishes walk in the autumn
- Cllr. Burgess on his attendance at Cheshire West and Chester Council's Rural Conference at Oulton Park on 23rd June from which the importance of the development of Neighbourhood Planning was noted
- Cllr. Bowie reported on her attendance at a seminar regarding The Localism Bill at Crewe on 29th June at which the Bill was reported to be only at its very early stage with the likelihood that more revisions will be introduced
- village community and voluntary groups have been advised of the availability of grants from the Council and provided with the usual details of how to apply

Resolved: that

- a) Cheshire West and Chester be advised that the Bostock RB4 is not easily usable, mainly due to it passing through farm property and the information post being marked only as a footway
- b) the following action regarding the barrow be taken:
 - meet with the relevant officer from Cheshire West and Chester Council to progress the location sign
 - establish what, if any, surveys have taken place and what information was found and contact with the Manchester and Liverpool Universities' Archaeological Departments about researching information to provide a historical context for the barrow

11.07.05 Co-option

Resolved: that the minutes of a meeting held on 4th July 2011 be received and the recommendation arising that Mr Norman (Nick) Harris be co-opted to the Council be agreed.

11.07.06 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the 1st quarter financial report for 2011/12 be received.

(b) Planning

- i) re: Salt Union's proposal to vary some conditions on the previously agreed application and to extend the operational life of the mine to 30th June 2048
Noted the Planning Committee has raised concern about the impact on Bostock Hall and as there is an exclusion zone under the core area of Bostock why there cannot be a similar one under the Hall
- ii) re: the CHAIN (Cheshire Anti-Incinerator Network) presentation
After discussion and following a vote it was, by a majority

Resolved: that a donation of £100 be made to CHAIN to support its involvement in the public inquiry into the erection of an incinerator at Lostock

(c) Garages Area

Received the notes of the meeting with tenants held on Saturday 18th June 2011 at 10.30am at the Village Hall. Noted the Garages Area Committee are progressing the various actions.

(d) Community

- i) Best Kept Garden Competition

Noted the arrangements for initial judging were almost completed and the Manager of the Garden Centre at The Hollies has kindly agreed to carry out the final judging in early August.

- ii) Christmas Tree Lighting Event

Noted some initial arrangements made (Barnton Band is booked). Further report at the next meeting.

11.07.07 Village Hall

Noted that the management of the Village Hall will be the responsibility of St. Stephen's PCC with effect from 1st September 2011 and handover arrangements are underway. The PCC has made a strong commitment to enable the Hall to continue to be used as a community facility and is currently bringing together representatives of the Hall users to form a Group to support this new arrangement

Resolved: that

- a) MADCA be thanked for its significant contribution to the community through its management of the Hall for the past 30 years and the new Group be wished every success
- b) the Parish Council will continue to support the Hall, the details of which will be considered at the end of the meeting and due to the confidential nature of the matter at this point in time, members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

11.07.08 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted that there are no significant matters to report. The next meeting of MADSAG is arranged for 8th September.

11.07.09 Correspondence

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

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	21 Jun 23 Jun 27 Jun	Copies of various briefing notes for Elected Members Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2010/11 – recently published – also invitation to submit site information by 29 th July June bulletin to Town and Parish Councils	Noted Noted Noted
2	Cheshire Assoc. of Local Cls.	27 Jun	Vale Royal Group meeting – 14 th July – Wyvern House	Chair & Clerk to attend
3	Weaver Valley Partnership	7 Jul	Invitation to launch of Northwich Barons Quay Development Framework – 19 th July at 2pm at Northwich Memorial Hall	Clerk to attend
4	Resident	8 Jul	Request for a proposal for a one way system in the centre of the village to alleviate the traffic problems to be re-considered	Item for next agenda

11.07.10 Accounts – net payments / income

		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	587.50
E. Beech	telephone (14/3-13/6) & Broadband (Apr-Jun)	34.58
E. Beech	reimbursement – book token for School Citizenship Award	20.00
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – June - 4 occasions	140.00
British Gas	gas supply to village hall 30/3-21/6/11	166.67
Mid Cheshire Footpath Society	subscription – 2011/12	8.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work-Churchyard, Village Hall & Regent Street – Jun	450.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work at Playing field – Jun	415.00*
G. W. Scott	1 st payment – IT service and 1&1 invoice amendment	75.58
Play & Leisure Ltd.	Bolts, washers and sheer nuts for play area fencing	16.04*

* to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that

- a) the above accounts be passed for payment
- b) as there is no August meeting the Clerk process any payments required in August and bring the details for confirmation to the next meeting

Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson

Seconded: Cllr. Vernon

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Interest - current account (Jun)	2.93
HMRC – VAT reclaim	654.76
Playing Field Trust reimbursement	1840.02

11.07.11 Councillors' Reports

School Citizenship Award

Cllr. Bowie reported on the presentation of the School Citizenship Award certificate and book token at a recent ceremony at the School. Noted Cllr. Rigby will attend the Year 6 School Production at the end of term.

War Memorial

Noted the Moulton Legion has put poppies at the Memorial linked to its 90th Anniversary

Crow Fair

Noted the Parish Council stand, staffed by a number of Councillors was well received but demonstrated more need to publicise its work and responsibilities.

Resolved: that

- a) a Parish Council stand become a regular arrangement at the Crow Fair
- b) a means to improve the availability of information at the stand and any other helpful resource be explored

Communication

Noted some concerns expressed by a resident at the Caravan Park that no information reaches residents there.

Resolved: that this will be corrected for future distributions

Play Area – Weaver Road

Resolved: that Cheshire West and Chester be contacted regarding the poor state of the play area which lacks equipment and does not appear to be regularly maintained.

Playing Field

Concerns were expressed about the boundary with the rear of the British Legion site which is now open following the removal of the trees. Noted the Legion plans to erect a lattice fence and paint it green.

Resolved: that the Playing Field Trust plant suitable trees or bushes along this stretch of boundary

Moulton Adventure Group

Cllr. Bowie reported on her recent attendance at the Group's AGM at which a number of matters for which they are looking for funding were raised. Several sources of funding were suggested.

11.07.12 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12th September 2011 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and followed by the AGM and an ordinary meeting of the Playing Field Trust.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.25pm