

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2011 at 7.30pm

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

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

11.10.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apology for absence received from Cllr. Kershaw (work commitments) be received and that from PCSO Stock be noted.

11.10.02 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. A number of highway faults were highlighted for report to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

11.10.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 12th September 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

11.10.04 Committees

Resolved: that the following additional appointments to Committees be made:
Cllr. Harris – Finance Committee, Planning Committee, and reserve for the Friends of Weaver Parkway
Cllr. Aston – Garages Area Committee and Website / IT

11.10.05 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:
 - improvements to the Main Road / Whitlow Lane junction will be costed and funding sought;
 - Cllr. Sinar, Watson and Weltman will make a contribution from their allocated budgets
 - data from traffic surveys on the A533 carried out at the Brick Kiln Junction and the Peckmill roundabout has been received and the Principal Highways Engineer has confirmed that a scheme to make changes at the Brick Kiln Lane junction will not be funded from this year's Local Safety Scheme allocation but the situation will continue to be monitored
 - the date for the 'Dog Fouling / Litter Roadshow' to come to the village is yet to be finalised
 - a report on the playscheme run for two weeks at the end of August the cost of which the Parish Council made a donation towards, was received
 - the yellow hazard warnings at the junction of Main Road and School Lane have been repainted

Resolved: that the survey data be received but Cheshire West and Chester Council be advised that it is incomplete as no record was made of the number of vehicles which turn left out of Brick Kiln Lane to then return from the Peckmill roundabout to make their journey in the Winsford direction

11.10.06 Joint Parishes Meeting

Resolved: that the draft minutes of the Joint Parishes meeting held on 3rd October 2011 be received and the following be noted:

- the Davenham and Moulton Parish Councils' Planning Committees meet on 11th October at 7.30pm to draft a response to Government's new planning proposals
- the first joint Parishes walk will be publicised to be held on Sunday 23rd October at 11.00am starting from the Playing Field car park

11.10.07 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- i) the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th September 2011 be received and the following recommendations regarding the allocation of grants for 2011/12 be agreed:

Moulton Coffee and Chat	-	£100	Moulton Drama Group	-	£100
Moulton Womens Institute	-	£ 50	Moulton Methodist Church	-	£100
1 st Moulton Rainbows	-	£100	1 st Moulton Guides	-	£100
Stanthorne Rangers	-	£100	Royal British Legion Social Club	-	£100
St. Stephen's Church	-	£ 60	Moulton Lion Football Club	-	£ 75
Neuromuscular Centre, Winsford		£ 25			
- ii) the Committee's decision that the capital amount of £29,587.84 plus accrued interest in the Guaranteed Investment Account be reinvested for a fixed term of 12 months at the interest rate of 2.00% as advised on 19th September 2011, be noted
- iii) the 2nd quarter financial statement for 2011/12 be received

(b) Planning

Resolved: that

- i) the Planning Committee's comments submitted on the following applications be noted:
10 Lodge Drive – front dormer extension – no objections but comments on the poor plans provided
- ii) the following comments on the application to change the use of land off London Road, Davenham for a residential caravan site for two gypsy families, be submitted:
 - *contravention of section H17 of the Adopted Vale Royal Local Plan relating to lack of reasonable access to medical facilities; detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the areas as it is a green field at present but will become residential; the plans do not include extensive landscaping of the fringe of the site and, the Statement presented does not indicate what the regular trade of the gypsies is so they have not addressed the suitability of the site to carry on their regular trade/s*
 - *the application does not address the impact on the adjacent Peckmill Valley Site of Biological Importance nor the area of ancient woodland which also neighbours the site – the proposed residential use of the site will have a detrimental impact on these special areas
The application appears to propose at least 2 permanent residencies – this is agricultural land not residential land*
 - *access to the site is very close to a busy roundabout – with the number of residencies proposed there is the presumption of 4 vehicles using this access which is very close to one of the junctions*
 - *the provision of utilities is not referred to – other local residences use septic tanks for waste so this site would probably need this facility
In addition the Council understands that neither Bostock Parish Council nor Davenham Parish Council were informed of the development and invited to comment as is the required practice.*

(c) Garages Area

Noted the quote for tree work has at the garages area has not been received.

Resolved: that, in conjunction with the Chair of the Garages Committee the Clerk make a decision on the quote

(d) Community

- i) Christmas Tree Lighting Event

Noted matters are in hand for this event.

- ii) Parish Newsletter

Received and commented on a first draft of the next edition of the Newsletter, noting more articles for inclusion are expected from village community groups.

11.10.08 Village Hall

Resolved: that 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

11.10.09 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted the next meeting of MADSAG is to be held on 10th November.

11.10.10 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) the item re consultation on initial proposals for review of Parliamentary constituencies for England be put on the November meeting agenda for a response to be submitted prior to the 5 December deadline
- c) Cllr. Harris attend the AGM of the Cheshire County Playing Fields Association on 24th October and a nomination for him to be a representative to serve on the Executive Committee be submitted

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various	Various briefing notes for Elected Members Invitation to nominate areas for Queen Elizabeth 11 Playing Fields 1 st edition of newsletter focusing on Neighbourhood Planning September bulletin to Town and Parish Councils Notice of Big Lottery Fund grant for starting community enterprises in rural communities	Noted
		14 Sep		Noted
		20 Sep		Noted
		22 Sep 27 Sep		Noted
2	Cheshire Assoc. of Local Cls.	13 Sep 26 Sep	September Newsletter Superfast Broadband by 2015 – presentation on 25 October 2pm – 4pm at Cuddington Village Hall by 'Connecting Cheshire' Partnership	Noted Noted - Clerk will attend
3	Open Spaces Society	26 Jul	2 Government consultations – one re the registration of new town and village greens and one re proposals for the new Local Green Space designation	Noted
4	Cheshire Rural Touring Arts	20 Sep	Autumn programme	Noted
5	Dept. of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	20 Sep	Further consultation re the transfer of British Waterways' function to a new Waterways Charity – closing date 24 October	Noted
6	Boundary Commission	26 Sep	Re consultation on initial proposals for review of Parliamentary constituencies for England – deadline 5 December	See b) above
7	Cl. for Protection of Rural England	26 Sep	Copy of 'How To Respond To Planning Applications'	Noted
8	Ches. Playing Fields Assoc.	30 Sep	Notice of AGM on Mon. 24 th October at 10.30am at Gadbrook Park and invitation to nominate a representative to serve on the Executive Committee	See c) above
9	Open Spaces Society	7 Oct	Notice of a Special General Meeting on 23 November re incorporation	Noted
10	Diamond Jubilee Beacons Ltd	8 Oct	Guide to taking part in the Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons celebration	Noted

11.10.11 Accounts – net payments / income

		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	587.50
E. Beech	reimbursement – BKG Comp. – vouchers, gift, engrave shield	90.44
E. Beech	travel Jun-Sep (£38.40) tel.& b-band (£32.56)	70.96
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Sep - 4 occasions	140.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work-Churchyard, Village Hall & Regent Street – Sep	180.00

Northwich Town Council	addit. work – remove brash & spray at plot 14A	280.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work at Playing field – Sep	437.00#
Northwich Town Council	addit. work – reposition speed bump	331.50#
Suddenstrike	treatment and removal of moles at playing field	92.50#
British Gas	gas supply to Village Hall 22/06 – 22/09	118.75
D. Hough	additional equipment for new tree lights	14.98

to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts below be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson

Secoded: Cllr. Vernon

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest - current account (Sep)	1.63
Playing Field Trust reimbursement	2061.69
Interest on Guaranteed Investment Account (Oct 10 – Sep 11)	202.86

11.10.12 Councillors' Reports

The following were raised and will be noted or actioned as required:

- that no recent information regarding meetings of the Friends of Weaver Parkway
- part of the gully on the road at the rear of Regent Street requires repair
- reminder regarding attendance at the Remembrance Sunday parade and service

11.10.13 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th November 2011 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

Noted, also:

- Garages Area Committee – Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm – Committee Room
- Finance Committee – Monday 21st November at 7.30pm – Committee Room

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