

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2011 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams, Dr. G. Kegg – residents
PCSO K. Stock
Cllr. H. Weltman – Cheshire West and Chester Council

11.11.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Burgess (holidays), Kershaw (work commitments) and Watkinson (unwell) be received and that from Cllr. Watson (CWAC) be noted.

11.11.02 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:

- a query about any proposed celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in June 2012 and the wish for some coordination of events being held by the Church, associations and community organisations, etc. – agreed to consider at the January Council meeting
- concerns about cyclists riding on pavements, particularly at speed, and impact on pedestrians – PCSO will speak to children at Schools

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest monthly report, including reference to there being 48 various incidents in Davenham and Moulton with only 1 ASB incident during the period 24th October to 8th November (notoriously a period of high ASB in the past. Those present commented on the range of preventative approaches undertaken by the PCSO which are contributing to these good statistics. Also, a new non-emergency telephone number for the Police is being launched (101). Noted the teen shelters and the benches have been painted by CWAC and the Payback Scheme.

11.11.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 10th October 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

11.11.04 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 Streetscene Roadshow regarding dog fouling and litter had been in the village on 26th October from 7.30am to 12 noon. It was attended by Streetscene staff, Community Safety Wardens and the PCSO who met and talked to dog owners at the playing field and around the village about their responsibilities.
 - the Parishes Walk held on Sunday 26th October was reasonably well attended (15+ persons). More will be arranged possibly starting at a later time or on a Saturday.
 - thanks were recorded to Laura Williams for her co-ordination of the distribution of the Newsletter and to her team of distributors.
 - Cllr. Harris reported he had been elected to the Executive of the Cheshire County Playing Fields Association.
 - the Clerk has still been unable to contact the Friends of Weaver Parkway but will now go via the Parkway Rangers.
 - the Clerk had met with Moya Watson regarding signage for The Mound. Information on text, etc is available and more information on design and funding will be sent. School keen to be involved. Cllrs. Rigby, Bowie and Hough will progress this and PCSO Stock willing to help.
 - the British Legion had responded regarding traffic congestion on Main Road advising that parked cars often prevent the refuse lorry from being able to get into the car park but it will do so when it can.

- it had been agreed at the ChALC AGM that subscriptions would not be increased.
- the cantilever basket swing has been removed to be repaired and a damaged toddler swing seat will be replaced.

11.11.05 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- i) the internal auditor's report for the 2nd quarter 2011/12 be received and that there are no areas of concern or anomalies, be noted
- ii) in response to the request received, Cheshire Police Authority be advised that this Council confirms its commitment to its share of the PCSO funding for 2012/13

(b) Planning

Resolved: that

- i) the update on the application to change the use of land off London Road, Davenham for a residential caravan site for two gypsy families be received and it be noted that the application is still pending consideration awaiting more information from the applicant
- ii) the comments of both Davenham and Moulton Planning Committees submitted on the Government's consultation on the new draft National Planning Policy Framework be noted
- iii) the following comments of the Planning Committee be noted:
St. Stephens Churchyard – removal of tree under a Tree Preservation Order - no objections
65 Main Road – extension of time to implement permission under an existing outline planning permission for a 2-storey detached dwelling – no objections but will comment on the size and design of the dwelling once detailed plans are submitted.

(c) Garages Area

Resolved: that

- i) the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the Garages Area Committee meeting held on 1st November 2011 be received and the following be noted:
 - a contractor has been commissioned to carry out the pruning work on trees at the site in December
 - the rents collection will be made on Saturday 21st January 2012 from 10am to 12 noon.
- ii) arising from the confidential minutes a matter relating to the site will be considered at the end of the meeting and due to its confidential nature members of the public and the press will be excluded and instructed to withdraw for that item

(d) Community – completed the arrangements for the Christmas Tree Lighting Event on 26th November

11.11.06 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

Noted the changes proposed by the Boundary Committee in its 2013 review of parliamentary boundaries, in particular those affecting Cheshire

Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

The parliamentary boundaries proposed cross 2 Borough boundaries (Cheshire West and Chester BC and Cheshire East BC) - there are no natural linkages for the communities in the areas proposed - why do you not keep the boundaries for Cheshire West Chester to cover Ellesmere Port and Neston, Northwich and Winsford, and Chester City, and their respective linked communities. Why is there such an emphasis placed on size to the detriment of logical and obvious community links?

11.11.07 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted MADSAG met on 10th November. Highlighted need to be aware of numerous scams, including that involving an organisation called Ucash, which are being circulated at the moment.

11.11.08 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) the proposed change of status of Hartford High School to a Church of England Voluntary Aided School be considered at the December meeting

- c) Cllrs. Rigby, Harris and Wood be appointed to represent the Parish Council at a meeting of Cheshire West and Chester Council's Community Governance Review Committee on 1st December at which it will consider the terms of reference of this phase of the Review
- d) The resident and a small number of his friends be invited to the December meeting for 7pm to discuss their concerns about the lack of facilities for young people in the area

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various	Various briefing notes for Elected Members West Cheshire Together - partnerships bulletin October bulletin to Town and Parish Councils Details of 2 new funding streams available for local community groups Availability of 1 ton bags of sand/salt mix for Parish Councils to purchase at £100 Notice of consultation on change of status of Hartford High School to a Church of England Voluntary Aided High School – deadline 20 th Dec. Notice of a Community Governance Review – 1 st phase Winsford and its surrounding villages, inc. Moulton – invitation for up to 3 reps to attend appointed Committee meeting on 1 st December at 5.30pm to consider terms of reference of this phase of the Review	Noted
		14 Oct		Noted
		21 Oct		Noted
		4 Nov		No purchase
		4 Nov		See b above
		10 Nov		See c) above
2	Cheshire Comm. Action	20 Oct	Invitation to the AGM – 23 rd November – 6,30pm – Reaseheath College, Nantwich	Noted
3	Clerks & Councils Direct	30 Oct	November edition	Noted
4	Various	3 Nov	Thanks for grant (Moulton Drama Group, 1 st Moulton Rainbows, Moulton Methodist Church, NeuroMuscular Centre)	Noted
5	Open Spaces Society	5 Nov	Autumn edition of 'Open Space'	Noted
6	Resident	12 Nov	Request for things for young people to do in the village	See d) above

11.11.09 Accounts – net payments / income

		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	587.50
E. Beech	reimbursement for temporary event licence for 26 th November	21.00
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Oct - 5 occasions + call out fee#	191.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work-Churchyard, Village Hall & Regent Street – Oct	180.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work at Playing field – Oct	437.50#
Office Essentials	photocopier paper & green A3 for Newsletter	39.90
Prism Design and Print	copy and fold 1100 Parish Newsletters	133.53
Davenham PCC	donation to Davenham Churchyard burial ground costs	150.00
Environmental Friendly Coatings Ltd.	specialist paint for teen shelters and seats	213.27#
1&1 Internet Ltd. (E. Beech)	fee for website hosting and e-mail address Nov11-May12	53.94
Royal British Legion	donation for poppy wreath	20.00
Open Spaces Society	Annual subscription for 2012	40.00

to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts below be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Vernon

Seconded: Cllr. Wood

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

		£
Interest – Oct. - current account (£1.27) & deposit account (£1.20)		2.47

11.11.10 Councillors' Reports

No matters were raised

11.11.11 Staff Matter

The Clerk submitted her notice of retirement to take effect from 31st March 2012.

Resolved: that

- a) the notice of retirement be accepted
- b) Cllrs. Rigby, Allan and Watkinson, with the support of the current Clerk progress the initial action to recruit a new clerk and report back to the December meeting

11.11.12 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12th December 2011 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

Noted, also:

- Finance Committee – Monday 21st November at 7.30pm – Committee Room

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.00pm