MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2011 at 7.30pm

 Present:
 Cllrs. A. Burgess (Chair)

 A. Aston, D. Hough, N. Harris, J. Kershaw, A. Rigby (pt), P. Vernon and A. Wood

 In Attendance:
 E. Beech – Clerk

 L. Williams – resident
 PCSO K. Stock

 Cllrs. H. Weltman and E. Watson – Cheshire West and Chester Council

11.12.01 Appointment of Chair

Resolved: that in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr. Burgess be appointed Chair for the meeting.

11.12. 02 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Bowie (holidays) and Watkinson (unwell) be received.

11.12.03 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 the pleasing success of the Christmas Fair and Tree Lighting event

PCSO Kat Stock submitted her latest monthly report, including reference to there being 8 incidents in Moulton with none recorded as ASB but two crimes. One of the crimes has been the theft of lead from the school roof – noted need for vigilance and for any lead on properties to be made more secure. Noted KS continuing to be involved in Copstars at the Primary School and that she had accompanied the children on a school trip. Thanks conveyed to KS and Streetscene Officers regarding their successful response in apprehending some offenders re graffiti on the teen shelters. Concern expressed about youngsters not having lights on their bikes - KS will pursue this.

11.12.04 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 14th November 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record

11.12.05 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:
 - Cllr. Harris and Rigby had attended the Cheshire West and Chester Overview and Scrutiny Committee's first meeting regarding the Community Governance Review of Winsford and surrounding areas, including Moulton. Noted emphasis seems to be on development towards larger areas. Noted had raised that Davenham PC is outside of this Review but there are established working relationships between the two Parish Councils. Next meeting 4th January.
 - no response has been received to the invitation to attend the January meeting from the young resident who raised the matter of insufficient activities for young people in the village the Clerk will continue to pursue
 - the Friends of Weaver Parkway meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
 - the repaired cantilever basket swing and the replacement toddler swing seat will soon be reinstalled.

11.12.06 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21st November 2011 be received and the following recommendations be agreed:

- i) set the 2012/13 budget, including a precept of £27,696, representing an increase of 5%
- ii) continue the current Reserves Policy as detailed in the minutes
- iii) agree the revised Risk Assessment

- appoint Cllr. Aston to the Finance Committee iv)
- make a donation of £50 to the Cheshire West Citizens Advice Bureau V)

(b) Planning

Resolved: that the following be noted:

- the application to change the use of land off London Road, Davenham for a residential i) caravan site for two gypsy families has been refused by Cheshire West and Chester Council due to highway visibility issues be noted
- ii) the following application has been permitted by Cheshire West and Chester Council: 10 Lodge Drive - front dormer extension
- iii) the submitted comments of the Planning Committee on: 2 Lawrence Avenue - perimeter fence - concern re height and look of fence 5 Park Lane – porch to front and carport to side – no objections to porch but concerns about proximity of carport to boundary

(c) Garages Area

Noted agreed tree work will be done in January

(d) <u>Community</u> i) Christmas Tree Lighting Event

Noted the success of the Event held on 26th November 2011

Resolved: that the Barnton Silver Band be booked for 2012 and additional tree lights be purchased ii) Council's Citizenship Awards

Resolved: that more effort be made to promote the Individual and Group Awards through the production and distribution of an A5 information and application leaflet via local outlets

11.12.07 Hartford High School

Noted the proposal to change the status of Hartford High School from a community school to a Voluntary Aided Church of England School

Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

This Council does not support the principal of faith schools but does support education being delivered within an integrated environment. It considers this proposal would have a detrimental effect on neighbouring schools and individual pupils via the new School's admissions policy

11.12.08 Anti-Social Behaviour

Matters reported under the PCSO's report above. Noted MADSAG next due to meet on 12th January.

11.12.09 Correspondence

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

1	Cheshire West and	Various	Various briefing notes for Elected Members	Noted
	Chester Council	15 Nov	Tenancy Strategy consultation	Noted
		16 Nov	Information on Northwich Marina development	
			proposals	Noted
		17 Nov	Webpage link re information on Gypsy & Travellers	Noted
		21 Nov	November Bulletin to Town/Parish Councils	Noted
		21 Nov	November Partnerships Bulletin	Noted
		21 Nov	Consultation - Technical Reform of Council Tax	Noted
		30 Nov	Notice of Northwich Community Forum (inc.	
			Moulton) at Memorial Hall at 6.30 on 7 Dec.	Noted
		2 Dec	Seeking information on proposed village events for	
			the Queens Diamond Jubilee	Noted
		5 Dec	Local Transport Plan 2011-2016 summary – notice	
			of availability of full document on CWAC website	Noted
2	Came & Co.	18 Nov	Parish Council Insurance Newsletter – Autumn	
			edition	Noted
3	Cheshire West CAB	18 Nov	Information about the services available and a	Noted &
			request for a financial donation	Agreed
4	Ches. Assoc. of Local	23 Nov	December Newsletter	Noted
	Councils	5 Dec	2012 training dates	Noted
5	Davenham PCC	17 Nov	Thanks for donation for Churchyard	Noted
6	Moulton WI	22 Nov	Thanks for grant	Noted

7	Mid-Cheshire	30 Nov	Walks programme Jan-June 2012	
	Footpath Soc.			Noted
8	Arley Homes,	3 Dec	Seeking expressions of interest in developing	
	Warrington		affordable homes in the Northwich area	Noted
9	West Cheshire	3 Dec	Leaflets and posters re a local home improvement	
	Healthy Homes		agency for the elderly, vulnerable and disabled	Distributed
10	Gigg & Co Solicitors	5 Dec	Notice of business details change	Noted
11	Cheshire Community	9 Dec	Newsletter and AGM	Noted
	Action			

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11.12.10 Accounts – net payments / income

		£
E. Beech salary – Clerk		576.90
E. Beech	postages for Jun-Nov 2011	17.45
Post Office Ltd. (HMRC)	PAYE – 3 rd quarter	10.60
G. J. Steele litter pick/insp. contract – Nov - 4 occasion		140.00
G. J. Steele	monthly operational inspections (Apr-Nov 2011)	200.00#
Northwich Town Council	contract work - additional re War Memorial area	352.50
Play and Leisure Ltd.	New cradle swing seat	129.00#
The Hollies Farm Shop	1 x 22' Christmas tree, inc. delivery	200.00
Barnton Band	For Christmas tree event	70.00
St. Luke's Hospice	Collection made at Xmas tree lighting event	51.65
Cheshire West CAB Donation		50.00
Gigg & Co	Professional fees re village hall	302.00
# to be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust		

Resolved: that

a) the above accounts below be passed for payment

b) MADCA be invoiced for 50% of professional fees incurred relating to the Village Hall (£283.50) Proposed: Cllr. Vernon Seconded: Cllr. Wood

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest – Nov current account	0.78
VAT reclaim	1370.20
2012 garage plots rent	110.00

11.12.11 Councillors' Reports

The following were highlighted for report, action or to note:

- collections of water due to blocked gullies at 55/57 Main Road, Orchard Rise and Church Street

- roadway at rear of Regent Street
- fence alongside Hillside Lane remains in poor state of repair
- the top of the stretch of hedging along Jack Lane from the bus shelter to the farm has not been cut
- the Weaver Road play area has been tidied up and a new dog waste bin installed

11.12.12 Appointment of new Clerk

Noted the recruitment documents have been prepared and received the timeline for recruitment including that the post will be advertised during the first week of January 2012.

Resolved: that a Recruitment Panel with the power to shortlist, interview and recruit to the post be appointed at the January meeting

11.12.13 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th January 2012 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 the meeting closed at 9.06pm