

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
  - the repaired cantilever basket swing and the replacement toddler swing seat will soon be re-installed.

**11.12.06 Reports**

**(a) Finance**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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

**(b) Planning**

**Resolved:** that the following be noted:

- i) the application to change the use of land off London Road, Davenham for a residential 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) Community**

- i) Christmas Tree Lighting Event

Noted the success of the Event held on 26<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**11.12.09 Correspondence**

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

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	15 Nov	Various briefing notes for Elected Members	Noted
		16 Nov	Tenancy Strategy consultation	Noted
		17 Nov	Information on Northwich Marina development proposals	Noted
		21 Nov	Webpage link re information on Gypsy & Travellers	Noted
		21 Nov	November Bulletin to Town/Parish Councils	Noted
		21 Nov	November Partnerships Bulletin	Noted
		30 Nov	Consultation - Technical Reform of Council Tax	Noted
		2 Dec	Notice of Northwich Community Forum (inc. Moulton) at Memorial Hall at 6.30 on 7 Dec.	Noted
2	Came & Co.	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
3	Cheshire West CAB	18 Nov	Parish Council Insurance Newsletter – Autumn edition	Noted
4	Cheshire West CAB	18 Nov	Information about the services available and a request for a financial donation	Noted & Agreed
4	Ches. Assoc. of Local Councils	23 Nov	December Newsletter	Noted
		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

