

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL (Main Room) on MONDAY 10 JUNE 2013 at 7.45pm**

**Present:** Cllr. Cllr. A. Rigby (Chairman)  
Cllrs. A. Aston (Vice –Chairman), T. Blackwood, C. Bowie, J. Kershaw,  
N. Harris, D. Hough, P. Vernon, D. Watkinson and A. Wood.

**Also In Attendance:** P. Sanders – Parish Clerk. CWAC Cllr. Weltman. PCSO Kat Stock.  
5 Members of the Public (names recorded).

**13.06.01 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

**Resolved:** to accept apologies from Cllr. Burgess (holiday).

Cllrs. Vernon and Watkinson declared an interest in Agenda Item 13.06.07 (correspondence from CHAMP)

**13.06.02 Public Open Session**

Issues relating to Richborough Estates proposed development:-

Robert Snasdell enquired whether the Parish Council had been advised that Richborough Estates have lodged an Appeal against the recent decision to withhold Planning Permission in respect of Application 12/05668/OUT. To date the Parish Council has received no formal advice from CWAC Planning. The Parish Clerk will seek further information.

CWAC Cllr. Weltman commented that the Council is now moving closer to having a 5 year supply of housing development land. Additionally, the Regional Spatial Strategy has now lapsed and CWAC can now look to set its' own, independent housing targets.

Several members of the public raised issues regarding the whole process of evaluating Planning Applications by CWAC Officers and the role of Planning Officers at the Committee Meetings. These points were noted.

Other Matters:-

Robert Snasdell enquired whether any progress has been made in taking forward the plan to introduce double yellow lines on the junction of Main Road/Whitlow Lane/School Lane. It is understood that CWAC Highways will shortly commence the statutory consultation exercise with residents.

**13.06.03 PCSO's Monthly Report**

PCSO Kat Stock gave a synopsis of her activities, plus a summary of recorded incidents, during May 2013. A copy of the Report is held on file.

**13.06.04 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2013 be agreed and signed as a true record.

**13.06.05 To receive the Parish Clerk's Report**

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

- During the recent Annual Village Walk, attended by Cllrs. Harris, Vernon and Watkinson, the following subjects were raised with Trish Johnson, Mike Solari and Jerry Gibbs from CWAC:- Regent Street Backs (both sides) – are to be swept and weeded at regular intervals; Erosion of verges on Niddries Lane – repairs are to be held in abeyance as recent trials of harder surfaces have not proved successful; Meadow Lane road surface – is to be resurfaced during the current financial year; Pavement on Wilson Drive – to be reviewed with a view to relaying flagstones/ tarmac; Weaver Road Playing Field – CWAC Streetscene have a pair of benches that the Parish Council can have free of charge; Litter Bin provision – up to six additional Bins will be provided free of charge (to be sited along RB4 from Railway Bridge upwards x3, outside Chip Shop, adjacent to the Stile linking the Playing Field

to the adjoining field and on P8 at the rear of Eaton View; Residents whose trees/bushes overhang pavements will be written to asking them to undertake suitable cutbacks; Litter Picking – CWAC will increase regular sweeps and will promptly respond to any specific blackspots (RB8 down to the River will be attended to as a matter of urgency).

- Given the above comments on Litter Picking, it was agreed to give Gary Steele one months' notice to stop his current weekly pick.
- There remains uncertainty as to the availability of the Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings beyond 31 July 2013. The Parish Clerk will continue to liaise with CHAMP as appropriate. If necessary, meetings will be moved to an alternative venue.
- CWAC Planning Enforcement is currently checking the Conditions stipulated regarding the new Barn Conversions at Jack Lane Farm. The query relates to the colour of Roof Tile used. Further advices will follow.

### 13.06.06 Reports

#### (a) Planning

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

- i). None.
- ii). None.
- iii). 13/02029/FUL – Conservatory to rear – 20 Meadow Lane, Moulton.
- iv). **Resolved: In** view of the comments made during the Public Open Session it was agreed to write to the local CWAC Councillors highlighting some of the concerns raised regarding the whole planning process, with particular regard to Application 12/05668/OUT.
- v). It was agreed to now commence the detailed preparatory work on the Neighbourhood Plan. An initial meeting, to include Parish Councillors and Parishioners who have expressed an interest in assisting, was provisionally agreed for Wednesday 3 July 2013. The Parish Clerk will book a meeting room and cover other administrative issues.  
Cllr. Wood put forward a suggested letter to CWAC outlining a number of measures aimed at improving consultation between CWAC Planning and Town/Parish Councils relating to Planning Applications. It was agreed, as an initial step, to seek the views of ChALC and CPRE on the points raised. It is felt that Neighbourhood Plans bring into sharper focus the role of Town/Parish Councils in the whole planning process.

#### (b) Community Initiatives

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

- i). The Parish Clerk advised that, along with Cllr. Harris, he met the prospective IT Trainer – Giles Fry – on Friday 24 May 2013. Mr Fry is aware of the aims of the Training Sessions. We now await a response from the Head at Moulton School on various administrative issues prior to writing out to those parishioners who have expressed an interest in taking part. A September launch is looking highly probable.
- ii). The Parish Clerk confirmed that he has spoken with Tim Leaman regarding an upgrade to the layout of the Web Site. Mr Leaman is to come back with a price quotation for consideration. Initial estimates are in the region of £1k.
- iii). The Parish Clerk confirmed that CWAC have been advised that the Parish Council is content to proceed with the Lease over Weaver Road Play Area. Further advices are now awaited from CWAC. Northwich Town Council has quoted a charge of £23.50 + VAT per each grass cut at the site. This is considered acceptable. Potential lines of funding for the full project will be investigated.
- iv). Northwich Town Council have quoted £1,302 + VAT to remove the dilapidated fencing and tidy up the verge at Hillside Lane.  
**Resolved: to** ask Northwich Town Council to undertake the work at the agreed price.
- v). The Parish Council will again promote Citizenship Awards in 2013, both Community Group and Individual. The Community Group Award will consist of an Engraved Shield and a Cheque for £100. The Individual Award will be a permanent Trophy and a £50 Donation to the Charity of the winners choosing. Closing date for nominations is to be 30 September 2013, with the Awards made in November 2013. The School Award will remain as at present – the nominee being decided by the School Council. The Best Kept Garden Award is to be relaunched as “The Moulton In Bloom” Award. Parish Councillors will undertake the usual preliminary judging before 31 July 2013. Gina Bebbington, from the Northwich Guardian, has agreed to undertake the final judging. Again, the Awards will be presented in November 2013.
- vi). Community Grants will again be awarded in 2013. In a departure from previous practice each Applicant Group will be asked to state in no more than 50 words what they intend to use the funds for and why they should be supported. As previous only Groups based in the village can apply and

supporting financial paperwork is compulsory. All applications are to be in by 30 September 2013 for scrutiny by the Finance Committee at its' Autumn Meeting.

### 13.06.07 Correspondence

a) **Resolved:** that the correspondence received as below be noted and the following action be agreed.

Item 1 (4) – Cllr. Rigby will attend.

Item 7 – Cllrs. Harris and Watkinson will attend.

Item 8 – Cllr. Rigby and the Parish Clerk will attend.

Item 9 – Noted. MADCA will shortly respond to CHAMP directly.

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 21 May 20 May 23 May 3 June	Members Briefings dated 14/5, 20/5, 28/5, 10/6 ( <i>e-mailed on receipt</i> ) Local Council Bulletin ( <i>e-mailed 21/5</i> ) Partnerships Bulletin ( <i>e-mailed 25/4</i> ) Local Councils Assembly – 27 June 2013 Community Resilience Workshops ( <i>e-mailed 3/6</i> )	To note  To note To note To discuss To note
2	Cheshire Police	Various	Weekly Newsletters ( <i>e-mailed as appropriate</i> )	To note
3	Vale Royal Disability Service	Various	Newsletters ( <i>e-mailed as appropriate</i> )	To note
4	Open Spaces Society	16 May	Letter re "Getting Greens Registered"	To note
5	Moulton Matters Members	Various	Copies of e-mails to CWAC relating to Richborough Estates Planning Application and Highways Issues ( <i>e-mailed on receipt</i> )	To note
6	Fields In Trust	21 May	Letter re AGM on 14 June 2013	To note
7	Cheshire Community Action	30 May	Connecting Communities Seminar – 9 July 2013	To discuss
8	ChALC	30 May	Notice of Vale Royal Area Meeting 11/7/13	To discuss
9	CHAMP	Various	WE-mails relating to release of Funds held by MADCA ( <i>e-mailed as appropriate</i> )	To discuss
10	VREN	7 June	Newsletter ( <i>e-mailed 7/6</i> )	To note

### 13.06.08 Accounts – Net Payments / Income

Payments:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
P Sanders	Salary June – Clerk	613.78
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS June 2013	120.31
PIAMS	Playground Inspection and Repairs - April	532.58
UK Mailing	May Newsletter Printing	286.80
Office Essentials	Stationery	144.04
GJ Steele	Monthly Inspections and Litter Collections	270.00
PIAMS	Playground Inspection - May	36.00
P Sanders	Expenses	37.65

**Resolved:** that the above accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr. Vernon. Seconded by Cllr. Watkinson.

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Bank Interest	2.64
HMRC VAT Refund 2012/13	2,348.28

### **13.06.9 Councillors' Reports**

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

- Cllr. Harris advised that he attended a Connecting Cheshire Event at Oulton Park on 3 June 2013. The Event focused on improved Broadband Coverage across Cheshire over the next 4/5 years.
- Cllr. Harris advised that the Mercia Regiment is parading in Winsford on 11 June 2013 from 2.30pm onwards. The Regiment has recently returned from a Tour of Duty in Afghanistan.
- Cllr. Bowie advised that the new owners of the Travellers Rest envisage re-opening by mid-July. They intend to open a Beer Garden at the rear and may offer food.
- Cllr. Hough advised that the street lamp adjacent to 57 Main Road is out of order.
- Cllr. Watkinson commented on the improvement in verge grass cutting by CWAC Streetscene.
- Cllr. Vernon advised that, following an approach from Mr Crimes, she has confirmed that he may move a vehicle and trailer onto the Playing Field Pathway to move building materials to/from site (alley way fencing is to be upgraded).
- Cllr. Hough advised that there will be Group Singing in the Village Hall on Friday 13 July 2013.
- It was left to individual Councillors to decide whether they wished to enter a Scarecrow in the forthcoming village wide competition being run by the Moulton Facebook Group.

### **13.06.10 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 8 July 2013 at 7.45pm at Moulton Village Hall (Main Room). There will be a 15 minute public participation session at the outset.

The Garages Committee will meet on Saturday 29 June 2013 at 11am. Prior to the commencement of the meeting Garage Lease Holders will be invited to raise any issues of concern from 10am onwards.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.05pm.