

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL (Main Room) on MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2013 at 7.45pm

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

Also In Attendance: P. Sanders – Parish Clerk.
10 Members of the Public (names recorded).

13.10.01 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
Resolved: to accept apologies from Cllr. A. Rigby (personal commitment).
CWAC Cllrs. Watson, Sinar and Weltman. PCSO Kat Stock.

13.10.02 Public Open Session
Issues relating to Richborough Estates proposed development:-
Margaret Newton, whilst thanking those Parish Councillors who spoke at the recent Planning Appeal Hearing, expressed disappointment that the Parish Council was not represented on all days. This meant that the Parish Council was not able to directly question representatives of Richborough Estates.

Other Matters:-

David Evans outlined plans for Moulton Members Group to hold a Firework Display on Friday 8 November 2013 on the Children's Playing Field. Permission to use the Field was granted, subject to copies of the Insurance Cover being lodged with the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk will arrange for the MUGA Lights to be switched off whilst the display is taking place.

Paul Wood commented that the new Freeholder of Land on Meadow Lane has been writing out to Property Owners seeking up to 20 years of outstanding Ground Rents – the maximum permitted by law is 6 years. It was suggested that the Residents affected should work as a Group in seeking legal advice.

13.10.03 PCSO's Monthly Report
The Parish Clerk presented PCSO Kat Stock's Monthly Report – no major issues arising. A copy of the Report is held on file.

13.10.04 To receive Resignations from Cllrs. Blackwood and Kershaw
Resolved: to accept the Letters of Resignation submitted by Cllrs. Blackwood and Kershaw. To seek the Appointment of 2 Co-Opted Members.

Letters of thanks for service are to be sent to Cllrs. Blackwood and Kershaw.

13.10.05 Minutes
Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2013 be agreed and signed as a true record.

13.10.06 To receive the Parish Clerk's Report
Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- 9 Applications for Community Grants have been received. These will be assessed by the Finance Committee at its' next Meeting on Wednesday 16 October 2013.
- Sandstone Plinth (housing the FIT Plaque), Notice Board, Flagpole, Electricity Supply and Trees are now in place adjacent to the War Memorial. The Christmas Tree has both been ordered and will be delivered shortly.
- The IT Training Sessions are now up and running at Moulton School - each Wednesday Morning commencing at 10am during term time. Funding has been secured via Cheshire Community Development Trust to cover the initial run of 10 weeks. Discussions have been commenced with Cheshire Community Action and VRDS regarding funding for future sessions into 2014.

- It is not known whether Cllr. Rigby has spoken with the owner of Bank Farm (Royston Ford) to seek permission to bring vehicles onto the pathway – to enable the dilapidated fencing posts to be removed. An update will be sought.
- CWAC Planning has responded to the letter suggesting a Planning Charter for Town and Parish Councils that have a Neighbourhood Plan in place. A copy of the Letter is held on file. Cllr. Wood has submitted a Resolution for discussion at the forthcoming ChALC AGM seeking area-wide support for the proposed Charter.
- The 6 items of Gym Equipment being purchased from Northwich Town Council are due to be delivered/installed during November.
- The Monthly Playground Inspection has resulted in a recommendation that both Swings Seats are replaced and a hole in the wetpour in-filled. The Parish Clerk will arrange as appropriate.
- It is felt that the best location for the Defibrillator will be the Co-Op Store on Whitlow Lane as it is open 16hrs per day. The Parish Clerk will discuss the matter with the Store Manager. A Resident, with vast experience of resuscitation procedures, has offered support in launching the initiative.
- The Head of Moulton School has confirmed that the School Music Group will appear at the Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Event on Friday 6 December 2013.
- Further chasers have been sent to CWAC seeking the Lease for Weaver Road Play Area. The School has again re-iterated its' desire to assist with the Project.
- The Over-hanging Trees adjacent to the War Memorial Car Park are to be trimmed back in the near future. The Tree Surgeon, Allan James, and the adjacent property owner have been left to agree a mutually acceptable date for the work to be undertaken.
- The Parish Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with CWAC regarding the reduced Bus Services now seen. CWAC confirmed that the decision to withdraw financial subsidies was linked to the lack of users in off-peak times, plus general financial cut-backs. Such subsidies are reviewed annually. The final decision on whether a service runs rests with the Operator.
- The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Police have been asked to monitor School Time Parking at Beechfield.

13.10.07 Reports

(a) Planning

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- i). 13/03780/FUL – 29 Lodge Drive – 2 storey side extension. No material objections, but comment made that the only rear access is via the garage.
13/04123/FUL – 1 Verdin Close – 2 storey side extension. No material objections, although comment made that removal of garages may create increased parking pressure within the site.
- ii) 13/03345/LDC – 29 Niddries Lane – single storey rear extension. Permission Granted.
- iii). None.
- iv). Cllr. Harris attended the recent Local Plan Consultation Presentation by CWAC and commented that much of the focus was on the use of brownfield sites within the Northwich/Winsford area. The Questionnaire styled response to the Consultation will be completed by Cllrs. Rigby and Harris and submitted to CWAC by the deadline date of 1 November 2013.
- v). Cllr. Rigby spoke on behalf of the Parish Council at the Appeal Hearing held at Wyvern House, Winsford between 1 and 4 October 2013. Cllr. Aston also spoke on behalf of Moulton Children's Playing Field Trust.
There was some concern that the structure of the Hearing was not made sufficiently clear to attendees, with the opportunity to question speakers missed. A letter is to be sent to the Planning Inspector seeking clarification on a number of procedural issues – lack of a clear Agenda; lack of awareness of the opportunity to question Speakers; in-camera discussions between legal representatives from both sides.
- vi). The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group met on 29 July 2013 and progressed key thoughts relating to the Built Environment and Traffic and Transport. It is felt that, with attendance numbers declining at Working Group Meetings, an initiative needs instigating to attract new Volunteers. The forthcoming Parish Council Newsletter will cover the issue and the Parish Council Stall at The Christmas Fair will focus solely on the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan Process. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan will be the Parish Council's main area of focus in 2014. The Working Group will next meet on Wednesday 4 December 2013.

(b) Community Initiatives**Resolved:** that the following be noted:-

i). Councillors have reviewed the proposed new Web Site Design as prepared by Mr Dean Sanders. The new layout was approved and is to be introduced on-line as soon as practicable. Mr Sanders will liaise with Graham Scott to effect the switchover. New photographs require taking for the pages introducing Parish Councillors, along with updated Pen Pictures.

ii). It was agreed to look to arrange a Joint Parish Council Meeting with Davenham PC on Tuesday 19 November 2013 at a venue within Davenham (all venues within Moulton are known to be pre-booked on that date). The Parish Clerk from Davenham will arrange Agendas and Minute Taking.

13.10.08 Correspondence

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

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 19 Sept 25 Sept 20 Sept	Members Briefings Local Councils Bulletins Partnerships West Northwich and Winsford Locality Team Newsletter	To note To note To note To note
2	Cheshire Police	Various	Weekly Newsletters	To note
3	Vale Royal Disability Service	Various	Newsletters	To note
4	Cheshire Playing Fields Association	13 Sept	Notice of AGM & Speaker	To note
5	Moulton Matters Members	Various	E-mails relating to Richborough Estates Planning Appeal Application and Neighbourhood Plan Issues	To note
6	Cllr. T Blackwood	11 Sept	Letter of Resignation	Agenda Item
7	Cllr. J Kershaw	13 Sept	Letter of Resignation	Agenda Item
8	Cheshire Police and RA Pickthall	Various	E-mails relating to Action against Mr Pickthall, Land in Davenham and MADSAG	To note

13.10.09 Accounts – Net Payments / Income

Payments:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
P Sanders	Salary October – Clerk	*632.34
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS August 2013 (not paid in error)	120.31
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS October 2013	197.91
Northwich Town Council	Contract – Church and Playschool - August	225.60
Northwich Town Council	Contract – Playing Fields - August	394.80
Cheshire Community Dev Trust	Donation towards Summer Playscheme Costs	*100.00
J & B Skip Services	Skip Hire re Garages Clearance Work	*888.00
GJ Steele	Garages Clearance Work	*800.00
CHAMP	Hall Hire	23.25
Dean Sanders	Web Site Update	300.00
GJ Steele	Litter Collections and 2 x Play Area Call Outs	*245.50
CWAC	Cleansing Contract	*306.00
Cheshire Police	PCSO Fees – 10/13 to 03/14	^5,900.00
ChALC	Training Fees	30.00
P Sanders	Clerks' Expenses – Sept/Oct	49.50

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment (items marked * agreed retrospectively, ^ 50% due from Davenham PC).

Proposed by Cllr. Vernon. Seconded by Cllr. Bowie.

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Bank Interest	5.33
DPC re PCSO Fees	2,950.00
MCPFT - Repayment	1,790.10
T & TF PC - Stationery	7.65

The Parish Clerk commented that the Finance Committee will meet in November (date to be finalised) to review 2013/14 out-turn to date and to set a Draft Budget for 2014/15.

13.10.10 Councillors' Reports

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

- Cllr. Bowie commented that instances of Dog Fouling on pavements seem to have increased in recent weeks. The issue will be referred to PCSO Kat Stock and the Community Wardens.
- Cllr. Watkinson suggested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Jim and Louise Mellor, the outgoing Publicans of The Lion Inn, referring to the excellent support they have given to village groups over many years.
- Cllr. Burgess commented that, whilst the landowner has trimmed the hedge fronting the pavement on Main Road (approaching the junction with Jack Lane), the cuttings have not been swept up. The situation will be referred to CWAC Streetscene if not remedied.
- Cllr. Hough enquired whether the Parish Council will be providing refreshments at the Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Event. It was agreed to provide Mince Pies and to encourage all Licensed Premises to support the Event.
- Remembrance Day (Sunday 10 November 2013). The event will culminate with the Procession leaving the Church at 10.45pm in readiness for Wreath Laying at the War Memorial at 11am. Cllr. Vernon will order the Parish Council Wreath. The Parish Clerk will ask NTC to jet wash the area beforehand, along with the Toddlers Play Area, and block off redundant grids. Cllr. Rigby to contact Rev. Kegg to discuss the Service Reading.
- Cllr. Vernon suggested that the flags surrounding the War Memorial either be relayed, or replaced by another suitable surface. It was agreed to revisit this suggestion during spring 2014.
- Cllr. Vernon suggested that CWAC Streetscene be approached to arrange a general tidy up of Regent Street Backs.

13.09.11 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11 November 2013, commencing at 7.45pm, at Moulton Village Hall (Main Hall). There will be a 15 minute public participation session at the outset following presentation of The Moulton In Bloom Prizes.

There being no further business this section of the Meeting closed at 9.22pm.