

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL (Main Room) on MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2013 at 7.45pm

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

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

13.11.01 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

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

13.11.02 To present the Moulton In Bloom

Cllr. Rigby and Gina Bebbington (Judge – Northwich Guardian) presented the following Prizes:-

- 1st – John Adamson of 11 Park Lane
- 2nd – Mr & Mrs P Andrew of 38 Meadow Lane
- 3rd – Mr & Mrs D Ashbrook of 22 Hillside Lane

13.11.03 Public Open Session

Allan Leach commented that the recently revised Bus Timetables show yet further cutbacks in the service, with the last bus to Moulton from Northwich now leaving at 5.40pm. Notwithstanding earlier advices from CWAC, it was agreed to seek further details of the rationale behind the latest service reductions.

Steve Gurr of Moulton PCC/CHAMP highlighted what he felt were inaccuracies in Parish Council Minutes relating to Village Hall Bookings/Viability. In response it was pointed out that there have been communication problems in terms of generating Village Hall Bookings – Mr Gurr contested this statement.

Mr Gurr also asked when the Parish Council/MADCA will release funds held in respect of the Village Hall. He contested the comment that sight of a CHAMP Constitution is still awaited and is a previously advised condition of funds release. It was agreed to arrange a Meeting involving the Parish Council, MADCA and the PCC in the near future.

13.11.04 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.

13.11.05 Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2013 be agreed and signed as a true record.

13.11.06 To receive the Parish Clerk's Report

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- The War Memorial refurbishments are now complete. The Parish Clerk will seek a Quote for tarmacing the area surrounding the War Memorial with a view to having the work undertaken in Q2 2014. It was agreed to install a Timer Mechanism for the Christmas Tree Lights at a cost of max. £290 + VAT.
- Cllr. Rigby has obtained the permission of Royston Ford (owner of Moulton Bank Farm) to remove the dilapidated Fence that borders Hillside Lane. Mr Ford requests that some form of border is reinstated, either a hedge or replacement low lying fence. The latter option is favoured and residents are to be consulted before any final decision is taken.

- Dean Sanders is to be asked to liaise with Graham Scott regarding the uplift of the new Web Site Pages (following the update of a number of pages – Councillor Penpics, Contact Details etc).
- Northwich Town Council (NTC) has indicated that it will install the 6 items of Outdoor Gym Equipment at the Playing Field in the next 3/4 weeks.
- The Play Area Inspector has recommended the replacement of Swing Seats and the infilling of holes in the Wet Pour Surface. It was agreed (on behalf of the Playing Field Trust) that this work needs undertaking and that his Quote, in the sum of £631.25 + VAT, is acceptable.
- CWAC Property Department has again been chased for the Lease over the Weaver Road Play Area.
- Davenham Electrical Contractors will undertake the Annual Check of the MUGA Lights in the next couple of weeks.
- PCSO Kat Stock and the Community Wardens have stepped up efforts to control Dog Fouling.
- The Autumn Newsletter is set for printing and distribution later this month.
- Xmas Tree Lights Switch On Event details will be finalised with Moulton School this week. The Event is scheduled for Friday 6 December 2013 at 6pm. It was agreed to ask Jane Birch, Head of Moulton School, if she will perform the ceremonial switch on.

13.11.07 Reports

(a) Planning

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- i). 13/04214/FUL – 11 Chapel Street – Single Storey Rear Extension. No objections.
- ii) 13/04258/TPO – Land off Beehive Lane – Work to a Large Mature Oak Tree to prevent danger to the public. Permission Granted.
- iii). 13/03780/FUL – 29 Lodge Drive, Moulton – two storey side extension (removal of existing garages).
- iv). The Questionnaire styled response to the CWAC Local Plan Consultation was not completed as it was felt that the Parish Council's views had already been expressed in the first round of consultations.
- v). There was nothing further to add regarding the Richborough Estates Planning Application (12/05668/OUT). We now await the Appeal Hearing outcome.
To date no formal response has been received to the Parish Council's letter to the three elected CWAC Members regarding the planning process procedural points highlighted earlier in the year. This is to be chased.
- vi). The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will next meet on Wednesday 4 December 2013 at the Methodist Chapel Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Additional Volunteers will be sought to work on the three Projects Groups.

Cllrs. Wood and Harris drew attention to the CWAC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) which indicates that there is land identified for the possible building of 3,195 new homes in the Davenham and Moulton Ward in the next 20+ years. A letter is to be sent to CWAC Planning pointing out that neither Parish Council appears to have been consulted on this issue. The letter will also seek information as to how the figure has been determined.

Additionally, the matter will also be discussed at the forthcoming Joint PC Meeting. The intention is to seek dialogue with the Local MP to discuss the concerns of Ward and Parish Councillors in relation to CWAC's lack of engagement and the planning proposals in general.

Cllr. Wood also advised that the proposed Planning Charter for Parishes with a Neighbourhood Plan in place was approved at the recent ChALC Annual General Meeting. ChALC will now take the matter forward with both CWAC and Cheshire East.

(b) Administrative/Community Issues

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- i). The Parish Clerk advised that the Manger of the Co-Op Store on Whitlow Lane has agreed in principle for a Defibrillator to be located on the premises. The Parish Clerk will now take matters forward.
- ii). The Parish Clerk has obtained the appropriate Notice relating to Co-Opted Vacancies. It was agreed that this will be displayed from 1 January 2014. The forthcoming Newsletter highlights the vacancies and articles will also be placed on the Notice Board and both Web Sites. It is envisaged that Applicants will be interviewed during February 2014.

iii). It was agreed to continue with the Moulton In Bloom Award in 2014, along with the Community Grants Scheme. A Photographic Competition is also to be launched, linked to the production of a Village Calendar for 2015. Additionally, the Parish Council will foster collaborative working amongst village groups with a view to promoting a series of co-ordinated events throughout 2014. Consideration will also be given to nominating a Village Charity for 2014.

13.11.08 Correspondence

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

Item 7b – Cllrs. Harris and Rigby to attend.

Item 7c – A copy of the NALC Publication “Local Councils Explained” is to be purchased.

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 15 Oct 22 Oct 17 Oct 31 Oct 1 Nov 4 Nov	Members Briefings (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>) Local Councils Bulletins (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>) Consultation: Statement of Licensing Policy (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>) Northwich and Winsford Locality Team Newsletter (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>) Annual Report 2012/13 Proposed Changes to Home 2 School Transport Consultation (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>) Notice of HS2 Consultation Event on 7 Nov	To note To note To note To note To note To note 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	CHAIN	16 Oct	Newsletter (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>)	To note
5	Moulton Matters Members	Various	E-mails relating to Richborough Estates Planning Appeal Application and Neighbourhood Plan Issues (<i>e-mailed on receipt when appropriate</i>)	To note
6	VREN	21 Oct	Newsletters (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>)	To note
7	ChALC	18 Oct 5 Nov 5 Nov	Newsletter (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>) Notification of Planning Seminar Publication – Local councils Explained	To note To discuss To discuss
8	R Pearson	24 Oct	E-mail re Notice Board and Overhanging Trees	Actioned
9	Clerks and Councils Direct	28 Oct	November Issue	To note
10	Minusus Liaison Group	28 Oct	Arrangements for next Meeting	Actioned
11	Moulton Drama Group	3 Nov	Details of next Production (<i>e-mailed on receipt</i>)	To note
12	RA Pickthall	Various	Assorted Communications	To note

13.11.09 Accounts – Net Payments / Income

Payments:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
P Sanders	Salary November – Clerk	603.94
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS November 2013	178.97
Northwich Town Council	Contract – Church and Playschool - September	253.80
Northwich Town Council	Contract – Playing Fields - September	658.80
Moulton Methodist Church	Room Hire	43.00
Allan James	Tree Pruning – War Memorial Car Park	*285.00
Play Inspection and Maintenance Services	Inspection - September	*36.00
GJ Steele	Visual Inspections, Litter Picks and Cradle Seat Repair	*182.00

P Sanders	Expenses – Oct/Nov	203.72
Play Inspection and Maintenance Services	Inspection - October	36.00
CHAMP	Room Hire	23.25
RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation – Wreath 2013	25.00
Open Spaces Society	Annual Subscription	45.00
Cllr. D Hough	Flags	12.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment (items marked * agreed retrospectively)
Proposed by Cllr. Watkinson. Seconded by Cllr. Bowie.

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Bank Interest	5.01
Fixed Term Bond - Interest	498.63

The Parish Clerk commented that the Finance Committee will meet on 21 November 2013 to review 2013/14 out-turn to date and to set a Draft Budget for 2014/15.

13.11.10 Councillors' Reports

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

- Cllr. Wood commented that the Minosus Liaison Group has not met recently, the Company having cancelled Meetings at short notice. He will push for a new date to be agreed. These Meetings have to be held twice a year as part of the Planning Permission Agreement currently in place.
- Cllr. Watkinson offered to create Flyers for the Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Event. Cllr. Hough will provide a Gazebo to ensure shelter. The Parish Clerk will arrange a supply of Mince Pies.
- Cllr. Bowie attended the HS2 Drop In Event at Winsford Lifestyle Centre on Thursday 7 November 2013. The current plans indicate that the new line will be 2.5kms away from Moulton to the eastern side of Bostock.
- Cllr. Vernon offered thanks to Moulton Facebook Group for the excellent Firework Display on Friday 8 November 2013. A formal Letter of Thanks is to be sent.
- Cllr. Vernon commented that feedback from the general public on the War Memorial Area Refurbishments has been very positive.
- Cllr. Aston advised that he attended the recent Cheshire Community Action (CCA) AGM. CCA is shortly moving to new premises in Northwich Town Centre and is looking to increase its' role as a funding co-ordinator for local organisations.
- Cllr. Rigby advised that Royston Ford is agreeable to the placement of a Plaque adjacent to the Bronze Age Mound off Hillside Lane. The School will be approached for artwork input to this project and an appeal (via the Web Sites) will be put out for any old photographs of the Mound.
- Cllr. Rigby highlighted the fact that Mechanised Wheelchairs have problems negotiating access points to a number of footpaths within the village. This will be taken forward with CWAC.
- Cllr. Rigby advised that CWAC will, in the course of the next few months, be launching the new Locality Boards and seeking input from Town/Parish Councils in the Northwich/Winsford area.

13.11.11 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9 December 2013, commencing at 7.45pm, at Moulton Village Hall (Main Hall). There will be a 15 minute public participation session at the outset.

There being no further business this section of the Meeting closed at 9.42pm.