

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL (Back Room) on MONDAY 8th APRIL 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. A. Rigby (Chairman), Cllr. A. Aston (Vice - Chair)
Cllrs. C. Bowie, A. Burgess, J. Kershaw,
N. Harris, P. Vernon, D. Watkinson and A. Wood.

Also In Attendance: P. Sanders – Parish Clerk. CWAC Cllrs. Watson and Weltman.
7 Members of the Public (names recorded).

13.04.01 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Resolved: to accept apologies from Cllrs. Blackwood (long term illness) and Hough (illness)

13.04.02 Public Open Session

A number of issues relating to the Richborough Estates (RE) Planning Application were raised. These are summarised as follows:-

- Cheshire Fire and Rescue gave their feedback to CWAC Planning without visiting the site. Following later representations by residents they have agreed to undertake a site visit before resubmitting their comments.
- There are still concerns over the suitability of Beehive Lane as an access point for delivery vehicles. Primary issues are road width (after allowing for widening) and access to existing properties at the end of the Lane.
- The provision for Green Space within the development appears to fall short of standard guidelines. Too much reliance is being placed on the close proximity of the existing Playing Fields.
- CWAC Highways have not yet provided their Consultation Feedback to CWAC Planning.
- Recent Consultation Letters from CWAC, following further advices from RE, have short turn round times – 4 days max. It is felt that this is unreasonable. There are also concerns that Strategic Planning Committee Members will not have sufficient time to digest any late information before the 18 April Meeting.
- At the 18 April Planning Committee Meeting there will opportunities for a CWAC Councillor, a Parish Councillor and a Member of the Public to address the Committee Members and express reasons for objection. Cllr. Rigby will speak on behalf of the Parish Council.
- There is a strong feeling that not all Consultees adequately scrutinise the Planning Documents before providing feedback to CWAC Planning. This leads to concerns that the Planning Officer and the Planning Committee Members are not adequately appraised before making recommendations/decisions.

David Tunstall commented that the initial CWAC Highways consultation on the proposed Double Yellow Lines on the junction of Main Road/School Lane/Whitlow Lane puts the emphasis on large vehicle access, rather than child safety. He felt that this may lead to people not fully appreciating the safety concerns previously expressed/agreed at the recent site meeting with CWAC Highways Officers. CWAC Highways have acknowledged these views and confirmed that later Consultation Letters will be more focused on safety issues.

13.04.03 [PCSO's Monthly Report](#)

PCSO Kat Stock advised that since the last Meeting there have been no reported crimes. 9 incidents have been recorded – nothing that required detailed follow up action.

13.04.04 Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2013 be agreed and signed as a true record.

13.04.05 Review of Items Discussed at Last Meeting Not On Agenda

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- The Parish Council is content to sign a new PCSO Service Level Agreement covering a three year period commencing 1 April 2013. Cost will be £5,900 per annum, fixed for the Agreement period. The Parish Clerk will sign the Agreement on behalf of the

Parish Council, re-iterating the desire to be kept fully advised of PCSO absences (and who is covering) and the need for monthly Crime/Incident statistics.

- CHAMP wrote to the Parish Clerk after the last Parish Council Meeting advising that the Village Hall Front Doors were not properly secured overnight. No action required as the Parish Council met in the Back Room.
- Trish Johnson from CWAC has contacted the Parish Clerk to arrange the annual Parish Walk. Cllrs. Watkinson, Vernon and Harris will accompany the Parish Clerk. Provisional date set for Monday 20 May 2013 at 2.30pm.
- The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Cleansing Contract with CWAC (Playing Field area) has been renewed for twelve months at a cost of £1,020 + VAT (up £20).
- The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Weekly Play Ground Visual Inspection and Litter Pick Contract, with Gary Steele, has been renewed for twelve months at a cost of £30 per week.
- The Parish Clerk advised that a Possessory Title claim over the strip of land adjacent to Hillside Lane will almost certainly be unsuccessful. It was agreed to write to CWAC Streetscene asking them to take appropriate remedial action, particularly with regard to the dilapidated fence. It is felt that this is a Duty of Care issue.
- In the absence of any further update the Parish Clerk has again requested feedback from CWAC Highways regarding the possible re-introduction of a Lollipop Person at School Opening and Closing times.

13.04.06 Reports

(a) Planning

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- i). 13/00709/FUL. Extension to porch and addition of bay window. 7 Weaver Grange. No objections. 13/00754/FUL. 2 x 1 Bed Apartments above garage. Jack Lane Farm, Jack Lane. No objections. 13/01033/LDC. Single storey rear extension. Snaefell, Jack Lane. No objections.
- ii). 11/02972/FUL. 3 bedroom dwelling with integral garage (demolition of derelict building) resubmission of 11/01144/FUL. Notice of Planning Permission with Section 106 Agreement.
- iii). None.
- iv). **Resolved:** to write to S Robinson, Chief Executive of CWAC, lodging a Formal Complaint regarding the processes followed during the consultation stage of the RE Planning Application. Focus to be on the poor quality of some of the consultation responses, short turn round times and a lack of clarity on the complete appraisal process.
- v). The Application to create a Neighbourhood Plan Area has now been accepted by CWAC. A confirmatory letter has been received.
The Village Survey resulted in 181 responses being received. The Parish Clerk is currently tabulating the feedback/comments.

(b) Community

Resolved: that the following be noted:-

- i). Cllr. Harris confirmed that administrative arrangements are now complete for the IT (Internet) Training at Moulton Primary School. Regrettably, the accredited Trainer is currently off work ill. Once he is back in work the sessions will be commenced.
- ii). The Parish Council wishes to continue using the current Web Site – www.moultonpc.org.uk. Cllr. Aston and the Parish Clerk will liaise with Graham Scott to discuss an update of the site. Meeting Agenda and other important notices will continue to be posted on www.moultonvillage.co.uk.
- iii). Cllr. Vernon has confirmed to Northwich Town Council it has been chosen to undertake the War Memorial Area refurbishment. The Parish Clerk will liaise with Chris Shaw to agree a time for the work to be undertaken.
Additionally, the Parish Clerk will take forward discussions with Mr Shaw regarding the possible purchase/installation of Gym Equipment currently in use at Vickersway Park, Northwich.
- iv). The Parish Clerk advised that he has again asked CWAC for sight of a Draft Lease for Weaver Road Play Area.
Moulton Primary School has verbally agreed to assist in the setting up of a wildlife/wildflower area once the Lease is in place.

13.04.07 Correspondence

- a) **Resolved:** that the correspondence received as below be noted and the following action be agreed.
 Item 4 – a meeting with Mrs Nixon is to be arranged to discuss issues arising. Cllr. Burgess will attend.

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 18 March 19 March 18 March	Members Briefings dated 7/3, 11/3, 20/3, 25/3, 3/4 (<i>e-mailed 4/4</i>) Local Council Bulletin (<i>e-mailed 4/4</i>) Partnerships Bulletin (<i>e-mailed 4/4</i>) Notice of Northwich Community Forum 18/4 (<i>e-mailed 4/4</i>)	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 Environmental Network	1 April	Newsletter (<i>e-mailed 4/4</i>)	To note
4	Irene Nixon	6 March	E-mail re Dumping of Rubbish on Regent Street Backs	To discuss
5	D Tunstall and P Bradbury	Various	Copies of e-mails to CWAC relating to Richborough Estates Planning Application and Highways Issues (<i>e-mailed 4/4</i>)	To note
6	ChALC	27 March	April Newsletter (<i>e-mailed 4/4</i>)	To note
7	R Pickthall	Various	Complaint	To note

13.04.08 Accounts – Net Payments / Income

Payments:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
P Sanders	Salary April – Clerk	590.14
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS April 2013	146.49
GJ Steele	Visual Playground Inspections and Litter Picks	150.00
CHALC	Annual Subscription	555.30
P Sanders	Expenses	32.75
Cheshire Playing Fields Association	Annual Subscription	18.00
Cheshire Community Action	Annual Subscription	50.00
Play Insp + Mtnce Services	February/March Inspections and Repairs to Swing	77.98
CHAMP	Room Hire	28.50
CWAC	Cleansing Services – Jan to Mar	300.00

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

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Bank Interest	1.53
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13.04.09 Councillors' Reports

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

- Cllr. Kershaw commented that litter has become more of a problem of late. It was agreed to look to arrange a Community Litter Pick and to ask Gary Steele if he is available to undertake village wide litter collections on a regular basis. The Parish Clerk will liaise with Community Groups and Mr Steele.

- Cllrs. Watkinson and Kershaw referred to the fact that The Travellers Rest Public House is currently for sale – asking price £195k. They believe that the building could lend itself to general community use, administered by the Parish Council. It was agreed to arrange a viewing of the premises, which comprise a 3 Bed Flat and 5 additional Bedrooms plus the ground floor public rooms. Research will also be undertaken into possible lines of funding.
- Cllr. Bowie commented that there is some unsightly, disused furniture at the rear of the WVHT owned properties on Weaver Road. The Parish Clerk will refer the matter to WVHT & **13.04.10**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13 May 2013 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Room). There will be a 30 minute public participation session at the outset.

Moulton PC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 1 May 2013 at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

The Annual Parish Meeting is set for Wednesday 22 May 2013 at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.51pm.