

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF MOULTON held in the VILLAGE HALL, MOULTON on THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr. P. Vernon – Chair  
F. Bennett, Cllr. A. Burgess, G. Crompton, M. Gill, Cllr. D. Hough, E. Kenyon, G. Majewicz, P. Marshall, J. Pearson, R. Pearson, A. Randles, G. Randles, G. Scott, Cllr. P. Vernon, L. Williams, Cllr. A. Wood

**In Attendance:** E. Beech - Clerk  
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian  
S. Christie – Vale Royal BC Streetcare Services  
T. McDermott – Police Community Support Officer  
J. Chisholm and S. Dent – Middlewich Clean Team

**1. Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance. She then presented the Council's Annual Citizenship Awards to Mr. A. Randles (in memory of Mrs. K. Randles) (Individual Award) and to representatives, Mrs. M. Gill and Mrs. E. Kenyon of the Moulton Old Friends Group (Group Award). Mention was made of the charity TWAM (Tools With A Mission) supported by the Randles family and to which the financial part of the Individual Award would be sent.

**2. Presentation by Middlewich Clean Team**

Janet Chisholm and Steve Dent gave significant detailed information on the origins, development, current operations and outcomes of the Clean Team operating in Middlewich.

Amongst many aspects they highlighted:

- the number of volunteers involved and the wide age-range
- the approach to organising and timetabling their litter picks
- established and helpful links with their Borough Council, Schools, Businesses, etc
- development of environmental projects in addition
- grant funding for equipment, etc
- contribution to reduction on anti-social behaviour

Q & A session – current occasional litter picks in Moulton; the absence / benefits / types of litter bins in place in the village; action on fining and prosecution; action on graffiti removal; support of Vale Royal BC (Steve Christie).

Noted VRBC has provided a litter resource pack to support community litter picks.

On behalf of the meeting the Chair thanked Janet and Steve for their contribution to the meeting.

**3. Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved:** that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. J. Mashlan, G. Sant and D. Watkinson be noted.

**4. Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007 be agreed

**5. Matters Arising**

Restricted Byway (at top of village)

Signage is in place to warn of the restricted use of the byway – restrictions will be policed.

Speed Indicator Device

Noted one of these has been in use; 97% of vehicles not speeding but 4 speeding notices were issued.

**6. Police Community Support Officer**

PCSO Tom McDermott gave a verbal report on activities since his appointment, indicating he would be operating similar to his predecessor.

Q & A session – information regarding shift pattern and amount of time in Moulton; noted telephone number to contact 0845 458 0800; organisation of CAM meetings in relation to other community meetings.

On behalf of the meeting the Chair thanked Tom for his work in the village and on his attending the meeting.

**7. Parish Council's Annual Report 2007/08**

The Chair and Clerk presented the Report, including the financial report, which had been distributed to all households, (incorporated in the 'Moulton Parish News')

**Resolved:** that the Annual Report be received.

**8. Land at Rear of Regent Street**

The Chair advised that the Parish Council was giving consideration to how it manages the land at the rear of Regent Street (garages and car parking location) and inviting comments from those present.

Comments made:

- the ideal would be to clear the land and develop it to a plan
- main problem village has is parking – need more
- use some for allotments
- a parking area for the vans is needed
- be used as a through route as Regent Street is too dangerous
- roadway needs completing – only part-surfaced
- could it be a residents project rather than the Parish Council's so grants may be available
- incidents of speeding – advised to take car registration number and report to PCSO.

Also, raised was an issue regarding the roadway next to the parking bays - wheelie bins are left out on the roadway – this is obstructing the highway against which action can be taken. The bins should be inside the properties' boundaries and put out on collection day only.

**9. General Village Matters**

a) Road Surface – Meadow Lane / Poplar Road

Needs resurfacing. Noted residents can report highways faults online to the County Council. Will be reported to Cheshire Highways.

b) Council Vacancy

Noted there is a vacancy on the Council and residents are invited to apply to be co-opted.

c) Grass Cuttings

Concern expressed about grass cuttings being left on the roadside by contractors. Noted contract is carried out the VRBC for Cheshire Highways but the specification does not include this.

d) Trees

Report of overgrown trees affecting a local property – Clerk will follow up.

e) Wheelie Bins

Concern that the Council's contractor is not putting bins back from where they are collected so they can do obstruct pavements and therefore forcing pedestrians to use the road. Will be reported to Vale Royal BC.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm