

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. P. Vernon (Chair)  
A. Burgess, J. Gregory, D. Hough, J. Kershaw, G. Sant, D. Watkinson and A. Wood

**In Attendance:** E. Beech – Clerk  
K. Stock – Police Community Support Officer  
L. Williams, D. Snasdell – residents  
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

**10.03.01 Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved:** that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. C. Bowie (holiday) and C. Turner (work commitment) be agreed and those received from Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs. Mashlan and Musgrave be noted.

**10.03.02 Public Open Session**

The meeting commenced with a 15 minute session during which members of the public had the opportunity to raise questions and seek clarification in relation to village and community matters. Matters raised were:

- the Community River and Hotpot event held on 19<sup>th</sup> February was a success
- the Events Committee is still trying to organise the bunting for the Crow Fair on 10<sup>th</sup> July
- a concern about the security light at the Travellers as it is blindingly bright for pedestrians and possibly motorists.

PCSO Kat Stock gave her latest report, including the Community Surgery prior to this meeting and that 5 incidents, including two burglaries, had been reported across the two parishes. Also that she has been part of an awareness day on fire safety in Moulton with Cheshire Fire Brigade, resulting in a number of properties having smoke alarms fitted.

David Snasdell as Chairman of the Pre-School Group referred to the recent planning application for a modular building to be erected in School Lane. This has been withdrawn as it would not have been permitted due to it not meeting the requirements of the Moulton Village Design Statement and concerns about increased traffic in the Lane. The Pre-School Group is now reconsidering what to do as its aspiration is to have its own building; one option is to refurbish the existing building. Mr. Snasdell was advised that the Council supports the Group in seeking its own building in principle but cannot make any further comment as a revised application may be received for comment.

**10.03.03 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 be agreed and signed as a correct record

**10.03.04 Clerk's Report**

**Resolved:** that

- a) the Clerk's report relating to progress on a number of current matters be received;
- b) arising from the report it was noted that:
  - any proposed development of Northwich Victoria Infirmary has been put on hold due to current lack of finances.
  - Cllr. Burgess had attended the Northwich West and Abbey Community Forum at Whitegate on 4<sup>th</sup> March; reporting back on the Riversdale Bridge replacement, Barons Quay, the Weaver Valley and the Incinerator issue
  - no election has been called in response to the 'Notice of Vacancy' duly published therefore permission has been given for a co-option to be made and an application has been received.
- c) Members meet with the applicant for co-option on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall and make a recommendation to the meeting of the Council on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**10.03.05 Reports**

**(a) Finance**

Cllrs. Vernon and Watkinson declared an interest as members of the MADCA Executive.

**Resolved:** that

- i) a capped limit of expenditure by the Parish Council of £3,000 on gas and electricity used at the Village Hall be implemented with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010
- ii) the Clerk's remuneration for extra duties be a confidential item to be considered at the end of the meeting and due to its confidential nature members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

**(b) Planning**

Noted:

- i) the application for land adjacent to 6 School Lane for a portable modular building for use as Pre-school and demolition of old canteen, has been withdrawn
- ii) Cheshire West and Chester Council's decision on the following application:  
17 Verdin Close – conversion of garage to habitable room and first floor extension – *permitted*
- iii) Salt Union Ltd. has submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate for two planning permission conditions to be revoked; these relate to the refusal to permit mining beneath Bostock Hall and the Council has been invited to comment on this
- iv) an application for 152 Main Road – single storey extension has been received for comment

**Resolved:** that it be recorded the Council has no comment to make to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the appeal submitted by the Salt Union Ltd and the following comments be submitted on the application for 152 Main Road for a single storey extension:

The Council has concerns about what is proposed as it believes that the extension does not blend in with the original house and as there is already an extension which does not blend in with the original house the proposal will make an already poor extension to the property look even worse. The Council believes that this is therefore not in full compliance with the Moulton Village Design Statement as adopted by Cheshire West and Chester Council on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

**(c) Garages**

**Resolved:** that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the Garages Area Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 be received

**(d) Community**

Noted Annual Report and Newsletter due in time for distribution for the Annual Parish Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Noted 3 nominations received for the Individual Citizenship Award. A ballot process was held.

Noted no nominations received for the Group Award.

**Resolved:** that

- i) the Annual Report and Newsletter be drafted for printing by the end of April and include a range of items to be sent to the Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> April, including the Youth Forum proposal
- ii) the Individual Citizenship Award winner and the nominator be notified of the outcome and invited to receive the Award at the Annual Parish Meeting

**10.03.06 Police Community Support Officer Post – Service Level Agreement**

Noted the meeting with Inspector Snasdell had resulted in all the issues raised by both Parish Councils being addressed in the new Service level Agreement

**Resolved:** that the Service Level Agreement for the PCSO post for the 3-year period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 be agreed and signed by the Clerk and further discussions take place with Davenham Parish Council regarding the funding split for the period from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**10.03.07 Contracts (1 & 2 for letting from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010)**

Noted that both Contract 1 (grass cutting and grounds maintenance) and Contract 2 (litter collection and disposal, general maintenance and visual inspection of the playing field facilities) had attracted a number of quotes.

**Resolved:** that the decision regarding the letting of contracts be a confidential item to be considered at the end of the meeting and due to its confidential nature members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

**10.03.08 Village Hall Lease**

Noted an update on this matter was available.

**Resolved:** that this matter be considered at the end of the meeting and due to the current confidential nature of the lease discussions at this point in time, members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

**10.03.09 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment**

Received an update on the VDS Group's arrangements for the printing of the Statement and a final draft for perusal. Recommended consider a shorter version for distribution to all households with details of full copies being available on request.

**10.03.10 Anti-Social Behaviour**

Noted continued incidents of broken glass at the MUGA area which are reported to Cheshire Police.

**10.03.11 Correspondence**

**Resolved:** that correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	12 Feb 26 Feb  5 Mar 8 Mar	'Partnerships West' - Edition 13 – Feb. 2010 Notice of an Open Space Assessment and Audit – drop-in session at County Hall, Chester on 12 <sup>th</sup> March 10am – 4pm Notice of Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting – 18 <sup>th</sup> March – 6pm – Tarvin Benefits Advice publicity material	Noted Seek other opps. to comment  Noted Noted
2	Cheshire Assoc.of Local Councils	25 Feb 1 Mar 6 Mar	Training opportunities March, April and May Survey re Quality Status March newsletter	Noted Completed Noted
3	Open Spaces Society	15 Feb	Spring newsletter	Noted
4	Ches. Police Auth.	27 Feb	Western Area 'Have Your Say' Newsletter Notice of next 'Have Your Say' meeting at Wyvern House, Winsford - 28 <sup>th</sup> June at 7pm	Noted Noted
5	Resident	11 Feb	Concerns / complaint about rear of Regent Street	Noted Garages Area Committee responded
6	Beechfield Resident	6 Mar	Copy of letter to Chapel Lane and Beechfield residents about parking	Noted
7	Clerks & Councils Direct	6 Mar	March edition	Noted

**10.03.12 Accounts – net payments / income**

£

E. Beech	salary – Clerk	520.10
E. Beech	travel (Dec – Feb, inc. VAT workshop at Manchester)	41.20
E. Beech	reimbursement for use of office and PC facilities Sep-Mar	200.00
HMRC	PAYE and NI – final quarter	66.40
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Feb - 4 occasions	140.00
G. J. Steele	operational inspection – Feb.	20.00
Scottish Power	electricity supply to village hall 8/10/09-5/2/10	566.98
Scottish Power	electricity supply to War Memorial 13/10/09-8/2/10	59.38
Scottish Power	electricity supply to MUGA lights 6/11/09-8/2/10	145.00*
Cheshire West and Chester Cl.	empty bins & car park sweep - playing field (Oct-Dec 09)	226.75
Information Commissioner	Renewal of Data Protection register entry	35.00

**Resolved:** that the above accounts be passed for payment

*Proposed: Cllr. Kershaw      Seconded: Cllr. Burgess*

**Income:**

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest on current account (Jan)	0.38
Garage plots – 2010 rent	473.00
Insurance – settlement of claim for vandalised bin at playing field	211.00
VAT reclaim 1/10/09 – 31/1/10	622.35

**10.03.13 Councillors' Reports**

Parish Council Darts Shield

Cllr. Hough reported that this year's competition is underway.

Cheshire West and Chester Council - Consultation

Noted the Council received 170 responses on the Local Development Framework – Issues and Options

Hillside Avenue

The fence between the Avenue and the lane is falling down and seems to serve no purpose. The Clerk will speak to Weaver Val Housing Trust which is believed to be the owner.

**10.03.14 Next Meeting**

Noted the next Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall), commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

Also, Joint Parishes Meeting – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 7.30pm – Moulton Village Hall – agenda to include PCSO future funding split.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.00pm