

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** E. Beech – Clerk  
E. Beaumont, J. Beaumont, M. Noden, C. Taylor, L. Williams - residents  
G. Bebbington - Northwich Guardian  
Cllr. J Mashlan – Vale Royal BC / West Cheshire and Chester Shadow Authority  
Cllr. H. Manley – Cheshire County Council/ Vale Royal BC / West Cheshire and  
Chester Shadow Authority

The meeting was preceded by the announcement and presentation of the Best Kept Garden Awards 2008 by County Councillor Herbert Manley.

Cllr. Manley took the opportunity to invite and respond to any matters relating to his various Councils. Raised with him were matters about the new Shadow Authority business, as follows:

- the issue of Chester City residents continuing to have weekly refuse collections post April;
- the position regarding Village Design Statements;
- the proposed retention of a mayoral role for Vale Royal.

**08.09.01 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies presented.

**08.09.02 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

- concerns that the birch trees at the playing field are causing seed debris to be scattered in residents' gardens
- rubbish burning at the garages area

**08.09.03 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes, including the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

*Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson*

*Seconded: Cllr. Hough*

**08.09.04 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:
  - Cllr. Vernon will be named as the 'premises user' in the temporary event licence being sought for the selling of mulled wine at the Christmas tree lighting event
  - there are revisions to the Quality Parish Council scheme
- c) in noting progress in establishing the Credit Union arrangements, the Council supports the free use, in the Council's name, of the Committee Room at the Village Hall for this purpose.

**08.09.05 Reports**

**(a) Finance**

**Resolved:** that

- a) the Finance Committee be authorised to decide on the further investment arrangements for the next year for the Guaranteed Investment Bond when the current 12 month bond ends on 5<sup>th</sup> October
- b) the report of the Internal Auditor for the period April to June 2008 be received and that there are no areas of concern or anomalies, be noted

**(b) Planning**

- i) Noted the following planning applications have been permitted by Vale Royal BC:  
53 Niddries Lane – conservatory - *permitted*

- ii) Noted the comments submitted by the Planning Committee on the following applications:  
16 Lawrence Avenue – garage to side and single storey extension to rear – *no objections but request for check on room for parking and any impact on light amenity for neighbours*  
7 Chapel Lane – single storey and first floor extensions & alterations – *no objections but request for check on any impact on light amenity for neighbours*

**(c) Garages**

Noted further plots have been allocated. Next Garages Committee meeting is arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**(d) Publicity / Website**

Identified items and their authors for the next Parish Newsletter which Cllr. Turner will draft for agreement at the next meeting.

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

Noted meeting with Vale Royal BC held following which it will put the document out for public consultation and the OS licence for the use of maps has been agreed with Cheshire County Council.

**Resolved:** that the consultation information be put on the Council website

**08.09.07 Anti-Social Behaviour**

Next MADSAG meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Noted that despite some low level vandalism at the playground areas the significant decision to progress with the introduction of a PCSO and the MADSAG Group is having a positive effect.

**Resolved:** that in view of the confidential nature of a contract matter this matter be considered at the end of the meeting and members of the public and the press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw for that item.

**08.09.08 Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Authority consultation**

Considered the current consultation on Area and Neighbourhood Working. Discussed boundaries, issues to be dealt with, partner organisations to be included and budgetary matters relating to the working arrangements of the proposed Area Programme Boards.

**Resolved:** that the Council's considered responses to the various questions be submitted

**08.09.09 Chairman of Cheshire County Council's Garden Party**

**Resolved:** that Cllrs Burgess and Vernon and the Clerk represent the Parish Council at the Garden Party at Tatton Park on 30<sup>th</sup> September

**08.09.10 Correspondence**

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

1	Vale Royal BC	23 Jul	Application form for tree planting grant – 50% off cost of trees	Consider at next meeting
		9 Aug	Information on consultation with residents in the vicinity of the identified potential gypsy and traveller sites	Noted
2	Cheshire CC	10 Jul	Consultation on a review of the Council's Accessibility Strategy i.e. the ease with which people can reach jobs and essential services	Noted
		18 Aug	Parish Small Grants Scheme for countryside access improvements	Details to IMPPs
3	Ches. Assoc. of Local Councils	31 Jul	Vale Royal Area Meeting – 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. at Wyvern House invitation to attend	Noted
		4 Aug	Annual Meeting - 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Middlewich – booking form for attendance	Noted
		5 Sep	Papers regarding expressing interest in an appointment as a Parish Council representative on Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Unitary Authority	Noted
4	Cheshire Police Authority	4 Aug	'Have Your Say' Newsletter re meeting at Winsford on 16 <sup>th</sup> July Next 'Have Your Say' meetings – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct. at	Noted

			Tarporley / 7 Jan. at Weaverham	Noted
5	MADCA	16 Aug	Notice of Village Hall charges 2008/09 inc. Small Hall - £18.25 per session	Noted
		22 Aug	Notice of dates Hall in use for Drama Group productions	Noted
6	Weaver Valley Board	9 Aug	Copy of the 'Bringing It All Together' Weaver Valley DVD	Details to IMPPs
7	Clerks & Councils Direct	1 Sep	September edition	Noted
8	Cheshire and Wirral NHS Found. Trust	21 Aug	'Engage' - quarterly newsletter	Noted

### 08.09.11 Accounts – net payments / income

#### Payments:

#### August

£

E. Beech	Salary	535.33
G. J. Steele	Litter pick & playground inspections–Jul (4 occs) & formal inspection	160.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at playing field plus lower branch pruning work – July	608.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at 4 sites plus hedge cutting at Village Hall – July	631.00
ScottishPower	Electricity supply – Village Hall	279.88
Vale Royal B C	Contract-emptying bins at playing field & sweeping car park Ap-Jun	221.25

#### September

£

E. Beech	Salary (inc. tax refund of £43.60)	551.55
E. Beech	Reimbursement of Best Kept Garden prizes (vouchers)	95.00
HM Revenue & Customs	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter NI payment	59.00
G. J. Steele	Litter pick & playground inspections – Aug (4 occs.)	140.00
G. J. Steele	Supply & fit temporary bolt 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug / repair playground fencing 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	31.07
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at playing field – Aug.	440.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at 4 sites – Aug.	547.00
ScottishPower	Electricity supply to MUGA lights (May – Jul)	48.68
ScottishPower	Electricity supply to War Memorial (May – Jul)	35.90
Linnet Book-keeping Ltd	Internal audit (Jan – Jun inc. year end)	37.50
Vale Royal Borough Council	Temporary Events licence fee	21.00
G. Scott	Reimbursement re equipment re stage lighting at Village Hall	67.30
Scan International	Equipment for the stage lighting at Village Hall	268.71

**Resolved:** that the above accounts for August be confirmed and for September be passed for payment  
*Proposed: Cllr. Green Secoded: Cllr. Burgess*

#### Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting: £

Interest on current bank account (for July)	6.88
Reimbursement for printer drum and toner	74.29
Parish Plan Implementation grant (on behalf of IMPPS)	3000.00

### 08.09.12 Councillors' Reports

#### Grass Cutting

Cllr. Vernon expressed concern about damage done to a willow tree when the contractor cut the playing field hedge and the apparent incompleteness of the grass cutting on the field.

#### Recycling

Cllr. Kershaw, as the Council Recycling Champion reported a recycling resource page link to be put on the website.

#### Website

Cllr. Burgess reported 4 local businesses had expressed an interest in having details put on the website.

**Resolved:** that

- a) the Council support this initiative through setting up a new page on the website but a protocol needs to be agreed reflecting restrictions on the size, format and text and the inclusion of a disclaimer regarding the Council not endorsing but raising awareness of businesses operating in the village
- b) Cllr. Burgess draft a protocol and send to Cllrs. Green and Turner for comment

#### Crow Shield

Cllr. Hough reported that The Travellers had won the inaugural competition for the Crow Shield.

#### Minosus

Cllr. Wood reported the next Minosus Liaison meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> October and that any issues to be raised should be sent to him or Cllr. Burgess.

#### Rear of Regent Street

The relevant authority be requested yet again to clean the roadway at the rear of Regent Street.

#### **08.09.13 Next Meeting**

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall, commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and followed by a meeting of the Playing Field Trust.

Also, noted the following meetings:

Joint Parishes - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Davenham – 7.30pm.

Garages Committee – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Village Hall Committee Room – 7.30pm

Finance Committee - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Village Hall Committee Room – 8.00pm

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.05pm