

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P. Vernon (Chair)
A. Burgess, G. Fox, D. Hough, G. Sant, C. Turner, D. Watkinson and A. Wood

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams, R. Pearson – residents
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

09.02.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Green (agreed apologies) and Kershaw (work commitments) be accepted. Also, noted apologies from Cllr. J. Mashlan (Principal Authorities)

09.02.02 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 regarding parking – van obstructing access to Village Hall – noted Police involvement and received photos confirming the problems experienced
- also, vehicles parking on road at the junction of Poplar Avenue and Niddries Lane
- the success of the social event on 6th February, including a talk on the River Weaver and Salt Industry

09.02.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 12th January 2009 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson

Seconded: Cllr. Burgess

09.02.04 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:
 - due to the tree order not being complete Vale Royal BC will not raise a charge for these
 - work on FP3 to the River Weaver will be completed by the end of March and an additional project will be carried out to improve the surfacing and drainage on the path from the end of Niddries Lane to the track leading to Moulton Bank Farm
 - the response from Cheshire Highways regarding Beechfield reported that the new surface on part of Beechfield did not contribute to the icy conditions; this the Council does not accept

09.02.05 Co-option to the Council

Noted the application received has subsequently been withdrawn.

09.02.06 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- a) the 3rd quarter financial statement for 2008/09 be received
- b) the Internal Auditor's report be received and that no anomalies or areas of concern were identified, be noted
- c) in light of price increases submitted being satisfactory, the following contracts be extended for 2009/10:
 - Northwich Town Council – grass cutting and grounds maintenance
 - G J Steele – litter pick, playing field inspections and general maintenance
 - G W Scott – website maintenance
 - Vale Royal Borough Council – emptying bins at playing field and car park and War Memorial weekly sweep
- d) a contribution of £600 be made to cover the costs of one week of the two-week playscheme to be run by Vale Royal Playscheme Association in the summer holidays and the cost of use of the Hall on wet days for sessions.

(b) Planning

Noted:

- i) Vale Royal BC has permitted the following application for outline planning permission:
65 Main Road – detached bungalow

- ii) King Street Energy (Cheshire) Ltd has submitted an appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission for the construction of the pipelines, etc and consider submitting further comments
Resolved: that the Council's views as submitted for the original application be re-submitted.

(c) Garages

Noted that at the rents payment morning, Committee members had discussed with individual lessees the state of their garages, with the aid of up-to-date photographs and conveyed the Council's requirement for improvements to be made. The Committee will monitor the outcomes.

(d) Publicity/Website

Cllr. Turner reported on his exchange of e-mails about website developments with Mr. Scott. Noted that significant costs would be incurred to re-write the site.

Resolved: that

- a) the agreed events diary be added to the site in the most cost effective way
- b) preparations begin for the next issue of the Newsletter which will include the notice of the Annual Parish Meeting; items for inclusion are to be with Cllr. Turner by 31st March.

(e) Community

Cllr. Burgess declared a personal interest relating to the nominations so did not vote during the proceedings. Noted 3 nominations received for the Individual Citizenship Award, one of which by precedent was deemed not eligible and 3 received for the Group Citizenship Award. A ballot process was held for the both Awards.

Resolved: that

- a) the Award winners and their nominators be notified of the outcome and invited to receive their Awards at the Annual Parish Meeting to be arranged at the next meeting
- b) in future years the limit of a maximum of 100 words for a nomination statement be strictly adhered to.

09.02.07 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Cllr. Burgess gave an update regarding the timetable. The new principal authority, Cheshire West & Chester Authority will consider the draft documents via its Local Development Framework Panel on 3rd March and its Executive on 18th March. Subject to the outcome of this consideration, a public consultation period will be organised probably with a timescale to the end of May.

Resolved: that

- a) details of the publicity for the consultation be determined by the Parish Council, and
- b) one element of the consultation for the community be held at the Annual Parish Meeting, if feasible.

09.02.08 Freedom of Information Scheme

Resolved: that the summary of the Council's information available under the adopted Freedom of Information Scheme be agreed and publicised on the website.

09.02.09 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted parking issues raised in public participation session. Clerk to send letter to the Company which owns the breakdown truck regarding the problems.

Noted the next MADSAG meeting is to be held on 12th March at The County High School, Leftwich.

Resolved: that the date of the next Community Action Meeting be established.

09.02.10 Correspondence

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

1	Cheshire West & Chester	19 Jan	Updating information on the Consultation Database Draft Statement of Community Involvement for consultation - sets out how Council will involve all in planning – deadline 27 th Feb. Re proposed Home Assistance Policy – seeking views on key issues by 11 th March Letter from Chief Executive re responses to issues raised at Stakeholder event – contracts/grant funding & details of investment in Local Forum £5k per Cllr. for local schemes	By e-mail
		19 Jan		Noted
		2 Feb		Noted
		6 Feb		Noted
2	Cheshire County	26 Jan	Summary Statement of Accounts 2007/08 Personalising Social Care consultation – by 16 th Feb.	Noted Noted
3	Vale Royal BC	26 Jan	Information on the decision regarding gypsy and traveller sites – advising that four of the selected sites	

			have been rules out	Noted
4	Cheshire Comm. Council	16 Jan	Entry forms for the 2009 Community Pride Competition	Not to enter
5	Audit Commission	21 Jan	Notice that audit is to be called for 20 th April – most Councils have appealed against this date so it has been amended to mid-May	Noted
6	Cheshire Police Authority	28 Jan 3 Feb	Newsletter outlining discussion at the 7 th Jan 'Have Your Say' meeting Dates of 2009 'Have Your Say' meetings for noticeboard	Noted Noted
7	ChALC	21 Jan	Invitation to nominate the Chair for the draw for tickets to a Queens Garden Party	Nominate
8	NWRDA	3 Feb	Northwest Regional Strategy Newsletter	Noted

09.02.11 Accounts – net payments / income

Payments:		£
E. Beech	Salary	535.34
E. Beech	Telephone (14/8-13/12 - £10.30) and broadband (Oct-Dec - £15.00)	25.30
E. Beech	Replacement weather proof lock for electricity meter - War Mem.	2.54
G. J. Steele	Litter pick & playground inspections Jan. (4 occs.)	140.00
G. J. Steele	Operation Inspection-playing field facilities– Jan.	20.00
British Gas	Gas supply – Village Hall 24/9/08 – 15/12/08	528.38
MADCA	Use of Hall for PC meetings (Jul-Feb) and CAM 10/9/09	163.50
G W Scott	2 nd payment for contract for maintenance of MPC website	65.00
Mayor's Charity	Donation	20.00
Linnet Book-keeping Ltd	2 nd and 3 rd quarter audit	30.00
Northwich Town Council	Repairs to arson damage / vandalism to paths, etc at MUGA (insurance covered)	558.00
L J Price	Christmas tree – erection and removal	80.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply to Village Hall	393.94
Scottish Power	Electricity supply to War Memorial	31.75
Scottish Power	Electricity supply to lights at MUGA	125.17
G. Fox	Reimbursement for printing of garage photographs	9.28

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Turner Seconded: Cllr. Burgess

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:		£
Interest on account for January		0.68
Garage plot rents		1450.00
Trust reimbursement		1381.54

09.02.12 Councillors' Reports

Playing Field

Cllr. Vernon reported that the litter bin on the path near the School at the playing field is to be replaced by Vale Royal BC. Also, they will be replacing the inner bin for the one near the MUGA.

09.02.13 Village Hall Lease

Resolved: that

- Cllr. Green's declaration of prejudicial interest submitted to the Clerk regarding this matter be noted and taken into account, including in the distribution of minutes and other documents
- in view of the confidential nature concerning the lease at this point in time, it be considered at the end of the meeting and members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item.

09.02.14 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th March 2009 at 7.30pm at Moulton School, commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and followed by a meeting of the Children's Playing Field Trust.

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