

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON SCHOOL on MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008 at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** E. Beech – Clerk  
A. Bennett, L. Williams (residents)  
G. Bebbington (Northwich Guardian)

Cllr. Burgess took the role of Chair for the initial part of the meeting.

**08.06.01 Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved: that**

- a) the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Kershaw (family commitments), Sant (work commitment) and Wood (unwell) be accepted
- b) the request from Cllr. Sant to be excused meetings until September due to work commitments be agreed and she advise the Clerk of her position before the September meeting but it is hoped that she will be able to continue as a Member and make a contribution to its business.

**08.06.02 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

- information on the Events Committee's intention to take a stall at the Anderton Boat Festival to promote the Crow Fair and publicise the village and its facilities
- seeking the Council's support for the possible restoration of the New Bridge mooring site on the River Weaver

**08.06.03 Minutes**

**Resolved: that** the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

*Proposed: Cllr. Turner                      Secoded: Cllr. Watkinson*

**08.06.04 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:
  - no applications have been received for co-option to the Council
  - arrangements are needed for the stall at the Crow Fair to give an opportunity for local businesses to register for a first edition of a business directory
  - Mr R Pearson had agreed to be the named 'Litter Champion' for the village and the contact for Vale Royal BC Streetcare Services
- c) in consultation with Davenham Parish Council, the Safe Route to The County High School campaign should be raised with the newly-appointed Unitary Authority councillors for Abbey and they be invited to the Joint Parishes meeting in September.

**08.06.05 Minutes – Annual General Meeting**

**Resolved: that** minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 be received.

**08.06.06 Terms of Reference for Committees**

**Resolved: that** Terms of Reference for the Finance, Planning and Garages Committees as included with these minutes be adopted and each Committee keep them under review and make any recommendations for additions or amendments as required.

**08.06.07 Reports**

**(a) Finance**

**Resolved: that**

- i) the Annual Return, including the reconciled accounts and annual governance statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 be agreed for signature and submission to the External Auditor

*Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson                      Secoded: Cllr. Green*

- ii) Cllr. Burgess be authorised to accept the terms and conditions of a Parish Plan Implementation Grant on behalf of the Council

**(b) Planning**

- i) Considered the following applications:

81 Regent Street – change of use from shop to dwelling house

Brown Leaves, Beehive Lane – single storey extension with pitched roof

14 Anthony Drive – single storey extension to side and rear & conversion of existing garage

**Resolved:** that no objections be submitted to the applications.

- ii) Noted the following application has been permitted by Vale Royal BC:

Moulton Primary School – construction of an external disabled access ramp – *permitted*

**(c) Garages**

**Resolved:** that the Garages Committee initial meeting be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30pm

**(d) Publicity / Website**

Nothing to report.

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

Awaiting production of final document later this year.

**08.06.09 Best Kept Garden Competition**

**Resolved:** that

- a) the initial judging arrangements for the Competition be agreed and village maintenance needs be identified during judging  
 b) the newly-elected County Councillor for the Abbey Division, Cllr. Herbert Manley be invited to judge the competition later in the summer and present the awards in September.

**08.06.10 Anti-Social Behaviour**

Concern about the playing field and playground equipment damage, in particular vehicles accessing the field and the possibility of installing some CCTV equipment

**Resolved:** that these concerns be raised at the next MADSAG meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and the advice of the Police on CCTV be sought

**08.06.11 Correspondence**

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

1	Vale Royal BC	15 May 23 May 27 May	Notice of next series of Area Meetings Timetable of Council's meetings for 2008/09 Re Government consultation on the conduct of elections next year – proposal to move elections to 4 June rather than 7 June	Noted Noted  Noted
2	Cheshire CC	28 May	'Cheshire Matters' – May edition	Noted
3	Ches. Assoc. of Local Councils	15 May  15 May	Local Government Reorganisation Forum for Cheshire West and Chester at Tarvin Community Centre on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm  Seeking skills information on interested Councillors and Clerks to be involved in emerging Unitary Council groups and committees on behalf of the Association	Cllrs. Fox and Vernon to attend  Noted
4	Connexions	31 May	Information on the new 'Stuff2do' website for young people – directory of activities for young people in Cheshire	Noted - placed on n-board / teen shelters
5	Ches. Comm. Action (formerly Community Council)	30 May	Notice of an 'Access to Services' debate – Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July – 6.30pm at Peckforton and Beeston Village Hall	Noted
6	Age Concern	28 May	'Men in Sheds' project – information and poster for noticeboard	Noted

7	Resident	22 May	Enquiry about provision of allotments	Noted – Garages Comm.
8	Open Spaces Society	7 Jun	Summer newsletter	Noted

#### 08.06.12 Accounts – net payments / income

##### Payments:

		£
	Staff expenditure	497.60
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE £49.20 and NI £58.80 - 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	108.00
G. J. Steele	Litter pick & playground inspections – June (4 occs.)	140.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at playing field - June	462.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at 4 sites – June	687.50
G. Scott	Contract – maintenance of website for period Apr-Sept	65.00
Acorn Electrical Contractors Ltd	Annual inspection of electrical installation at MUGA area	50.00

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

*Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson Seconded: Cllr. Burgess*

##### Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest on current bank account (for April and May)	21.47

#### 08.06.13 Councillors' Reports

##### Crow Darts Shield

Cllr. Hough reported the competition commences on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

##### Co-op Deliveries

Cllr. Hough expressed concerns about Saturday deliveries with large lorries when there is increased traffic and children in the area.

##### Cheshire Waters Forum

Cllr. Burgess reported on receipt of an invitation to the next meeting of the Forum on 10<sup>th</sup> July to which he would attend and request improvements in levels of maintenance of areas near the river.

##### Regent Street

Cllr. Vernon raised residents' concerns about the state of the footpath outside Regent Street properties (odd numbers) as grass cuttings blown or washed down into the gully block the flow of rainfall water which results in large puddles of water backing up on the path

#### 08.06.14 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall, commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and a presentation by Jackie Lewis of the Cheshire Neighbours Credit Union.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm