

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

Present: Cllrs. P. Vernon (Chair)
J. Gregory, M. Green, D. Hough, J. Kershaw and A. Wood

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
K. Stock – Police Community Support Officer
A. Bennett, D. Bennett, M. East, G. Scott, L. Williams - residents

The Chair welcomed Kat Stock, the new PCSO for Moulton and Davenham

09.11.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Burgess (away), Sant (work matter) and Watkinson (ill relative) be agreed and those of Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs Mashlan and Musgrave be noted.

09.11.02 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:

- to request branch removal of a birch tree at junction of Niddries Lane and Whitlow Lane (this will be reported to the Cheshire West and Chester Highways Service)
- the Events Committee is to consult with relevant residents about displaying bunting for the Crow Fair and seek the support of the Council (agreed)
- thanks from Moulton Drama Group for grant towards laser printer

Two recent arson incidents at the multi-games area on the playing field were referred to.

PCSO Kat Stock briefed those present on her career background and experience and indicated her intended approaches to delivering the role.

09.11.03 Minutes

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

Proposed: Cllr. Green

Seconded: Cllr. Gregory

09.11.04 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:
 - Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs. Manley, Mashlan, and Musgrave have requested a meeting be set up with interested parties to enable further options to be considered regarding the safe route to school matter – is to be held on 26th November
 - thanks to be recorded to all who helped with the efficient distribution of the recent Newsletter
 - a report on the tree at the playing field car park has been commissioned and received; noted recommendations and quotes to be sought for work required.

09.11.05 Council Vacancy

Noted that the vacancy has been appropriately advertised but no election has been claimed so the vacancy may be filled by co-option. Received an application for co-option from Mrs. C. Bowie.

Resolved: that a meeting be held on 23rd November at 7.30pm at the Village Hall with Mrs. Bowie to consider her application.

09.11.06 Moulton School Governing Body

Received one nomination for appointment to the Governing Body.

Resolved: that Mrs. D. Bennett be appointed to the Parish Council position on the Governing Body of Moulton School; Mrs. Bennett to give a brief verbal report to the Council once a term.

09.11.07 Village Hall Lease

Cllr. Green declared a personal interest in this matter as a member of the Parochial Church Council. Noted outcomes of the inaugural meeting of the relevant parties (Parochial Church Council, Parish Council, and MADCA) held on 14th October included the decision that each would appoint 3 representatives to meet to establish a way forward.

Resolved: that Cllr. Gregory, Kershaw and Burgess be appointed to represent the Parish Council.

09.11.08 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- a) the Internal Auditor's report for the 2nd quarter for 2009/10 be received and that there are no anomalies or areas of concern, be noted
- b) the specifications for Contract 1 (grass cutting and grounds maintenance) and Contract 2 (litter collection and playing field visual inspections) for the period from 1st April 2010 for up to 3 years be agreed and invitations to submit prices for the contracts be extended
- c) the Playing Field Trust make the appointment for the monthly, operational inspections of the playing field facilities be set up.

(b) Planning

Resolved: that objections relating to the type of construction materials proposed for the garage be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council on the following application, as it contravenes section 8 of the Moulton Village Design Statement

- 152 Main Road – Lawful Development Certificate for proposed sectional garage

(c) Garages

No meeting of the Garages Area Committee has been held since the last Council meeting.

(d) Community

Christmas Tree Lighting - noted all appropriate arrangements are in hand for the event. Cllr. Hough reported on minor improvements made to the electrical equipment.

Annual Citizenship Awards – noted details of the invitation to submit nominations for the Individual Award and the Group Award are being posted and were reported in the recent Parish Newsletter; closing date is given as 31st January 2010.

09.11.09 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Noted there is no change to the previously reported information.

09.11.10 Anti-Social Behaviour

Concerns raised regarding continuing incidents of broken glass and dog excrement smeared on seat at the MUGA area in addition to the two arson incidents on 6th November. Noted MADSAG meets on 12th November at which a plan of response involving all agencies needs to be developed.

09.11.11 Police Community Support Officer Post – Future Funding and Service Arrangements

Noted:

- current Service Level Agreement expires on 31st March 2010 and a revised one is still being developed by Cheshire Police for consultation
- some concerns that current SLA not always adhered to by Police, with some deployment of the post holder to elsewhere (usually Winsford)
- parish proportion of cost has been increased to £11,800
- the arrangements for sharing the cost with Davenham Parish Council will require revision due to parish changes in May 2011

Resolved: that a meeting be arranged with Davenham Parish Council for 16th November to review the current arrangements and make recommendations to each Parish Council.

09.11.12 Correspondence

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

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| 1 | Cheshire West & Chester | 13 Oct 20 Oct 25 Oct 29 Oct 5 Nov | Statement of Community Involvement – notice of adoption in July and of location of final document 'Partnerships West - Edition 9 – October 2009 Spatial Planning News – 1st edition Notice of current consultations: Priorities for transport in order to prepare the Local Transport Plan 2011/2026 Core Strategy Issues and Options – Local Development Framework Draft Sustainable Community Strategy (these 2 available from 11/11 – 13/01/10) Invitation to comment on the criteria for shortlisting sites for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpersons and an opportunity to submit any possible suitable sites – by 24/12/09 | Noted Noted Noted Consider at Dec. meeting Consider at Dec. meeting |
| 2 | Cheshire Assoc of Local Councils | 14 Oct 6 Nov | Agenda for AGM – 22 nd October – Middlewich Civic Hall PCSO Liaison Group – one rep. from each 'area' – nominations sought | Noted Noted |
| 3 | Cheshire Community Action | 19 Oct | Notice of AGM – Thurs. 19 th November – Arley Hall – 6.30pm | Noted |
| 4 | Cheshire Police | 14 Oct | Policing priorities – opportunity to complete questionnaire on priorities for 2010/2011 'Have Your Say' – September edition | Chair completed Noted |
| 5 | Open Spaces Society | 17 Oct | 'Open Space' - Autumn edition | Noted |
| 6 | Local Strategic Partnership | 27 Oct | Invitation to Network Conference – 20 th Nov. – Ellesmere Port Civic Hall | Noted |
| 7 | CHAIN - Cheshire Anti-incinerator Network | 5 Nov | Copy of letter sent to all Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councillors regarding the latest proposal for another incinerator in the Northwich area | Noted |
| 8 | Vale Royal Play Scheme | 4 Nov | Invitation for PCs contributing to funding of summer play scheme to have representation on the Play Scheme Committee | Noted |
| 9 | Connexions | 6 Nov | Information about the new Youth Website | Noted |

09.11.13 Accounts – net payments / income

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| E. Beech | salary – Clerk | 555.83 |
| G. J. Steele | litter pick/insp.contract – Oct.- 4 occasions | 140.00 |
| G. J. Steele | operational inspection – Oct. | 20.00 |
| Northwich Town Council | contract work - 4 sites – final cut - Oct. | 270.00 |
| Northwich Town Council | contract work - pl. field – final cut - Oct. | 236.25 |
| Northwich Town Council | install knee rail and replace chain and lock at car park | 430.70 |
| Scottish Power | electricity supply – Village Hall (7 Aug - 7Oct) | 330.18 |
| Scottish Power | electricity supply – War Memorial (7 Aug - 12Oct) | 26.71 |
| Scottish Power | electricity supply – MUGA (12 Aug – 5 Nov) | 53.62 |
| Royal British Legion | Poppy wreath – donation | 20.00 |
| Davenham Parish Council | PCSO – 2 nd payment for 2009/10 | 1406.66 |
| Prism Design and Print | print and fold Parish Newsletter – 1060 copies | 100.00 |
| Sale Brass Band | for performance at Christmas Tree lighting | 150.00 |
| G W Scott | reimburse for 1&1 website and e-mail hosting (Nov – Apr) | 53.94 |
| D. Hough | reimburse for electrical equipment for Christmas tree lights | 11.60 |

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

Proposed: Cllr. Kershaw

Seconded: Cllr. Gregory

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

| | £ |
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| Interest on current and res. account (Oct.) | 3.05 |

09.11.14 Councillors' Reports

Weaver Parkway

Cllr. Kershaw again raised concerns about litter at the Newbridge picnic area and surrounds and the lack of litter bins. Noted the Clerk will pursue this matter with the Weaver Parkway Partnership.

Litter Poster Competition

Cllr. Vernon reported on Moulton School's competition for pupils to design a poster about their concerns regarding litter, which can be displayed around the village.

Minosus Meeting

Cllr. Wood advised that the next meeting of the Liaison Group is arranged for 25th November 2009.

09.11.15 Next Meeting

Noted the next Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th December 2009 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall), commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

Meeting regarding the safe route to school matter – Thursday 26th November – 6.30pm
Finance Committee – Monday 23rd November – 8.00pm – Committee Room
Garages Area Committee – Wednesday 2nd December – 7.30pm – Committee Room

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm