

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 10th MAY 2010 at 7.55pm following the Annual General Meeting

Present: Cllrs. A. Burgess (Chair)
C. Bowie, D. Hough, A. Rigby, G. Sant, P. Vernon and D. Watkinson

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

10.05.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. J. Kershaw (work commitment) and A. Wood (unwell) be agreed and those from K. Stock – Police Community Support Officer be noted.

10.05.02 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:

- reference to the Pound the Bounds Event and to the arrangements for distributing the Parish Newsletter and the IMPPs Newsletter.

10.05.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2010 be agreed and signed as a correct record

10.05.04 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. Rigby's completed and signed Register of Interests pro-forma
 - the Clerk had attended the drop-in session at The Lifestyle Centre, Winsford regarding a review of open spaces in Cheshire West and Chester and ensured the location and purpose of all open spaces in Moulton have been registered and that there is a need for land for allotments
 - the Annual Report and Newsletter has been distributed and thanks be recorded to Fran Bennett and Laura Williams for their valuable assistance
 - the Village Design Statement is now on a link on the Council's website
 - two community litter picks have been undertaken organised by Cllr. Kershaw; one at the playing field and one on Smokehall Lane and the route down to the river
 - no nomination for the Council's Citizenship Award has been received from Moulton School

10.05.05 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- i) the minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20th April 2010 be received and the following recommendations be agreed:
 - adjusted budget for 2010/11
 - revised insurance schedule
- ii) the summary of accounts as distributed be received and the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2010, including the Annual Governance Statement be agreed and signed for submission to the External Auditor
- iii) the Internal Auditor's report for the final quarter 2009/10 be received and that there are no areas of concern or anomalies, be noted

(b) Planning

Noted Cheshire West and Chester Council's decision on the following applications:

- 57 Main Road – first floor side extension – *permitted*
- 152 Main Road – single storey rear extension - *permitted*

(c) Garages

Noted phase 2 of the project (removal of all rubbish and ground levelling) has been completed. Phase 3, to demolish the brick building and remove from the site, will be carried out once the electrical and water supplies have been discontinued.

Resolved: that the Garages Area Committee draw up recommendations regarding the future use of the plot of land being cleared.

10.05.06 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

10.05.07 Best Kept Garden Competition

Resolved: that the arrangements for the 2010 competition be agreed; Councillors to nominate gardens from their allocated areas by early July and Steve Sharman, the recently retired Chief Executive of Northwich Town Council be invited to judge the nominated gardens.

10.05.08 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Noted graphic design work being finalised before printing.

10.05.09 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted incidents of broken glass at the MUGA continue to be reported. Next MADSAG is on 13th May.

10.05.10 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) Cheshire West and Chester Council be requested to put resources into the Northwich Vision delivery rather than focus on new development in Chester

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	16 Apr	'Partnerships West' - Edition 15 – April 2010	Noted
		16 Apr	Northwich West & Abbey Forum – next meeting Thurs. 3 rd June – will include a session on working together with partners to improve road safety.	Noted
		14 Apr	Follow up re Sports Development Unit use of MUGA in the summer holidays for delivery of 2 hours x 1 day per wk. 'Sport Frenzy'	Noted
		22 Apr	Notice of appointment of Community Engagement Officer for Winsford and Rural East, Patricia Johnson	Noted
		28 Apr	Seminar re development of a support package for Local Councils – Wed. 19 th May - 7pm – The Lifestyle Centre	Clerk will attend
		30 Apr	Gypsy & Traveller Overview Training Session – Tues. 18 th May – Wyvern House	Noted
		10 May	Access details for a consultation on establishing a new business quarter for Chester	See b. above
		10 May	Notice that address checking is taking place in preparation for the 2011 Census	Noted
2	Vale Royal Athletic Club	26 Apr	Request to use playing field - Pie & Peas event -4 th August	Agreed
3	Clerks & Councils Direct	4 May	May edition	Noted

10.05.11 Accounts – net payments / income

E. Beech	salary – Clerk	701.80
E. Beech	tel. 14/12/09-13/3/10 and broadband costs Jan-Mar	28.46
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Apr - 4 occasions	140.00
SP Manweb plc	disconnection of electricity supply on rear of Regent Street	489.00
RSC Waste Removals	Site clearance as per specification, from rear of Regent St.	850.00
Little and Large Skip Hire Ltd	3 skips for rear of Regent Street	390.00
Alsager Contractors Ltd.	disposal of asbestos from garages	212.00
G W Scott	reimburse – internet and e-mail provision – 2/5/10-2/11/10	53.94
Aon Limited	insurance 01/06/10 – 31/05/11	2684.83
Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils	Audit update session with External Auditor	5.00
Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils	subscription 2010/11	562.50
Cheshire Community Council	subscription 2010/11	50.00

Resolved: that

- a) the above accounts be passed for payment, including confirmation of the payment made to SP Manweb for disconnection of electricity at the brick building at the Garages Area
- b) monthly direct debits for payments for bills for electricity supply to the Village Hall, the War Memorial and the MUGA be set up at a current monthly amount of £128, £14, and £29 respectively

Proposed: Cllr. Vernon Seconded: Cllr. Watkinson

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

Interest on current account (Mar)	0.49
Garage plots – 2010 rents	75.00
2010/11 precept	24,200.00

10.05.12 Councillors' Reports

None

10.05.13 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th June 2010 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall) commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and followed a meeting of the Playing Field Trust.

Also: Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 25th May – 7.30pm
 Garages Area Committee – Wednesday 9th June – 7.30pm

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 8.55pm