

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2009 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams - resident

09.01.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Green (agreed apologies) and Fox (unwell) be accepted.

Also, noted apologies from Cllr. J. Mashlan (Principal Authorities) and G. Bebbington (Northwich Guardian).

09.01.02 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. The only matter raised was notice of a social event on 6th February, including a talk on the River Weaver and Salt Industry being organised by IMPPS for the Pre-School Group.

09.01.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 8th December 2008 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Wood Seconded: Cllr. Burgess

09.01.04 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:
 - the tree to be planted at the junction of Whitlow Lane and Park Lane will be a holly
 - progress is being made to secure funding for maintenance work on FP3 to the River Weaver with the bulk of funding by Cheshire County Council supported by a contribution from the Parish Council of £210 which the Clerk is seeking Davenham Parish Council to equally share
 - notes of a meeting of Parish and Town Council representative with Cheshire Police organised by ChALC regarding current issues and future arrangements had been circulated
 - there remains a vacancy on the Council
 - the Citizenship Awards will be further promoted with contacts in voluntary groups and via the Northwich Guardian as no nominations have been received to date

09.01.05 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the budget for 2009/10 (Draft 2) be agreed with the precept confirmed as £23,725 which represents an increase of 3%

(b) Planning

Noted:

- i) Cheshire County Council has refused the planning application submitted for twin parallel pipelines, pumping station, infrastructure for water delivery and brine disposal by King Street Energy Ltd.
- ii) Vale Royal BC has permitted the following application:
33 Main Road – two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

(c) Garages

Resolved: that

- i) the revised contract (Draft 3) for leasing garages / plots be agreed, subject to the outcome of consultation with Vale Royal BC Legal Services
- ii) minutes, including the confidential minutes of the Garages Committee meeting held on 6th January 2009 be received and in view of the confidential nature concerning a specific plot of land 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.

(d) Publicity/Website

Resolved: that facilities for an events diary be set up on the website; Cllr. Turner to sort with Mr. Scott and the Clerk set up arrangements for receiving information to be put on the diary

09.01.06 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Noted it is now the Cheshire West & Chester Authority which will consider the draft documents on 3rd March 2009 and the subsequent timetable for consultation will be amended as necessary. Cllr. Burgess will take the lead regarding contact with the relevant Officers.

09.01.07 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted a well-attended MADSAG met on 8th January and the next meeting is to be held on 12th March at The County High School, Leftwich. Noted copy of PCSO's monthly report circulated.

09.01.08 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) Cheshire West & Chester be requested to include appropriate community groups, e.g. IMPPS as a consultee for major planning applications and Village Design Statements and, where appropriate Parish Plans be identified as key documents when planning applications are considered
- c) a donation of £20.00 be made to the Mayor's Charity
- d) the Clerk advise at the next meeting of any aspects of the consultation on the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity, the Council may wish to consider commenting on

1	Cheshire West & Chester	12 Dec 17 Dec 12 Jan	Notice that 'Statement of Community Involvement' (sets out how Council will involve all in planning) is currently being prepared Invitation to 'Introducing Cheshire West & Chester' – 3 events – one at Civic Hall, Winsford on 28 th January – 7pm to 8.30pm Information about need to carry out a Strategic Housing Market Assessment, including an Affordable Housing Viability Appraisal for the new Council area – a self-completion questionnaire will be mailed out to a sample of households across the CW&C area for completion by 17 th February	See b) above Clerk will attend Noted
2	Cheshire County Council	15 Dec 12 Jan	'Cheshire Matters' – December Invitation to a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate 120 years of the County Council on 29 th March at 3.30pm at Chester Cathedral	Noted Noted
3	Vale Royal Borough Council	22 Dec	Invitation to the final Vale Royal Mayor's Charity Ball – 6 th February at Memorial Hall	See c) above
4	Dept. for Communities and Local Govt.	29 Dec	Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity – consultation - closing date for comments is 12 th March	See d) above
5	Ches. Assoc. of Local Councils	27 Dec	January Newsletter 2009 training dates	Noted Noted
6	St Wilfreds' PCC	11 Dec	Letters of thanks for 2008 donation to Churchyard maintenance	Noted
7	Moulton Drama Gp	1 Dec	Request to publicise plays on boards at garages area (as IMPPs)	Agreed
8	Moulton Drama Gp.	10 Dec	e-mail to thank for grant	Noted
9	PCSO	11 Dec	November report (E-mailed 15/12)	Noted
10	Cheshire Police Authority	1 Jan	Notice of 2009 'Have Your Say' meetings – nearest is on 1 st Sept. at Winsford at 7pm	Noted
11	Cheshire Criminal Justice Board	19 Dec	December Bulletin (by e-mail)	Noted
12	Ches. & Wirral NHS Trust	31 Dec	'Engage' newsletter	Noted

13	Clerks & Councils Direct	10 Jan	January edition 2009 Year Book	Noted Noted
14	Cheshire Landscape Trust	12 Jan	Information on two Orchard Workshops at Erddig Hall on 1 st and 8 th Feb.	Noted

09.01.09 Accounts – net payments / income

Payments:

		£
E. Beech	Salary	535.34
G. J. Steele	Litter pick & playground inspections Dec (4 occs.)	140.00
G. J. Steele	Operational Inspection - playing field facilities – Dec.	20.00
J. Kershaw	Bread rolls for Xmas tree lighting event	5.10

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson Secoded: Cllr. Turner

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

		£
Interest on account for December		2.62
HMRC – VAT reimbursement for period Aug – Nov. 2008		1481.16
Allianz – insurance claim for damage at playing field (minus excess of £125 which the Trust will pay)		433.00
Garage plot rents		248.00

09.01.10 Councillors' Reports

Beechfield

Cllr. Turner expressed residents' concerns about the new surfacing on a stretch of Beechfield, which during the recent weather was very icy due to it being a smooth surface. The refuse collection vehicle had been unable to travel safely on this stretch of the road and there were fears that an emergency service vehicle may also have been unable to use it if they had needed to.

Resolved: that Cheshire Highways be asked if there can be a check on the surface put down by the contractors.

Community Litter Picking

Cllr. Vernon reported on the small group of members of the community who were regularly carrying out litter picks in areas of the village, co-ordinated by Mr. Ray Pearson. MADsAG is to write to the Group to commend the work being undertaken.

Resolved: that the opportunity to join the Community Litter Pick Group be promoted wherever possible.

09.01.11 Village Hall Lease

Noted the timescale to renew the lease

Resolved: that 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.

09.01.12 Next Meeting

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th February 2009 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall, commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

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