

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12th APRIL 2010 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
K. Stock – Police Community Support Officer
S. Jackson, L. Williams – residents
G. Bebbington – Northwich Guardian

10.04.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. J. Gregory, (work commitment) be agreed and those received from Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs. Mashlan and Musgrave be noted.

10.04.02 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:

- meeting with Highways regarding the bunting – paperwork to complete and regulations reducing the likelihood that it can be put up along Main Road - possibly invite residents to put up in own gardens
- request for a lowered kerb at the corner of Church Street and Main Road
- request for a seat near the junction of Niddries Lane and Smokehall Lane and some additional at the playing field

PCSO Kat Stock gave her latest report, including the Community Surgery prior to this meeting and that 5 incidents had been reported across the two parishes. SJ (resident) enquired about the speed limit and expressed concerns about speeding in the village. PCSO Stock will use speed gun to do checks. Some concerns also expressed about parking resulting in cars edging out into the road at dangerous corners. PCSO will monitor. The Clerk will contact Cheshire West and Chester about taking steps to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in the village.

10.04.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2010 be agreed and signed as a correct record

10.04.04 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:
 - details of the Village Hall energy costs have been provided to MADCA
 - the Clerk will be attending a drop-in session at The Lifestyle Centre, Winsford regarding a review of open spaces in Cheshire West and Chester
 - the Council's data protection registration has been completed for the period to 15th April 2011
 - Sale Brass Band is unable to play at the Christmas Tree lighting event so alternatives are being investigated.

10.04.05 Vacancy

Noted applicant Mr. A. Rigby had met with some Councillors regarding his application for co-option.

Resolved: that the Mr. A. Rigby be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Council with immediate effect for the period to May 2011

10.04.06 Joint Parishes Meeting

Resolved: that the draft minutes of the Joint Parishes meeting held on 22nd March 2010 be received.

10.04.07 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- i) the arrangements for the external audit for the 2009/10 accounts for submission by 20th May be noted
- ii) the confidential minutes of the meeting regarding the letting of Contract 1 Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance be agreed and the letting of the contract to Northwich Town Council be noted.

(b) Planning

Noted:

- i) Cheshire West and Chester Council's decision on the following application:
50 Niddries Lane – first floor side and front porch extensions and pitch roof over garage – *permitted*
- ii) the Planning Committee has submitted no objections to the following application:
57 Main Road – first floor side extension

(c) Garages

Noted the two garages have been removed as agreed, the tenants / lessees agreement has been redrafted and concerns remain about the large amount of fly tipping.

Resolved: that the minutes of the Garages Area Committee held on 29th March 2010 be received.

(d) Community

Noted the Annual Report and Newsletter is being put together and will be available for distribution at the beginning of May, in time for distribution for the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th May

10.04.08 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

10.04.09 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Received an update on the VDS Group's arrangements for the printing of the Statement. Noted 200 colour copies will be printed and a number of black and white. Also, considering a modified version for distribution to all households.

10.04.10 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted next MADsAG is on 13th May.

10.04.11 Correspondence

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

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	15 Mar 18 Mar 1 Apr	'Partnerships West' - Edition 14 – March 2010 West Cheshire Together LSP Network Event - 27 th April at Chester - to launch our new Sustainable Community Strategy for West Cheshire Notice of Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, including Executive Question Time Thursday 15 th April – 6pm – County Hall	Noted Noted Noted
2	Cheshire Community Action	17 Mar	March Newsletter	Noted
3	Cheshire Assoc.of Local Councils	16 Mar	Vale Royal Area meeting minutes – 4 th March	Noted
4	Residents – Chapel Lane	Mid-Mar	Copies of 3 letters to Beechfield resident objecting to earlier letter regarding perceived parking issues in Beechfield	Noted
5	CHAIN Cheshire Anti-Incinerator Network	6 Apr	Request to submit objections to oppose the Brunner Mond Sustainable Energy Plant at Lostock	Noted

10.04.12 Accounts – net payments / income

E. Beech	salary – Clerk	701.80
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Mar - 5 occasions	175.00
G. J. Steele	operational inspection – Mar.	20.00
Cheshire West and Chester Cl.	emptying bins and car park sweep – final qu. 09/10	226.75
Suddenstrike Ltd.	mole removal from playing field	82.50
British Gas	gas supply to Village Hall (7 Jan – 22 Mar)	616.41
Office Essentials	two laser printer toner cartridges	99.98
RSC Waste Removals	removal of two asbestos garages -rear of Regent St.	475.00
MADCA	Use of Hall for PC meetings Jan-Mar & Jt PCs meeting	73.00
Cheshire Assoc. of Local Cls.	to Clerk's attendance at Audit Seminar (orig. ch. lost)	15.00

Resolved: that

- a) the above accounts be passed for payment
- b) cheque no. 301168 for £15 for Clerk's audit seminar place be cancelled
- c) the Chair and Vice Chair authorise payments to Cheshire West and Chester Council for the relevant planning application fee and to SP Manweb for disconnection of electricity at the brick building at the Garages Area and report them to the next meeting

Proposed: Cllr. Sant Seconded: Cllr. Burgess

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest on current account (Feb)	0.35
Garage plots – 2010 rents	155.00
Reimbursement towards cost of laser printer toner cartridges	59.99

10.04.13 Councillors' Reports

Flytipping

Cllr. Watkinson reported conifer branches had been dumped at the rear of the Dram Group's storages

Community Litter Picks

Cllr. Kershaw reported her intention to organise litter picks over the next few weeks at the playing field and at the lane down to the river.

War Memorial

Cllr. Vernon reported that the plants in the War Memorial area need replacing.

10.04.14 Next Meeting

Noted the Annual General Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10th May 2010 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall), followed by an Ordinary meeting of the Council commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 8.35pm