

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12th MAY 2008 at 8pm following the Annual General Meeting

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
L. Williams (resident)
G. Bebbington (Northwich Guardian)

08.05.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Fox (personal commitment) and Green (work) be accepted.

08.05.02 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

- concern about the poor state of the grass verges following a recent cut by Vale Royal BC
- to note permission had been given for the banner to be displayed at Beehive Corner

Thanks recorded to Fran Bennett and Laura Williams for printing, folding and arranging the distribution of the recent Parish Newsletter.

08.05.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2008 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Turner Seconded: Cllr. Wood

08.05.04 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:
 - the County Council has advised that no progress can be made on the old canteen in School Lane until completion of the North Vale Royal TLC review in 2009;
 - continued action is being taken on the skips, etc on the land at the rear of Regent Street;
 - the two roadways at the rear of Regent Street are to be cleaned;
 - a meeting with the Parochial Church Council relating to Village Hall lease is being progressed
- c) a note of the costs to the Council for removal of fly tipping, litter pick up, etc be collated and reported in the 2009 Annual Report.

08.05.05 Council Vacancy

Noted the vacancy notice has been advertised but no election has been claimed or requests for co-option received.

Resolved: that applications for cooption to the Council continue to be sought.

08.05.06 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 28th April 2008 be received and the following recommendations be agreed:

- the 2008/09 final budget be approved;
- with effect from 2008/09 the Playing Field Trust be recharged for 50% of the Council's insurance premium for property damage cover to equate with the percentage of insured facilities which are located at the playing field;
- the insurance schedule for 2008/09 be approved;
- the revised Asset Register be approved; and
- the Council's current internal audit arrangements are sufficient.

Proposed: Cllr. Wood Seconded: Cllr. Burgess

(b) Planning

Considered the following application:

King Street Energy (Cheshire) Ltd – construction and operation of twin parallel pipelines, pumping stations and infrastructure for water delivery and brine disposal.

Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

1. Brine Re-use

The Council is concerned that, in the interest of speed, the brine is being ‘wasted to sea’ when its only use is to create the cavities. In these days of sustainability and re-use is the company being required to provide sufficient evidence as a condition of planning agreement that it has explored all possible reuses?

2. Works Access Points

Access to the works as they are undertaken should be limited to main roads only. Significant disruption will occur if other access points are created, for example on Jack Lane, Moulton (a minor road which is one of only two access point for the village of Moulton).

3. Works Programming

This is a major project which has the potential to cause significant disruption therefore there should be a requirement that it is programmed in workable stages so that there are not, for example, works at points where the pipeline crosses a road or footpath and/or road access points part-commenced then left for a lengthy period of time. It is assumed that you will require the pipeline will be tunnelled under roads to further minimise disruption to traffic flows.

4. Disruption to Agriculture

The plans indicate a considerable acreage of land between the site boundaries along the whole of the route. Again, works must be phased to reduce the disruption to agriculture.

5. Reinstatement

Reinstatement requirements must make provision for any removed mature or semi-mature trees to be replaced with, as a minimum semi-mature not saplings or very young trees. It is assumed that hedges will be reinstated with like species and that all new planting will be subject to a minimum 24 month reinstatement clause to cover failure of replacement planting.

Noted that the Planning Committee had submitted no objections to the construction of an external disabled access ramp at Moulton School.

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

47 Meadow Lane – two storey side extension with reduced height and flat roof dormer and conversion of existing detached garage and link – *permitted*

(c) Garages

Noted the appointment of a Garages Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

Resolved: that the Garages Committee meet to:

- be fully briefed on the operations of the garages, plots and areas of land
- give consideration to the use of some land at the rear of Regent Street which is soon to be available, taking into account requests received regarding its use and the comments of residents at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May
- make recommendations to the Council on the above.

(d) Publicity / Website

Considered advertising facilities in future Newsletters and on the website. Noted also that an action from the Parish Plan is to prepare a Village Directory of businesses which could be published and be placed on the website.

Resolved: that information on businesses to be included in a Village Directory be collected, initially by having a stall at the Crow Fair to give an opportunity for local businesses to be registered for a first edition or included in an information sheet to be inserted in the next newsletter.

08.05.07 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Noted meeting held to consider comments from Vale Royal BC and final draft produced. This will now be progressed through the Borough Council decision-making processes for adoption within the Local Development Framework as a Supplementary Planning Document.

08.05.08 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted recent MADSAG meeting. Disappointingly only 2 persons attended the CAMS meeting but needs to be more widely advertised much sooner. Suggest that the PCSO has a stall at the Crow Fair to invite comments, issues etc from those attending.

Raised at CAMS was concern about parked cars preventing service buses turning at the junction of Main Road and Whitlow Lane and morning and afternoon congestion in the School Lane area. Some parents are requesting white lines to be painted at the playing field car park to encourage proper parking therefore enabling more vehicles to be properly parked.

Resolved: that MADSA request the PCSO intermittently be in the School Lane area when parents are parking to talk children to and from School and talk to parents

Also, considered the possibility of providing additional facilities at the teen area of the playing field as suggested by some of the users.

Resolved: that the Playing Field Trust consult on this with young people via IMPPs at the Youth Club, the Moulton Adventure Group, the Youth Outreach Service, and the PCSO and possibly include a questionnaire for young people to complete.

08.05.09 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) Cheshire Highways be requested to place a weight restriction for vehicles using Regent Street or a sign which indicates that it is not suitable for HGVs

1	Vale Royal BC	6 May	Latest report on the Community Safety Warden Scheme	Noted
2	Cheshire CC	18 Apr 9 May	'Cheshire Matters' – April edition Notice of road closure for surface dressing	Noted Noted
3	Nat. Assoc. of Local Councils	17 Apr	Notice of NALC's Annual Conference and invitation to subscribe to the bi-monthly Local Council Review	Noted
4	Cheshire Police Authority	26 Apr 2 May	'Have Your Say' Newsletter re meeting at Frodsham on Wed. 16 th April Notice seeking Independent Members of the Police Authority	Noted On n-board
5	The Co-operative Group	22 Apr	Response to residents' concerns about delivery lorries using Regent Street – as raised by the Parish Council	Noted
6	Cheshire Playing Fields Assoc.	30 Apr	Invitation to host AGM of the Association in Sept. / Oct.	Progress
7	Moulton Youth FC	30 Apr	Request to mark a small pitch for U7s football training on the playing field	Agreed
8	Groundwork Cheshire	7 May	Information/entry forms for the 'Something Beautiful' art competition as part of Cheshire's Year of Gardens 2008	Noted

08.05.10 Accounts – net payments / income

Payments:

£

	Staff expenditure	535.33
E. Beech	Reimbursement of book token for School Citizenship Award	20.00
G. J. Steele	Litter pick & playground inspections – April (4 occs.)	140.00
G. J. Steele	Work to repair playground gate	*15.00
ScottishPower	Electricity supply – Village Hall (29 Jan-22 Apr)	301.84
British Gas	Gas supply – Village Hall (14 Dec-25 Apr)	808.60
IMPPs	Cost of paper and printing of IMPPS News (April)	94.34
G. Randles	Citizenship Award (for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting)	20.00
Moulton Old Friends Grp.	Citizenship Award (for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting)	100.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at playing field £231 (Apr) & repair of seat at teen shelter £87	*318.00
Northwich Town Council	Contract work at 4 sites £242 (Apr) & removal of fly tipping at garages area	389.00
Cheshire County Council	Services of Moulton School photocopier to print April Parish News	88.00
Vale Royal BC	Contract - empty bins & sweep car park at playing field (Jan-Mar)	*215.00
G. Scott	Reimbursement - payment to 1&1 Internet Ltd - website hosting (Apr-Sep)	53.94
Allianz Insurance plc	Premium renewal for period 1/6/08 – 31/5/08	2339.02

* - net cost will be reimbursed by Trust # previous overpayment results in actual payment of £537.19 + VAT

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Turner

Seconded: Cllr. Watkinson

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
1 garage plot rent and deposit for newly let garage	78.00
1 st half of 2008/09 precept	11,517.00
Sale of printer drum (old printer)	20.00
Reimbursement for toner cartridge (from other Parish Councils)	24.99
Profit from Village Quiz hosting night	50.00

08.05.11 Councillors' Reports

Restricted Byway 9 – Niddries Lane to Newbridge

Cllr. Kershaw raised concerns regarding the use of the byway by vehicles causing danger to walkers. Noted use by residents at the caravan park is necessary and permitted but it has historically been a shortcut used by local residents. Need for safety to be improved. Is also a regular spot for fly tipping.

Crow Darts Shield

Cllr. Hough reported a meeting for the entered teams is to be held.

British Legion – boundary fencing

Cllr. Burgess expressed concern about the unsightly state of the boundary fencing of the Legion – noted work will be undertaken to improve this.

Cllr. Turner reported that new committee members are being sought – noted this could be included in the next newsletter.

Co-op Alarm

Cllr. Turner reported on receipt of complaints received about the alarm regularly going off – residents should be advised to report this to the Police / PCSO

Speed Indicator Devices

Cllr. Turner requested more occasions for the SID to be used in other areas of the village following the success of its use in Main Road. Noted this would be raised at MADSAG.

08.05.12 Next Meetings

Noted the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th June 2008 at 7.30pm at Moulton School commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

Noted the Annual Parish Meeting is arranged for Thursday 15th May 2008 at 7.30pm in the Back Room at the Village Hall.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.25pm