

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

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

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

09.10.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Sant and Wood (both unwell) be agreed

09.10.02 Public Open Session

No members of the public were present to raise questions and seek clarification in relation to village and community matters.

09.10.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting, including the confidential minutes, held on 14th September 2009 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Burgess

Seconded: Cllr. Gregory

09.10.04 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 current Council vacancy is advertised and, subject to their being no election, any applications for co-option are to be considered at the November meeting
- Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs. Manley, Mashlan, and Musgrave are soon to meet with the relevant Executive Member to continue to press for progress on the barrier along the A556
- the initial, exploratory meeting of the PCC, the Parish Council and MADCA regarding the Village Hall lease is to be held on 14th October at 7.30pm
- Ron Davies from Connexions and a member of the Youth Parliament team have accepted the invitation to attend the Council's January meeting regarding the development of Youth Forums

09.10.05 Joint Parishes Meeting

Resolved: that the draft minutes of the Joint Parishes Meeting held on 21st September 2009 be received and the following matter noted:

- The Parishes are to have a new PCSO; wef 26th October 2009 Kat Stock will take over from Tom McDermott. She has accepted the invitation to attend the Council meeting on 9th November

09.10.06 Moulton School Governing Body

Considered how to fill the Parish Council's appointment to the Governing Body.

Resolved: that the names of suitable persons be brought to the meeting to be held on 9th November.

09.10.07 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that

- a) the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting held on 28th September 2009 be received
- b) the Committee's recommendations for grant allocations be accepted and the following grants be awarded:

Moulton Adventure Group	-	towards a new carpet	£200
Moulton Coffee & Chat	-	towards hall rental	£150
Moulton Drama Group	-	towards a laser printer	£150
Moulton Old Friends Group	-	towards hall rental	£150
Moulton Women's' Institute	-	towards visiting speakers and a sound system	£ 50
1 st Moulton Rainbows	-	towards size-related tables and chairs	£150
Moulton Youth Football Club	-	towards new kit for the U8s	£150

- St Wilfrid's Church, Davenham - towards the cost of upkeep of the Churchyard £150
- c) the Committee be authorised to agree a grant to one Group which gave notice it wished to apply by the closing date but due to constraints outside its control could not give cost details
 - d) in noting the significant reduction in the interest rates available for the renewal of the Guaranteed Investment Bond, it be reinvested for 6 months only and the Committee prepare options for the management of these accrued funds to enable the Council to take action in early 2010
 - e) action proposed in response to concern about the high energy costs paid by the Council for the Village Hall be noted
 - f) the 2nd quarter financial statement for 2009/10 be received

(b) Planning

Resolved: that the Cheshire West and Chester Council be informed that no objections are submitted to the following application:

- 59 Main Road – two storey extension to side, conservatory to rear and demolish existing garage

(c) Garages

Resolved: that

- i) the minutes, including the confidential minutes of the Garages Committee meeting held on 6th October 2009 be received
- ii) the Committee's recommendation that the rent for a basic plot be increased from £47 to £50 and other rent levels by the same percentage be agreed
- iii) contact with Cheshire West and Chester Planning and Building Control regarding relevant permission for the site be noted

(d) Community

Noted the band has been booked and the ordering of a Christmas tree and the application for a temporary events licence are in hand.

Received a first draft of the Newsletter and confirmed items, noting printing and distribution to be done by the end of October

09.10.08 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Cllr. Burgess reported that the final document will be submitted for approval to the Cheshire West and Chester Council meeting on 17th December.

09.10.09 Anti-Social Behaviour

Concern that some fly tipping is occurring at the garages area and there continue to be incidents of broken glass at the MUGA.

09.10.10 Police Community Support Officer post

Noted the current service level agreement for Parish and Town Councils with Cheshire Police runs to 31st March 2010. As a result a revised service level agreement will soon be available for comment and the level of the Local Councils' contribution determined.

Resolved: that

- a) in noting the benefits to the community evidenced since the post was in place for this and Davenham Parish Council, its continuation is supported in principle
- b) discussions regarding the funding contributions by individually by the two Councils be undertaken once the overall contribution is determined and these take into account the impact of the creation of a Kingsmead Parish Council in April 2011

09.10.11 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
- b) in noting there are 3 nominees to represent Town and Parish Councils on the Winsford and Rural East Area Partnership Board, a vote for Nick Harris be posted

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	16 Sep 29 Sep 29 Sep	Concessionary travel scheme information Invitation to vote for the Town and Parish Councils representative to sit on the Winsford and Rural East Area Partnership Board – 3 nominees Abbey and Northwich Community Forum – Tues. 1 st Dec. 7pm - Winnington Sports and Social Club	Noted see b) above Noted – no. to attend
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