

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. P. Vernon (Chair)
A. Burgess, J. Gregory, D. Hough, M. Green, D. Watkinson and A. Wood

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
C. Bowie, V. Chappell and F. Bennett – residents
Cllr. J. Mashlan (Cheshire West and Chester Council)

The meeting was preceded by the announcement and presentation of the Best Kept Garden Awards 2009 by Bron Kerrigan, Parish Plans Development Officer, Cheshire Community Action.

09.09.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apology for absence received from Cllr. Sant (personal commitment) be agreed and those of Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs. Manley and Musgrave be noted.

09.09.02 Membership

Resolved: that the following be noted:

- a) Cllr. Gregory has completed and signed his acceptance of office as a Co-opted Member and completed and signed a declaration of interest pro-forma in the presence of the Clerk
- b) G. Fox has automatically ceased to be a Member as he has failed to attend any meetings of the Council or its Committees or presented apologies which have been accepted during the last six consecutive months
- c) the vacancy for a new Member will be advertised

Cllr. Vernon welcomed Cllr. James Gregory to his first Council meeting.

09.09.03 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 various incidences of graffiti around the village and, in particular when cleaning of the graffiti of the TRANSCO building will be done – noted action taken by the Parish Council to alert the relevant bodies.
- poor state of the United Utilities' pumping station at the rear of 35 Summerfield Drive and concerns regarding trees on the playing field – noted the Parish Council is in contact with United Utilities and will write to the resident about the trees
- Cllr. Mashlan advised she continues to pursue a change of decision on the refusal to move the current, or install an additional length of barrier. Noted that a second risk assessment of the route has been undertaken but does not progress the matter as the Parish Council believes is necessary.

On the recommendation of the Chair it was agreed that the public session continue to 8pm to enable all current aspects of the discussion regarding the safe walking route to School to be aired.

09.09.04 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2009 and the minutes of the confidential meeting held on 3rd August 2009 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Watkinson

Seconded: Cllr. Wood

09.09.05 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:
 - no progress had been made on the extension to the barrier but the update given by Cllr. Mashlan was noted
 - an first, exploratory meeting between the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and MADCA regarding the Village Hall lease is to be held on 14th October

- Cllr. Wood has visited a neighbour's property adjacent to the trees at the playing field car park
- information on records recently archived at Cheshire Records Office

Resolved: that

- a) the Ward Councillors be advised the Parish Council's understanding is that the decision on the move of, or extension to the barrier along the A556 is not an officer one but is now one the Members will make and that it believes that the current route is unsafe and Cheshire West and Chester Council Officers are accountable in the event of any accident taking place
- b) some consideration of matters which the Council needs to raise at the meeting on 14th October regarding the Village Hall lease be given at the end of this agenda 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
- c) an expert's views on the trees at the playing field be sought
- d) various records recently archived at the Cheshire Records Office be noted.

09.09.06 Moulton School Governing Body

Resolved: that Cllr. Green's resignation as the Parish Council's representative be noted and a replacement be appointed at the next meeting

09.09.07 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the Internal Auditor's report for the 1st quarter 2009/10 be received and that no areas of concern or anomalies were identified be noted

(b) Planning

Resolved: that the following decisions made by Cheshire West and Chester Council, be noted:

- 16 Weaver Road – conservatory to rear – *permitted*
- Rock Salt Mine – extension to operational life to 30/6/2011 – *permitted*

(c) Garages

Resolved: that

- i) the minutes, including the confidential minutes of the Garages Committee meeting held on 30th July 2009 be received
- ii) the outcomes of the helpful meeting with representatives of the Over Allotments Association and Winsford Town Council be noted
- iii) the Clerk's action in obtaining a quote from the Council's contractor to erect suitable fencing around an area at the rear of Regent Street and for the removal of some tree stumps and growth, be confirmed and the quotes of £135 and £260 respectively be agreed
- iv) due to the confidential nature of a matter relating to an individual garage plot, this be considered at the end of the agenda and members of the public and the press be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw for that item

(d) Community

Resolved: that

- i) arrangements be progressed for the purchase and erection of a Christmas tree, the engagement of Sale Brass Band and an application for a temporary events licence
- ii) items for the next Parish Newsletter be sent to Cllr. Turner or the Clerk and they be finalised at the next meeting

09.09.08 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Cllr. Burgess reported that the final document is unlikely to be available until October.

09.09.09 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted MADSAG had met on 10th September at which a number of matters relating to vandalism at the playing field and graffiti had been highlighted.

Noted that the current contract for the provision and funding of a PCSO is due to expire on 31st March 2010. The Chair and Clerk reported on a recent meeting for representatives of Local Councils with Cheshire Police.

Resolved: that the contract and funding for the PCSO be considered at the next meeting.

09.09.10 Correspondence

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

1	Cheshire West & Chester	31 Jul	Parish representatives on Area Partnership Boards – details and nomination forms	Noted
		31 Jul	Parish representatives on Task Groups of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Noted
		Au/Sep	'Partnerships West' – edition 7 & 8 (to be e-mailed)	Noted
		3 Sep	Updated contact details for Highways issues	Noted
		9 Sep	Local Councils Event Wed. 14 th October at 7pm – Lifestyle Centre, Winsford	Noted
		11 Sep	Next Community Forum – Verdin Club – 7pm – Tues. 29 th Sept.	All to attend
2	Cheshire Assoc of Local Councils	11 Sep	Reminder of the Association's AGM to be held on 22 nd October at Middlewich from 6.30pm and an invitation to submit any motions by 16 th September September Newsletter – e-mailed	Noted Noted
3	Clerks & Councils Direct		September edition	Noted
4	4NW	30 Jul	Consultation on a draft North West Plan Partial Review on two new policies proposed for inclusion dealing with Gypsy and Traveller, and Travelling Showpeople communities and on a revision to Regional Car Parking Standards - response by 19/10	Noted
5	MADCA	17 Aug	Revised hall hire charges for 2009/10	Noted
6	Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils	4 Sep	September newsletter and reminder notice re AGM 22 nd October at Middlewich	Noted
7	Connexions	8 Sep	Parish Councils working with young people – development of a youth council for Moulton and adjacent areas	Invite to meeting
8	Living Streets - Wirral & Chester	7 Sep	Survey to be launched on 15 th Sept. for pedestrians regarding experiences of using footways and pavements in Cheshire West and Chester	Noted
9	Cheshire Local Access Forum	15 Aug	Invitation to join the Forum – is a local advisory body to Cheshire West and Chester Council on public rights of way	Noted

09.09.11 Accounts – net payments / income

Payments:

August accounts:

		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	555.83
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp.contract - July - 4 occasions	140.00
G. J. Steele	operational inspection – July	20.00
Deighton Electrical Testing & Install.	Annual NICEIC inspect.-floodlight installation-MUGA	144.00
Morrall Play Solutions	Annual inspection 2009	187.50
Northwich Town Council	contract work - 4 sites – July	742.50
Northwich Town Council	contract work - pl. field – July	963.75
Linnet Book-keeping Ltd	Internal audit – Jan-June, inc. year end	40.00
Scottish Power Manweb	Electricity supply to War Memorial	34.71
Scottish Power Manweb	Electricity supply to Village Hall	298.33
Scottish Power Manweb	Electricity supply to MUGA lights	34.39
Office Essentials	Printer toner and paper	49.94

September accounts:

		£
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	520.09
E. Beech	use of office and IT facilities	200.00
E. Beech	reimburse - Best Kept Garden vouchers & engrave	91.30
HMRC	2 nd quarter PAYE (£9.40) and NI (£57.00)	66.40
G. J. Steele	litter pick / insp.contract – Aug.- 5 occasions	175.00
G. J. Steele	operational inspection – Aug. & addit. hr. vandalism	35.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work - 4 sites – August	538.00
Northwich Town Council	contract work - pl. field – August	632.50
Ches. West & Chester Cl.	installation of litter bin at playing field (May 09)	77.50
Davenham Parish Council	1 st payment of 2 for PCSO	1406.66

Resolved: that

- a) the above accounts paid for August, be confirmed
- b) the above accounts for September be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Hough

Seconded: Cllr. Watkinson

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest on current account (July & August)	4.95
Reimbursement for printer toner and paper	27.31
Sale of Millennium maps (via Northwich Information Centre)	25.00

09.09.12 Councillors' Reports

Street Bunting

Cllr. Burgess reported that the Events Committee is considering putting up street bunting for the 2010 Crow Fair and may seek a grant from the Parish Council for this.

Regent Street

Cllr. Hough reported a resident's concerns regarding the height of some trees at the rear of Regent Street. It was advised that the resident be requested to write to the Clerk detailing his/her concerns.

09.09.13 Next Meeting

Noted the next Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12th October 2009 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall), commencing with a 15 minute public participation session.

Also:

Joint Parishes meeting – Monday 21st September at 7.30pm at Davenham Methodist Church

Finance Committee – Monday 28th September at 7.30pm – Committee Room, Village Hall

Garages Area Committee – Tuesday 6th October 2009 at 7.30pm – Committee Room, Village Hall

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 9.35pm