

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

Present: Cllrs. P. Vernon (Chair)
A. Burgess, J. Gregory, M. Green, D. Hough, J. Kershaw, G. Sant, D. Watkinson, A. Wood and C. Bowie (from 09.12.03)

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

09.12.01 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apologies for absence received from Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs. Mashlan and Musgrave be noted.

09.12.02 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.

PCSO Kat Stock gave a brief report on her activities in the community, advising that there have been no major issues but that she is keeping a check on reported problems at the MUGA. Noted graffiti on sign at Summerfield Drive has been reported to Streetscene to be removed.

Noted the success of the Christmas Fair and Tree Lighting Event.

09.12.03 Minutes

Resolved: that

- a) the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2009 be agreed and signed as a correct record;
- b) the meeting's recommendation be noted and Mrs. C. Bowie be co-opted to the Council with immediate effect; her completed and signed acceptance of office was received;
- c) the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2009 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Gregory

Seconded: Cllr. Hough

09.12.04 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:
 - an option to install 2 amber flashing warning lights, improve signage and widen the pavement on the A556 at the area of the walking route had been presented by Cheshire West and Chester Council Officers and Members at the meeting regarding the safe route to school matter held on 26th November; work to be completed during 2010
 - initial contact has been made with a suitable and qualified solicitor to support the Council on the matters of the village hall lease and the garages area leases
 - a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Bradley for his help in erecting the Christmas tree
 - details of contact with the Weaver Parkway concerning the litter problem at the Newbridge Picnic site

Resolved: that, whilst the proposals for improvements to the school walking / cycling route are welcomed the Council's position remains that railings should be provided along the route.

09.12.05 Police Community Support Officer – future funding and service level agreement (SLA)

Resolved: that

a) the minutes of a Joint Parishes meeting held on 16th November 2009 be received and in line with the recommendations from the meeting, the following be agreed:

- i) this Council's commitment to the principle of supporting the post of a Police Community Support Officer for the two communities (Davenham and Moulton) for the new 3-year period, subject to the final content of the revised Service Level Agreement;
- ii) the funding split for the period 1st April 2010 to 4th May 2011 be as for the previous 3 years but increased in line with the overall figure; resulting in Moulton Parish Council paying £2,974.04 p.a. and Davenham Parish Council paying £8,825.96p.a.

- iii) once further information is available, the two Parish Councils meet to consider a revision of the funding split for the period from 5th May 2011 due to revised size of Davenham Parish
- b) in noting receipt of a draft SLA for the post and that the local Police Inspector will be contacting the Councils to discuss the document, consideration be given to it at the next Parish Council meeting.

09.12.06 Electoral Review of Cheshire West and Chester Council

Considered the draft recommendations of the Boundary Committee on the electoral arrangements for Cheshire West and Chester Council. Noted that it is proposed that Moulton is included with Davenham, Bostock, Kingsmead and Leftwich in a 3-member ward named 'Mere Heath and Leftwich'.

Resolved: that

- a) the Council register its dissatisfaction with the proposals which it considers do not meet the criteria of 'community identity' and include an unrepresentative ward name, but appear only to meet a criterion of equality in numbers to result in a 3-member ward
- b) possible alternative proposals, including a more suitable ward name, be considered at the next meeting

09.12.07 Reports

(a) Finance

Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7th December 2009 be received, its recommendations be noted and the following be agreed:

- i) MADCA be advised of the Council's concern about the increasing costs, that the budget is overspent and that this is unsustainable and that the Council's budget for this will be capped as a result that MADCA will need to pay some of the costs from 1st April 2010
- ii) the 2010/2011 budget be agreed and the precept be set at £24,200 representing an increase of 2%
- iii) the Council's Reserves Policy and Level of Investment for 2010/11 be:

Re: land at rear of Regent Street (Garages Area site) (for ownership and management responsibilities of the site)	£ 5,000
Re: war memorial (for any necessary repairs which are outside of insurance coverage)	£ 2,000
Re: any future land purchase (increase due to current land prices - to enable any opportunity for land purchase for the benefit of the community to be given serious consideration)	£17,500
Re: to meet provide a contingency for the revenue account	£ 5,000
Re: available to meet cash flow requirements (equal to half of the precept) (not now required as the precept is paid in full by the principal authority at the beginning of the financial year)	NIL

	£29,500
- iv) the Finance Committee research appropriate investments for Council decision in February/ March 2010 in preparation for the maturity of the Guaranteed Investment Deposit and areas of development / forward planning be identified for funding from 2010/11 onwards
- v) the minor amendment to the Council's Financial Regulations as given in 09.30F of the minutes be agreed and they be further reviewed in April 2011.

(b) Planning

Noted Cheshire West and Chester Council's decision on the following applications:

59 Main Road – two storey extension to side and conservatory at rear and demolition of existing garage - *permitted*

152 Main Road – Lawful Development Certificate for proposed sectional concrete garage – *refused*

(c) Garages

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the Garages Area Committee held on 2nd December 2009 be received

09.12.08 Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Issues and Options

Noted the opportunity to comment on this Cheshire West and Chester Council consultation document and agreed circulation arrangements.

Resolved: that comments be formulated at the next meeting

09.12.09 Village Design Statement and Parish Landscape Assessment

Noted Cheshire West and Chester Council's Executive is recommending to its Council that the Village Design Statement be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.

09.12.10 Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted report back from MADsAG meeting held on 12th November.

09.12.11 Correspondence

Resolved: that

- a) correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed
 b) details of the Rural Support Fund and Members' budgets be sent to village community groups

1	Cheshire West and Chester Council	13 Nov 11 Nov 12 Nov 17 Nov 16 Nov 24 Nov 9 Dec	'Partnerships West - Edition 10 – November 2009 <u>Notice of current consultations</u> Core Strategy Issues and Options – Local Development Framework (to 13/01/10) Priorities for transport in order to prepare the Local Transport Plan 2011/2026 Draft Sustainable Community Strategy (to 13/01/10) Consultation on criteria for shortlisting sites for gypsy, traveller & travelling showpersons & opportunity to submit any possible suitable sites – by 24/12/09 Notice of establishment of a Rural Support Fund and information on criteria for application Information on Members budgets and criteria for application (£5k) Details of winter maintenance service Northwich West and Abbey Forum – 1 st December WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) campaign - for noticeboards Offer of financial contribution to play areas – bid by 25/1	Noted see 09.12.08 above Noted Noted Noted See b) above Noted Noted Noted Noted
2	Cheshire Assoc of Local Councils	24 Nov 14 Dec	Agenda for Vale Royal Area Meeting – 3 rd December – Minutes of 3 rd Dec. meeting – next one Thurs. 4 March	Noted Noted
3	The Boundary Committee	19 Nov	Electoral Review - draft proposals for comment for Cheshire West and Chester electoral boundaries	See 09.12.06 above
4	Weaver Vale Housing Trust	26 Nov	Re Trust Homechoice – allocation process for vacant properties – request to advertise on noticeboard	Advertise on noticeboard
5	Clerks & Councils	11 Nov	November edition	Noted
6	Ches. Comm. Action	26 Nov	Annual Report 2008/09	Noted
7	Cheshire Police Authority	9 Dec	Notice of a 'Have Your Say' meetings in January – 19 th - Northwich Memorial Hall & 26 th at Chester	Noted
8	Old Friends Club	19 Nov	Letter of thanks for grant	Noted
9	Vale Royal BC	12 Dec	Final Statement of Accounts 2008/09	Noted

09.12.12 Accounts – net payments / income

PAYEE		NET (£)
E. Beech	salary – Clerk	519.90
E. Beech	travel (Jul-Nov) £66.80 and postage (Mar-Nov) £15.68	82.48
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE and NI – 3 rd quarter	58.20
G. J. Steele	litter pick/insp. contract – Nov.- 5 occasions	175.00
G. J. Steele	operational inspection – Nov.	20.00*
Northwich Town Council	hedge cutting, clean War Memorial and tidy area	225.00
Northwich Town Council	Repair of tarmac path after fire damage- <i>insurance claim</i>	336.00*
Office Essentials (<i>to confirm</i>)	A3 green copier paper for newsletter	17.98
Office Essentials	Laser printer toner cartridge (<i>shared cost</i>)	48.99
G W Scott	2 nd payment of 2 – web and e-mail support 2009/10	67.50
Davenham Parochial Church Council	donation towards Churchyard maintenance	150.00
Open Spaces Society	Subscription Dec 09 – Nov 10	40.00
MADCA	Use of Back Hall for meetings (Aug-Dec)	91.25
Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils	Pt. payment place at Audit update session 25/11/09	15.00
Vale Royal Playscheme Association	Payment for 2 nd week of playscheme in Moulton	600.00
Cheshire West & Chester Council	2 nd qu. payment-bin emptying & car park sweep-pl.field	226.75*

*net cost will be reimbursed by Playing Field Trust

Resolved: that the above accounts be passed for payment

Proposed: Cllr. Green Secoded: Cllr. Watkinson

Income:

Noted receipt of the following income since the last meeting:

	£
Interest on current account (Nov.)	1.27
Garage plots – 2010 rent	100.00
From sale of refreshments at Christmas tree event	111.70
Reimbursement for laser printer toner	25.00

09.12.13 Councillors' Reports

Moulton Darts Shield

Noted that the 2009 competition is underway.

Veolia (Minosus) Liaison Meeting

Cllr. Wood reported on the recent meeting of the Liaison Group is arranged for 25th November 2009.

Future MUGA Use

Cllr. Gregory advised that he would contact the local School Sports Partnership to establish whether any organised sporting activities could be arranged to encourage the use of the MUGA by local young people.

09.12.14 Next Meeting

Noted the next Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall (Back Hall), commencing with a 15 minute public participation session and followed by a meeting of the Children's Playing Field Trust.

Garages Area Committee – Monday 4th January – 7.30pm – Committee Room

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm