

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 26th OCTOBER 2010 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: E. Beech – Clerk
A. Bennett, D. Bennett, F. Bennett, M. Black, M. Burgess, S. Hetherington, G. Scott, J. Scott, D. Watkinson, L. Williams – residents

10.10.15 Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apology for absence received from Cllr. G. Sant (holiday) be agreed.

10.10.16 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Vernon and Watkinson declared a personal interest in the main item of the agenda as Officers of MADCA.

10.10.17 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. After 15 minutes it was clear there were more points to raise so with the agreement of the Council the Chair extended this session.

The following points were raised relating to the management of the Village Hall and the current lease discussions with the Trustees of the Hall (the PCC):

- clarification that the resolution passed by MADCA was as a result of the organisation feeling that it does not have the capacity to run the Hall for the next 35 years
- whether there is an alternative solution which can be explored
- what the response of the Church bodies is to this situation
- who will run the Hall from next year
- whether MADCA has worked to recruit volunteers to build up its capacity
- is the community fully aware of MADCA, its role and the current situation
- the report to the Council refers to 'small improvements have been made' when in fact major improvements to the Hall have been made over the existing lease tenure

10.10.18 Village Hall Lease

Received the Clerk's written background report on the current situation with regard to the renewal of the Village Hall lease for a period from May 2011.

Noted:

- the points raised above, for which the Chair thanked those members of the public present
- the following resolution passed at the MADCA meeting held on 12th October 2010, as follows:
"That MADCA should relinquish management of the Village Hall in favour of the St Stephens Church Hall Trustees in an orderly manner over the next few months and in any event by the end of the current lease period, which is 30th April 2011"
- the Parish Council is the Trustee of MADCA and the main party to the Village Hall lease

Resolved: that

- a) the Council, in its community role, seek a meeting with the PCC as soon as possible to try to establish a way forward, as follows:
 - i) the Council continue to be represented by Cllrs. Bowie, Gregory and Kershaw
 - ii) they establish and respond to the PCC position in light of the resolution made by MADCA
 - iii) a meeting of the Council be held on Monday 22nd November 2010 at 7.30pm to further consider the position following the meeting with the PCC and determine whether to arrange a public meeting
- b) the Council formally thank MADCA for all its voluntary efforts over many years to ensure the facility of the Hall has been available for the community

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 8.40pm