



MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES

Monday 8th January 2024 at 19:30 in Moulton School Hall, School Lane, Moulton

Cllr Jennings, Cllr Boyle, Cllr Marr, Cllr Kershaw, Cllr Simpson
RFO/Clerk: Angela Capstick

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| | Apologies | <p>The council recognises approval for this agenda item as appropriate to meet the requirement in Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>To receive, with explanation, any apologies for absence</p> <p>None received</p> |
| 104. | Declarations of Interest | <p>Members to declare any (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and (b) Other Disclosable Interests as required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and Moulton Parish Council's Code of Conduct</p> <p>Cllr Marr declared being Ward Councillor for Moulton, Davenham & Kingsmead. Cllr Kershaw declared pecuniary interest relating to Regent Street backs. Cllr Jennings declared relationship with clerk.</p> |
| 105. | Public Forum | <p>Maximum of three minutes per speaker, with an overall limit of fifteen minutes All parishioners who wish to speak should make their intentions known to the clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting</p> <p>No members of the public attended</p> |
| 106. | PCSO Report | <p>The report, if received, will be circulated in advance of the meeting</p> <p>Report received and communicated to council by clerk.</p> |
| 107. | Minutes | <p>Motion: To note the minutes and any supplementary documents of the MPC meeting held on 11th December 2023 (circulated to members) as a correct record.</p> <p>Minutes from MPC meeting held on 11th December were approved. Proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Marr.</p> |
| 108. | Financial Matters | <p>a) To approve payments made in January for period 1.1.24 to 31.1.24 Motion: To approve payments made in January 2024. Payments approved. Proposed by Cllr Jennings. Seconded by Cllr Boyle</p> <p>b) To consider the financial reports for YTD Motion: To accept the financial reports as presented Reports approved. Proposed by Cllr Jennings. Seconded by Cllr Kershaw.</p> <p>c) To consider 2024/24 budget and precept proposal from Finance Committee Motion: To approve budget for 2024/25 Detailed budget briefing note was presented to council. The council's financial position is very healthy and we carry over £34490 (excl. EMR). Increases in costs expected for services, insurances and consultancy have mostly been covered by the carry over and the council's precept requirement will be £45322 which will mean a 0% increase in the Parish Council's proportion of the council tax. Our council has successfully managed no increase to the community for four of the past five year.</p> <p>Reports approved: Unanimously</p> |
| 109. | Planning | <p>To note planning applications received since the previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">No new planning applications. |

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| 110. | Maintenance and use of Moulton Green Spaces | <i>Details of Morral Play inspections were circulated. No urgent issues have been reported. Minor issues will be passed to Handyman to correct.</i> | |
| 111. | Clerk's Report & Correspondence | <p>To receive a report on issues not already covered and to review correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Finance meeting attended. Budget finalised & precept proposal completed.</i> • <i>New electricity supplier for MUGA & Cenotaph due to start on 1 Feb. Smart meters being installed in Feb but will monitor usage weekly to ensure accurate billing.</i> • <i>Defibs checked and logged online. New pads needed for WR play area in Feb.</i> • <i>Banking action still ongoing. Most banks offering best interest don't advertise if they off this to Parish Councils/Charity</i> • <i>Electric sockets near Christmas tree replaced. New post will be needed.</i> • <i>3 engineering companies invited to quote for playing field carpark renewal & drainage repair – this will be funded from EMR.</i> • <i>Invited Kingsmead & Davenham councils to meet up and discuss PROW issues in our area – awaiting suitable dates.</i> • <i>Met with local venue regarding the Parish Council's history society. Start date tbc.</i> • <i>Chasing CWAC for updates footpath issues and traffic calming project -no response.</i> • <i>Contacted CWAC regarding access for disabled residents on footpath along top of village. Seeking advice from Cheshire Disability Services for resources.</i> • <i>Community Champion Shield has been returned.</i> | |
| 112. | Chair's Report | <p>The Chair to present a report if appropriate</p> <p><i>The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped that 2024 would see the conclusion of the planning application stage of the plans for Regent Street backs. All relevant documentation appears now to be agreed by both parties and is ready to sign off.</i></p> | |
| 113. | Subcommittee Reports | <p>To receive reports from sub-committees or working groups</p> <p><i>Finance Committee proposed budget & precept discussed.</i></p> | |
| 114. | Councillor Reports | To receive reports from each Councillor (max 3-minutes each) | |
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| | | <p><i>Cllr Boyle: None</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Kershaw: Volunteers are being sought for gardening projects in the village. Request to go out on social media.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Marr: None.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Simpson: None.</i></p> | |
| 115. | Data Protection | <p>Clerk to update the council regarding any Fol and GDPR requests received.</p> <p><i>None</i></p> | |
| | AOB | <p>Items to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p><i>None</i></p> | |
| | Next Meetings | <p>Moulton Finance Committee meeting: TBC</p> <p>Moulton Parish Council: Monday 12th February 2024 @ 19:30</p> | |

Meeting closed: 19:51

Approved:

Date: 12/2/2024