

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2015 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT	
Councillors	Cllrs. Aston (Chairman), Boyle, Burgess, Clark, Harris, Vernon, Watkinson and Wood
Other Attendees	Parish Clerk. CWAC Cllr. Weltman. 2 Members of the Public (names recorded).

1	<p>To receive Apologies (and record reasons for absence) and to note any Declarations of Interest Resolved: to accept Apologies from Cllr. Bowie (holiday) and PCSO McShane (not on duty).</p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest made.</p>
2	<p>To receive the PCSO's Report In the absence of the PCSO the Parish Clerk gave a summary of the Report for January 2015. 94 incidents in total across the Moulton and Davenham area, including 8 x Anti Social Behaviour; 6 x Threats/Violence; 6 x Drug Intelligence; 4 x Burglary/Theft; 10 x Suspicious Persons; 3 x Abandoned 999 calls; 20 x Road Related Calls.</p> <p>The recent absence of the PCSO from foot patrols, due to post-operative recovery, was noted. It was agreed to review the position at the next Parish Council Meeting, the feeling being that the absence of the PCSO has led to increased incidents in the village.</p>
3	<p>Public Participation Margaret Newton again raised ongoing concerns over various aspects of Planning Application 14/04800/REM – the poor drainage properties of the land; tree canopy uplifts on Beehive Lane; access rights along Beehive Lane for existing properties/residents. Mrs Newton was advised that all of these points have been made to CWAC Planning throughout the Planning Process, particularly those relating to drainage issues.</p>
4	<p>To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12 January 2015 for signature as a true record. Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2015 be agreed and signed as a true record.</p>
5	<p>To receive the Parish Clerk's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is still not clear whether Planning Application 14/04800/REM (Bovis – land off Barnside Way) will go before the CWAC Strategic Planning Committee on 3 March 2015. The only primary issue that remains to be clarified is the availability of s.106 monies for village projects (see further comments in 6i). • The Clerk is meeting with the Head Teacher of Moulton School later this month regarding the re-instatement of the Lollipop Patrol. In the meantime information has been sought from CWAC to help determine the feasibility of re-introducing the Patrol, managed by the Parish Council and/or the School. • The Lease over Weaver Road Play Area has been forwarded on to Messrs. Moss Hazelhurst for signing by CWAC, and subsequent Registration with HM Land Registry. • Garage Plot 14a has been fully cleared and is now ready for occupation. The Tenant has been advised. It was agreed to reduce the Rent for 2015 to £100 to reflect the time elapsed in making good the Plot. • CCA Best Kept Village Entry Forms have been completed and are ready for posting. The Clerk enquired whether the Parish Council wished to enter any of the other minor competitions. It was felt that "Working with Young People" was suitable, subject to work on the Weaver Road Play Area Project commencing before the Entry Deadline date of 15 April 2015. • The Clerk commented that the Regent Street Rear Access Road (even numbers) is now much tidier. • The MUGA Lights will be serviced later this month, the Contractor having apologised for the delay. • The Parish Clerk outlined available options for the repair of the access gate to the Toddlers Play Area. More information is required before a final decision is made.

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Planning

i. to note comments made by the Planning Committee on recent Applications

14/04800/REM – Reserved matters re 148 homes of Barnside Way. Members discussed whether to ask Ward Councillors to “call in” the Application, the only points outstanding being the allocation of s.106 monies to Village Projects and the suitability of the swales.

Resolved: to ask Cllr. Weltman to “call in” the Application, with specific focus on drainage issues/swales and the allocation of ring-fenced s.106 monies to the village in respect of education, child/adult recreation and highways.

ii. to note Planning Application Responses from Cheshire West and Chester Council

14/04186/FUL – one dwelling on land at rear of 14 Whitlow Lane. Permission Granted.

iii. to note Planning Applications advised but not yet received

None

iv. to discuss Neighbourhood Plan related matters

Sarah Baron at Cheshire Community Action (CCA) has provided a finalised Vision and Policies Statement and this was presented to the Public at the recent Community Engagement Evening. The Household Survey, perused by Members, requires a small number of amendments which are currently being addressed. It is envisaged that the Survey will be ready for distribution within the next 14 days, with a final return date of 16 March 2015. An online version will also be available.

Cheshire Wildlife Trust (CWT) have offered to provide supporting evidence in respect of Environmental/ Wildlife related Policies.

Resolved: to ask CWT to provide mapping and supporting text for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. Spend to be in line with the Quotation provided (£450 max).

v. to discuss any other Planning Related Issues

None.

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Administrative and Community Matters

i. to receive an update from the Moulton Projects Working Group

CCTV Equipment – Planning Permission has now been received for the Mast and Camera. Cllr. Clarke is currently liaising with the Contractor to finalise total cost and installation timetable. He is also in contact with Moulton RBL to obtain formal confirmation that the Committee is agreeable to the recording equipment being placed on their property.

Resolved: to create a Draft Agreement for approval/signature by the RBL. This would cover issues such as shared usage, accessibility etc.

Weaver Road Play Area – no further material progress to report. The Grow Wild Funding Application submitted by Cllr. Bowie is still under consideration. Cllrs. Aston and Bowie are meeting with representatives from Leftwich High School on 2 March to outline the Project and suggest ways in which the School can be supportive.

Community Resilience Plan – a number of Volunteers came forward at the recent Community Engagement Evening and Cllr. Bowie will take matters forward in the next few weeks.

ii. review of the Community Evening on 20 January 2015

Whilst attendance was low, those who did attend provided useful feedback, particularly on the Neighbourhood Plan and Weaver Road Quiet Area. Additionally, several volunteers came forward to assist with the Community Resilience Plan.

iii. to discuss Community Awards in 2015

Resolved: to again promote the Best Kept Garden Award and to consider, later in the year, the launch of a Best Outdoor Christmas Decorations Award.

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i. To authorise Accounts for Payment and note Income Received

Resolved: to authorise the following Payments and to note Income Received.

Payments:

P Sanders	Salary - February – Clerk	763.18
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS February 2015	53.41
SOLICITORS	Legal Letter	TBA (max. £480 + VAT)
Moulton RBL Social	Community Grant	*120.00

	Club			
	Moulton Events Committee	Community Grant	*100.00	
	1 st Moulton Rainbows	Community Grant	*100.00	
	Lion FC Moulton	Community Grant	*80.00	
	Moulton Drama Group	Community Grant	*120.00	
	Quadriga Ltd	Repairs to War Memorial	*900.00	
	Office Essentials	Stationery	7.57	
	Northwich Town Council	Litter Picking and Bin Emptying	141.00	
	Cheshire Community Action	Best Kept Village Entry Fee	40.00	
	Northwich Town Council	Litter Picking and Bin Emptying	211.50	
	P Sanders	Expenses Jan/Feb	19.35	
	PIAMS	Playground Inspections – Dec & Jan	72.00	
	Antz Gardens	Clearance of Garage Plot 14a	350.00	
	* retrospective			
	Income Received:			
Bank Interest		2.96		
Garage Rents		1135.00		
9	To consider Correspondence received since the last Meeting			
	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various	Members Briefings (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
		26 Jan	Partnerships West (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
		26 Jan	Local Councils Bulletin (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
		20 Jan	Directory of Heads of Services (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
		29 Jan	Workshop on 11/2 for Elections/Nominations Process	Parish Clerk attending
		4 Feb	Adoption of the CWAC Local Plan (Part 1) Strategic Policies (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
	ChALC	15 Jan	Traffic Commissioners and Operating Licenses Consultation (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
		26 Jan	Local Council Excellence Awards 2015 (e-mailed on receipt and also from CWAC)	To Discuss

	Cheshire Fire Authority	22 Jan	Draft 5 year Strategy Consultation (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
	Cheshire West Healthwatch	15 Jan	Newsletter (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
	Connecting Cheshire	13 Jan	Newsletter (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
	Moulton Events Committee	25 Jan	Crow Fair 2015	To Discuss
	Moulton Drams Group	31 Jan	E-mail thanking the PC for £100 Grant	To Note
	Cheshire Police	Various	Newsletters (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
		6 Feb	Commissioner's Newsletter (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
	Pensions Regulator	6 Feb	Workplace Pensions – Your Legal Duty	To Discuss
	VRDS	Various	Newsletters (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Council Excellence Awards 2015 – no action required. - Crow Fair – to confirm agreement for use of the Playing Field on Saturday 11 July 2015. - Workplace Pensions – the Clerks' address to be provided as a primary point of contact. 				
10	To receive Reports from Councillors and the Parish Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Aston advised that he has obtained a Quote to cover repair of the potholes (tarmac infil) at the Regent Street Garages Area in the sum of £450. Resolved: to arrange for the work to be completed. • Cllr. Watkinson commented on several electricity supply cuts that were experienced across the village on 7 February 2015. A letter is to be sent to National Grid asking them to ensure that any underlying problems are addressed. • Cllr. Wood suggested that a Joint Parish Councils Meeting be held. The Parish Clerk will ask Bostock PC to arrange as they offered to host at the last Meeting. 			
11	To note that the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 9 March 2015 at 7.45pm – Moulton Village Hall – commencing with a 15 minute Public Participation Session.			

There being no further business this part of the Meeting closed at 9.18pm

12	<p>PART B – Press and Public Excluded</p> <p>Review of the Regent Street Backs Garages Area</p> <p>A recent review of individual plots revealed none in such a poor state that repair work is thought appropriate.</p> <p>It was agreed to seek the input of a Developer (via the forthcoming “Meet the Developer” Event in Crewe on 3 March 2015) to discuss the possible development of the southern end of the site for housing. Subsequent discussions will then be held with CWAC Planning. Any funds obtained from the possible sale of land would be used to create increased parking facilities for residents and visitors.</p> <p>Update on Confidential Legal Matters</p> <p>It is anticipated that the Solicitors Letter referred to in the January 2015 Minutes (s.12) will be posted out within the next 7/10 days.</p>
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There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.58pm.