

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2015 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT	
Councillors	Cllrs. Harris (Vice Chairman, acting as Chairman), Bowie, Boyle, Burgess, Clark, Vernon, Watkinson and Wood.
Other Attendees	Parish Clerk. 2 Members of the Public.

1	<p>To receive Apologies (and record reasons for absence) and to note any Declarations of Interest Resolved: to accept Apologies from Cllr. Aston (vacation) and PCSO McShane.</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 March 2015. 102 incidents in total across the Moulton and Davenham area. Included in these figures (and specific to Moulton) are 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour, 6 thefts from Motor Vehicles, 3 Suspicious Person Reports and 3 Burglaries. The thefts from Motor Vehicles occurred within a short time frame during the last weekend of March. The PCSO continues to work closely with the Community Wardens and Community Groups, with the focus on increased presence/visibility.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk will ask the PCSO to try and attend one PC Meeting per quarter.</p>
3	<p>Public Participation Margaret Newton, whilst acknowledging that Planning Permission has been granted to Bovis (App. 14/04800/REM), again questioned the ability of the proposed Swales to handle rainwater on the site. She also commented that, in spite of earlier assurances, she has not been contacted by Bovis regarding issues specific to her property. She also questioned the degree of thoroughness in certain aspects of CWAC Planning's overview of the papers provided in support of the Application.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk will write to Bovis again asking them to liaise with Mrs Newton direct.</p> <p>Cllr. Wood will speak to the Flood Officer at CWAC Planning to ascertain the level of research undertaken regarding flooding/water management during the overview of the Planning Application.</p>
4	<p>To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9 March 2015 for signature as a true record. Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 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"> Jane Birch, Head Teacher at Moulton School, is to ask the School Council to put forward a case to CWAC for the re-instatement of the School Crossing Patrol. Full Parish Council support has been offered. The next Joint (Moulton, Davenham and Bostock) Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 June 2015 at Davenham Methodist Church Hall. This Meeting is informal and is not open to the Public and Press. Scottish Power have advised that work continues on upgrading power cables to the village. No projected completion date has been advised.
6	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>i. to note comments made by the Planning Committee on recent Applications</u> None.</p> <p><u>ii. to note Planning Application Responses from Cheshire West and Chester Council</u> 15/00666/FUL – proposed single and two storey rear extension – 1 School Lane. Permission Granted. 15/00668/FUL – two storey side and single storey extension – 158 Main Road. Permission Granted. 15/00483/COU – change of use ground floor retail to residential and single storey rear extension – Permission</p>

Granted.

iii. to note Planning Applications advised but not yet received
None.

iv. to discuss Neighbourhood Plan related matters
c.180 replies were received to the Neighbourhood Survey distributed in mid March. Cheshire Community Action will analyse the Results and produce a Draft Survey Report in the next 2/3 weeks.
The Parish Clerk and Cllr. Aston have successfully put together an Application for Funding of £7,070 from Locality/Groundwork. This is to cover projected spending on Neighbourhood Plan issues in the six months from 1 April 2015.

v. to discuss any other Planning Related Issues
Re Application 14/04800/REM, the Parish Clerk will look to set up a Communications Group with Bovis to discuss issues arising during the development of the site. This will include representatives from Bovis, the Parish Council and the Community. Community representatives will be sought via the next edition of the Parish Council Newsletter

Cllr. Wood commented that 2 Declined Applications within Davenham are set to go to Appeal within the next 2 months. Cllr. Harris and the Parish Clerk will review the Parish Councils' previously submitted comments on both Applications to determine whether further points need to be put forward.

7 Administrative and Community Matters

i. to receive an update from the Moulton Projects Working Group
The Projects Working Group met on 31 March 2015. Updates are as follows:-
CCTV Equipment – 25% deposit (on order) has been paid to the Contractor (Bespoke Communications). Installation of the equipment commenced last week and is scheduled to be completed in the next 7 days. Cllr. Clark will review the work on completion advising the Parish Clerk of any ground repairs that may be required. He will also ask the Contractor to submit a Final Invoice for settlement.
Weaver Road Play Area – Veolia has expressed a willingness to consider Grant Funding in the sum of £5,500 and Cllr. Bowie has submitted an Application. A final decision will be made later this year and, under the terms of the Application, no work can be commenced before the final decision is made.
Regent Street Garages/Backs – at the Group's suggestion consideration will be given at the forthcoming Annual Meeting to the creation of a Committee to focus solely on this issue.
Wildflower Seeds – Grow Wild have provided a number of packets of seeds. Cllr. Bowie will liaise with Mr Mitchell of Hillside Lane regarding sowing the seeds.
Christmas Tree – the replacement permanent tree is now in place adjacent to the War Memorial.
Dog Waste – Cllr. Clark will take forward the recent "pink poo" initiative launched by CWAC.
Heritage Trail – the Working Group will revisit this initiative at a later date.
The Working Group will next meet on 5 May 2015.

ii. to confirm Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2015/6
Resolved: to note the following dates (in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated) - . Monday 18 May 2015 (inc. APM + AMPC); Monday 8 June 2015; Monday 13 July 2015 (at Moulton Church); Monday 14 September 2015; Monday 12 October 2015; Monday 9 November 2015; Monday 14 December 2015; Monday 11 January 2016 (at Moulton Church); Monday 8 February 2016; Monday 14 March 2016; Monday 11 April 2016. All dates have been booked with CHAMP.

The Parish Clerk will seek to find an alternative venue for the July and January Meetings.

8 Financial Matters

i. To authorise Accounts for Payment and note Income Received
Resolved: to authorise the following Payments and to note Income Received.

Payments:

	Salary - April – Clerk	
P Sanders		654.43
HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS April 2015	160.34
UK Mailing	NP Survey Forms – Printing	954.00

	Office Essentials	Stationery	55.93	
	Northwich Town Council	Litter Picks/Bin Emptying	169.20	
	PIAMS	Repair Work to Playground Equipment and Fencing	321.60	
	P Sanders	Expenses March and April 2015	26.73	
	D Sanders	Web Support – Jan to Mar 2015	75.00	
	C Bowie	Christmas Tree	63.85	
	Income Received:			
	Bank Interest		2.14	
	Garage Rents		295.00	
	Parish Council funds (unaudited) as at 31 March 2015 totalled £33,526.05.			
	Resolved: to hold a Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday 21 May 2015 (subject to room availability).			
	The Parish Clerk has renewed, at reduced rates (6% lower), the Electricity Supply to the War Memorial with Scottish Power until May 2017.			
	<u>ii. to receive notification of changes to Annual Auditing Procedures</u> The Parish Clerk advised that, under revised procedures from 2015/6, the Parish Council can appoint its' own External Auditors. Alternatively it can use the Auditors recommended by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (the successor to the Audit Commission). The Parish Clerk, will from 2015/6 be able to set the Public Inspection Period (this is currently set by the Audit Commission).			
9	Correspondence Received			
	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various 26 Mar	Members Briefings (e-mailed on receipt) Local Council Bulletin (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note To Note
	CHAMP	16 Mar	Confirmation of Hall Bookings for 2015/6	Noted on Clerks Report
	P Geraghty	13 Mar	E-mail relating to the provision of Park Benches (copy provided with Clerk's Report)	To Discuss
	Cheshire Police	Various 30 Mar 31 Mar	Newsletters (e-mailed on receipt) E-mail Reports from PCSO McShane re Incidents on 28/29 March E-mail re Standards Delivery (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note To Note To Note
	Alan Randles	23 Mar	E-mail relating to Jack Lane Area (copy provided	To Discuss

			with Clerk's Report)	
	Moulton School	18 Mar	E-mail re School Governance Board	To Note
	Green Energy UK	20 Mar	Leaflet re Solar Energy Farm/Community Funding	To Discuss
	VRDS	Various	Newsletters (e-mailed on receipt)	To Note
	<p>Resolved: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - respond to Mr Geraghty advising that the request has been forwarded on to Moulton Children's Playing Field Trust - respond to Mr Randles on a point by point basis. CWAC and land owners to be contacted as appropriate. - Green Energy to be advised that no sites are currently to hand. 			
10	<p>To receive Reports from Councillors and the Parish Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Bowie advised that the promised work to divert rainwater away from a property on Hillside Lane has not yet been completed by CWAC. The Parish Clerk will ask CWAC Cllr. Weltman to look into.</p> <p>Cllr. Bowie, accompanied by Cllr. Clark, attended a "Meet the Developer" event in Crewe on 12 March. The event was highly informative and gave an insight into the issues developers consider before going ahead with development plans. The role of Community Land Trusts was also outlined.</p> <p>Cllr. Burgess, confirming that he is not continuing on the Parish Council, thanked Members for their support whilst he has been a Councillor. In return all Members thanked Cllr. Burgess for his considerable input over many years whilst serving on the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr. Clark commented that Bovis installed a Portaloo on their land, backing on to Harvest Close. Following requests from residents this has now been removed.</p> <p>Cllr. Boyle advised that his Garage was one of those broken into (see s.2 of these Minutes).</p> <p>Cllr. Wood advised that the Veolia Liaison Group Meeting has been rescheduled to 13 May 2015. At this Meeting he will ask if an underground tour can be arranged later in the year for a party of Parish Councillors.</p> <p>Cllr. Vernon commented that the access roads at the rear of Regent Street and Church Street require weed killer applications and a general tidy up. The Parish Clerk will ask to CWAC to visit.</p> <p>Cllr. Harris noted that the post at the end of Main Road (linking with the public footpath) has been put back upright, albeit with a rope tie. The Parish Clerk will enquire of CWAC whether this is a temporary measure only.</p>			
11	<p>To note that the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 May 2015 - after completion of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – at Moulton Village Hall, commencing with a 15 minute Public Participation Session.</p>			

There being no further business this part of the Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

12	<p>PART B – Press and Public Excluded</p> <p>Update on Confidential Legal Matters</p> <p>The Solicitors Letter referred to in recent Minutes was posted out during week commencing 30 March 2015. To date there has been no response from the recipient. Cllr. Watkinson will continue to liaise with the Solicitors with regards to taking matters forward, keeping Councillors updated of developments.</p>
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There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.35pm.