

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at MOULTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8 JUNE 2015 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT	
Councillors	Cllrs. Aston (Chairman), Harris (Vice Chairman), Bowie, Boyle, Clark, Vernon, Watkinson and Wood.
Other Attendees	CWAC Cllr. Weltman. Parish Clerk. 1 Member of the Public.

1	<p>To receive Apologies (and record reasons for absence) and to note any Declarations of Interest PCSO Kevin McShane.</p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest made.</p>
2	<p>To receive the PCSO's Report In the absence of PCSO McShane the Parish Clerk gave a summary of the Monthly Report for May 2015. There were 87 recorded incidents across the whole beat area. Specific to Moulton were an incident in Regent Street resulting in an arrest; 2 reports of anti-social behaviour; 3 thefts; 4 suspicious person reports; 3 burglaries; 1 report of criminal damage to a property at the Poppies. As always, the PCSO met with local community groups and businesses throughout the month. Increased high visibility patrols are a current focal point.</p>
3	<p>Public Participation Margaret Newton commented that the exit from Beehive Lane on to the mini-roundabout is a hazard with few motorists realising, due to lack of signage, that Beehive Lane exists. It was agreed to take up the point with both CWAC Highways and Bovis.</p> <p>Mrs Newton asked whether Bovis had completed all Surveys on the development land off Beehive Lane/Barnside Way. Cllr. Aston advised that it was the Parish Council's understanding that they had.</p> <p>Mrs Newton again expressed concerns over the Swales method of drainage that Bovis plan to use on the development site.</p> <p>At this point Cllr. Aston read out notes of a Meeting held with Bovis on Thursday 4 June 2015. This gave an update on several matters including the Swales, proposed Construction Traffic Plans, Footpath Closures and Site Development. A copy of the Notes is held on file and will be posted on the Notice Board and Parish Council Web Site.</p> <p>Mrs Newton enquired whether CWAC's Scrutiny Committee had given feedback on the points raised, relating to Planning Procedures, by David Tunstall. CWAC Cllr. Weltman confirmed that the recommendations made by the Committee have been put into practice.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to CWAC Planning raising concerns over several issues covered by the Discharge of Conditions Applications recently submitted by Bovis – namely, managed removal of Newts from the site; proposed closure of footpaths on and adjacent to the development site; traffic management to and from the site; the proposal to use Barnside Way for construction traffic whilst the surface of Beehive Lane is strengthened; to seek sight of the s.106 Agreement in its' current form.</p>
4	<p>To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2015 for signature as a true record. Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 May 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"> Antz Gardening will commence fortnightly grass cuts at Weaver Road Play Area on 1 June 2015, concluding on 31 October 2015. Cost is £40 per cut. Antz Gardening will also undertake 3 strimms of the grass adjacent to the Hillside Lane low level fence – during May, July and September 2015. Cost is £40 per strimm.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Garage Rents have now been paid for 2015.• Whilst specifically a Moulton Childrens' Playing Field Trust matter, it was agreed to commission a Dog Grille to replace the faulty gate at the entrance to the Toddlers Play Area. The purchase of two benches for placement in the vicinity of the Gym Equipment was also approved.• It is understood that Northwich Vics under-10 FC are close to finding a storage area within the village for equipment. This will enable them to carry on using the Playing Field during Season 2015/6. Further updates to follow.• Should it be decided to take forward the option of Planters near to Village Entry Signs, the Parish Clerk has details of how to apply for a Licence.			
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> None.</p> <p><u>iii. to note Planning Applications advised but not yet received</u> None.</p> <p><u>iv. to discuss Neighbourhood Plan related matters</u> Cheshire Community Action (CCA) has produced Reports on both the Household Survey and Housing Needs Survey. The wording is acceptable and these two Reports will be included in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. CCA are now working on the wording on the Neighbourhood Plan itself. The Parish Clerk will seek a progress update prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p><u>v. to discuss any other Planning Related Issues</u> Discharge of Conditions Applications have been lodged by Bovis Homes in respect of land at Beehive Lane. These cover Conditions 11 (drainage and flooding), 13 (drainage), 26 (construction statement), 18 (habitats and ecology), 19 (bat and bird boxes), 21 (newts), 6 (materials), 7+8+9 (access and parking)'15 (trees and landscaping), 20 (ecology survey), 5 (affordable housing) and 16 (landscaping). The Parish Council is not a standard consultee for any of these Applications but, as noted in Section 3, will make observations in writing to CWAC Planning on several issues. Comments regarding the setting up of a Traffic Management Plan and Wildlife Monitoring are to be forwarded to the Inspector hearing the Appeal lodged by Bellway Home,s relating to the proposed development site at Jack Lane, Davenham.</p>			
7	<p>Administrative and Community Matters</p> <p><u>i. to receive an update from the Moulton Projects Working Group</u> The Projects Working Group next meets on 25 June 2015, at Moulton Methodist Church Hall, as the newly formed Projects Committee. Updates are as follows:- CCTV Equipment – Cllr. Clark confirmed that Bespoke Communications have undertaken the improvements requested. These need to be checked. Cllr. Aston will again ask Antz Gardening to undertake further branch lopping of the tree adjacent to the Camera Pole – this will improve visibility of the War Memorial Area. Weaver Road Play Area – the three CWAC Ward Councillors have confirmed a willingness to assist financially via Ward Budgets once these have been finalised. Liaison continues with Leftwich High School on features to include within the Area.</p> <p><u>ii. to finalise arrangements for the 2015 Moulton in Bloom Competition</u> Parish Councillors will judge allocated areas between 10 June and 10 July, handing in sheets listing max. 5 gardens per area at the next Parish Council Meeting. CWAC Cllr. James Pearson will be asked to undertake the final judging during late July/August. As last year the Prizes will be awarded at the December Parish Council Meeting. Cllr. Sinar, through her business, has offered to help fund the Prizes.</p> <p><u>iii. discuss arrangements for the Parish Council Stand at The Crow Fair on Saturday 11 July 2015</u> A Team of Parish Councillors will operate the usual Stall. Displays will be created to cover Weaver Road Play Area Development, the Neighbourhood Plan and the current vacancy on the Parish Council. CWAC Cllr. Sinar has offered her support on the Stall.</p>			
8	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>i. To authorise Accounts for Payment and note Income Received</u> Resolved: to authorise the following Payments and to note Income Received.</p> <p>Payments:</p> <table><tr><td>P Sanders</td><td>Salary Clerk - June</td><td>654.43</td></tr></table>	P Sanders	Salary Clerk - June	654.43
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HMRC	PAYE + NI for PS June	160.34
Office Essentials	Stationery	62.40
Clerks and Councils Direct	Annual Subscription	12.00
P Sanders	Clerk's Expenses	27.58
SLCC	Publication	Max 75.00

Income Received

Bank Interest	3.86
Garage Rent	85.00
VAT Repayment 2014/5	3,102.68

Parish Council funds (unaudited) as at 31 May 2015 totalled £66,899.73 credit. £7,070 is ring-fenced for Neighbourhood Plan purposes.

ii. To discuss recommendations from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2015

Resolved: to agree that the current Cash Reserve Level of minimum £25,000 be continued for 2015/6.

Resolved: to agree that a new Bank Mandate be completed to include Cllrs. Watkinson, Vernon, Harris and Aston. Any 2 to sign.

Resolved: to ask that the Projects Committee draw up Schedules later in the year to cover ongoing maintenance of the Playing Fields, Regent Street Backs, Weaver Road Play Area and Hillside Lane Fenced Area. Tenders to be invited for the year commencing 1 April 2016.

Resolved: to agree that, on cost saving grounds, the grass cuts at the Church and Play School be stopped after the current financial year. Notice to be given in writing to CHAMP.

Resolved: to agree that, on cost saving grounds, no Community Grants be awarded in 2015/6.

Resolved: to agree spending of £5k (max) to enable refurbishment work to be commenced at Weaver Road Play Area. Any Grants received to be deducted from this sum.

9 Correspondence Received

Cheshire West and Chester Council	Various	Members Briefings	To Note
Cheshire Police	Various	Newsletters	To Note
Whitegate and Marton PC	28 May	Neighbourhood Plan for Consultation	To Discuss
VRDS	Various	Newsletters	To Note
D Stevens	24 May	E-mail seeking permission to use Playing Field for Pie and Pea Race on 5 August 2015	To Discuss
Davenham Dynamos U-12 FC	2 June	Request to use the Playing Field on Sunday Mornings for Matches	To Discuss
ChALC	3 June	Details of CEAC Ward Councillors	To Note

	Bostock PC	3 June	Details of new Councillors and Clerk	To Note
	MADCA	8 June	E-mail re Garage plot Request	To Discuss
	<p>Resolved: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - respond individually to the Consultation on the Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Plan. - confirm that the Pie and Race can start/finish on the Playing Field. Also to confirm no objection to the request to remove fence panels, subject to similar agreement from Moulton RBL. - turn aside Davenham Dynamos request to use the Football Pitch on Sunday mornings. It is felt that the surface cannot take any further use. - advise MADCA that they can use any empty garage units to store items, subject to the owners prior permission. 			
10	<p>To receive Reports from Councillors and the Parish Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Wood suggested that the Planning Charter agreed at the ChALC AGM in 2013 and the Management of Overgrown Hedgerows be included on the Agenda for the forthcoming Joint Parish Councils Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Clark advised that CWAC have delayed the implementation of the “Pink Pooh” initiative aimed at reducing unremoved dog fouling. More details to follow.</p> <p>Cllr. Bowie advised that she has reported to CWAC an overgrown hedge at the junction of Whitlow Lane and Lodge Drive.</p> <p>Cllr. Watkinson advised that fly tipping has taken place to the rear of the Moulton Drama Group Storage Area. Cllr. Aston will review.</p> <p>Cllr. Vernon commented that the Union Jack Flag was recently damaged in the strong winds. Cllr. Aston will order a replacement.</p> <p>Cllr. Vernon thanked Cllr. Watkinson for organising the Lunch on 7 June 2015 attended by Councillors and Partners.</p>			
11	<p>To note that the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13 July 2015 at Moulton School Hall, commencing at 7.45pm with a 15 minute Public Participation Session.</p> <p>The next Joint Parish Councils Meeting is on Tuesday 16 June 2015 at Davenham Methodist Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The newly formed Projects Committee holds it's first Meeting on Thursday 25 June 2015 at Moulton Methodist Chapel Hall.</p>			

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.43pm.