



Moulton Parish Council

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MINUTES

Cllr A Capstick, Cllr J Harding, Cllr A Bush, Cllr N Jennings and Cllr E le Breuilly

1	<p>Apologies Motion: The council accepts the apologies listed and approves the absences for the council members. <i>The council recognises approval for this agenda item as appropriate to meet the requirement in Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.</i> Apologies received from Cllr S Dillon and Cllr M Boyle. Proposed: Cllr Capstick. Seconded: Cllr Harding. Carried</p>
2	<p>Declarations of Interest <i>None</i></p>
3	<p>Public Forum <i>None</i></p>
4	<p>PCSO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report, if received, will be circulated in advance of the meeting <p><i>PCSO Phil Hambleton will be handing over to PCSO Graham Lee for Davenham and Moulton. Since the last report, they have responded to a number of CoVID-19 lockdown breaches. There was a theft in mid-February, but no burglary, vehicle theft or parking issues reported. Criminal damage to a vehicle is being investigated. They also requested that the lights on the MUGA remain off until 12th April 2021.</i></p>
5	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Motion: To note the minutes and any supplementary documents of the Parish Meeting on 8th February 2021 (circulated to members) as a correct record. Proposed: Cllr Jennings. Seconded: Cllr Bush. Carried.</p>
6	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Harding to present Clerks' Report Comment on the vacancy on Moulton Parish Council and election. <p><i>The approved minutes and policies are now published on the website and on the noticeboard. There is an MPFT Directory on the Cloud to keep that expenditure and governance separate. We have four shortlisted applications for the Clerks role and will interview this week. Scottish Power will be sending the bills to my address – there is a complaint as they amended the monthly direct debit from £19/month to £283/month without notice, despite the council being in credit. They also have issue finding the supply to Weaver Road, that they installed. The wildlife cameras have been investigated and the response has been provided. Benches have been ordered from DOE. A small group of residents near the MUGA made complaints regarding repeated lockdown violations on the park, and then made a false allegation that Cheshire Police had requested MPC close the MUGA. No request was ever made and this was confirmed by our PCSO. However, Phil highlighted the sudden increase in incidents and asked if we could turn off our MUGA lights during the national lockdown; this was done, and the communication was issued to the village via social media.</i></p> <p><i>I would also like to advise the council that I had to respond to the sender of one email and advise them of their conduct and language, when they called children that used the MUGA "vulgar" and "retarded." They have been warned that if they ever send an abusive and offensive message to me like that one again, I shall block them. Representatives of all levels have a reasonable expectation of civility and the individual has been reminded. The council will support any councillor who receives similar communications.</i></p> <p><i>With regards to the MUGA, we hope that the consultation will provide a long-term solution.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Jennings also expressed concern about this individuals use of language, and the harassment of parishioners on social media.</i></p> <p><i>Eleven individuals used their right to call a by-election in the Summer 2020; this was deferred until May 2021 by the Coronavirus legislation. Currently, the Government are not indicating that the rules will change, but this is not guaranteed. In UKSI 2021/160, there is no change for parish council nominations, so any candidate</i></p>

	<p>will need at least two nominations. My understanding is that, for polls that take place on 6th May 2021, the publication of notice of election must be no later than Monday 29th March 2021, nomination papers must be received before Thursday 8th April 2021 (16:00) and publication of statement of persons nominated is on Friday 9th April (Before 16:00). The council have allocated a sizeable budget to pay for the bill from the election.</p>
7	<p>Administrative Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the circus on Moulton Park <i>The proposed date is Sunday 25th July to Sunday 1st August and Cllr Bush will talk to other councils regarding the contract.</i> Motion: To agree the dates for the visit of the circus Proposed: Cllr Bush. Seconded: Cllr Capstick. Carried. Discuss the proposed War Memorial Policy Motion: To agree the proposed War Memorial Policy Proposed: Cllr Harding. Seconded: Cllr Jennings. Carried. Discuss the proposed Consultation Policy Motion: To agree the proposed Consultation Policy Proposed: Cllr Harding. Seconded: Cllr Bush. Carried.
8	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
9	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the income and expenditure received to date Cllrs Harding and Capstick to detail the payments to be made and income received <i>FoodHub have asked for reimbursement against their grant and Cllr Harding promised to sort this before the end of the week.</i> <p>Motion: To accept the financial report Proposed: Cllr Capstick Seconded: Cllr Jennings. Carried.</p>
10	<p>Maintenance of Moulton Green Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss the award of the gardening services and contract Motion: To agree the award of the gardening services and contract [to CG Services] Proposed: Cllr Jennings. Seconded: Cllr Harding. Carried. To discuss the award of the CCTV contract Motion: To agree the award of the CCTV contract [to MF Security] Proposed: Cllr Jennings. Seconded: Cllr Capstick. Carried. To discuss the possibility of public WiFi <i>Cllr Jennings reported interest in the scheme from the community, and as the new CCTV service will need to have Internet access, there is an opportunity to introduce municipal Internet at the same time. Cllr Harding will investigate.</i> To discuss the current MUGA lighting situation and when the timer will be reactivated. <i>Cllr Harding will arrange for this to be re-enabled on April 12th.</i> To discuss the proposed consultation for MUGA Timings Motion: To agree the consultation and wording. Proposed: Cllr Harding. Seconded: Cllr Jennings. Carried.
11	<p>Subcommittee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Projects
12	<p>Regent Street Backs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on the current progress of the Regent Street Backs regeneration <i>On Sunday, Cllr Capstick received an email from the land agent and their solicitor. Contracts are due to be exchanged shortly and there are plans to submit a planning application before the end of the Financial Year. The developers are keen to fence off the entire site, as would be expected on a development project, but Moulton Parish Council are pushing for a subset of the car parking spaces to remain available and have more discussions planned to try to find a bespoke compromise.</i>

13	Chairman Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Capstick <p><i>Cllr Capstick has continued to pressurize CWaC about the CAT and is keen to pass this project onto the SPC, but will continue to be the liaison point with the Unitary Authority. The Union Flag will be ready before the end of the week and MPC thanks Elaine for repairing it.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Capstick expects the benches to be ready before the end of the month and the Tommy will be three weeks, and will also be installed.</i></p> <p><i>Davenham PC have recently bought a speed gun and work with the police on community speed enforcements. Cllr Capstick is keen for MPC to do something similar, with over 15 roads nominated by the parish within hours. Cllr Capstick will also be running a litter picking with the councillors due to the state of the village and will arrange for High Viz vests to be provided with the MPC insignia.</i></p> <p><i>There is also concern about social media, and the sudden increase of wholly unsubstantiated and untrue remarks about the parish council and councillors. She regularly receives positive comments from other parish councils, about how active Moulton Parish Council are and knows that the vast majority of the community understand and appreciate the work councillors do. She asks all councillors, before responding to ludicrous comments online, "What would Jackie Weaver do?"</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Capstick is keen to get Moulton Youth Council off running with the end of lockdown approaching. Also notes that there has been preliminary work towards the expansion of Bellway Homes on Fountain Lane and the field behind Jack Lane, and worries about the convergence of the nuclear settlements.</i></p>	
14	Councillor Reports (three minutes each)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bush <p><i>Asked about the soft close mechanism on Weaver Road. There is some work that needs doing in Weaver Road and asked for Peter Lowndes to look at this. Asked about the "poo stickers" and Cllr Harding will order these.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Harding <p><i>Will order the new laptop that pre-VAT will be between £600-650</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jennings <p><i>Nothing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr LeBreuilly <p><i>Asked about the picnic table at the bottom of Beechfield. Cllr Harding agreed to email Cllr E Watson on the timings (within six weeks)</i></p>	
15	Data Protection	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Harding to update the council to the FoIA and GDPR requests received <p><i>None</i></p>	
16	AOB	
	<i>Cllr Harding mentioned the times of the audit for 2021/22 and will progress preparation this month.</i>	
17	Summary of Actions	
18	Note the currently scheduled dates of the next meetings	
	Moulton Parish Council	<i>Monday 12th April 2021 at 19:30 at Moulton School, Moulton or via Zoom</i>
	Finance Committee	<i>None scheduled</i>
	Special Projects Committee	<i>None scheduled</i>
	Moulton Playing Fields Trust	<i>TBC</i>
	HR Subcommittee	<i>None scheduled</i>