

MINUTES

Monday 11th March at 19:30 in Moulton School Hall, School Lane, Moulton

Cllr Jennings, Cllr Boyle, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Archer Clerk/RFO Angela Capstick

	Apologies	The council recognises approval for this agenda item as appropriate to meet the requirement in Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. To receive, with explanation, any apologies for absence
		Cllr Jo Kershaw absence due to holiday Cllr Dan Marr absence due to attending other council meeting
135.	Declarations of Interest	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 <i>Cllr Jennings declared relationship with clerk.</i>
136.	Public Forum	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 com- mencement of the meeting
		1 member of the public attended (Cllr Sinar – Ward Councillor)
137.	PCSO Report	The report, if received, will be circulated in advance of the meeting
		Report received and communicated to council.
138.	Minutes	Motion: To note the minutes and any supplementary documents of the MPC Extraordinary meet- ing held on 7 th March 2024 (circulated to members) as a correct record.
		Minutes of MPC Extraordinary meeting held 7 th March were approved. Proposer Cllr Jennings, Se- conded by Cllr Archer
		Motion: To note the minutes and any supplementary documents of the MPC meeting held on 12 th February 2024 (circulated to members) as a correct record.
		Minutes of MPC meeting held 12 th February were approved. Proposer Cllr Jennings, Seconded by Cllr Boyle
139.	Financial Matters	 a) To approve payments made in March for period 1.3.24 to 31.3.24. Motion: To approve payments made in March 2023. Correction made to DD payment to Scottish Power. Our new supplier is Valda Energy. Payment has been set up for both meters on the park but this month only one was invoiced for. Smart meters being fitted this month – usage will be monitored. Payments proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Simpson
		b) To consider the financial reports for YTD Motion: To accept the financial reports as presented <i>Reports proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Archer</i>
		 c) To approve purchase plants for planters at Cenotaph. Motion: To approve sum of funds for the purchase of plants. Budget agreed for £100. Proposed Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Simpson
		d) To approve purchase of additional voice recorder for The History of Moulton Society Motion: To approve expenditure of £20 for equipment. <i>Proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Boyle</i>
		e) To discuss and agree if the Parish Council wishes to fund the room hire for The History of Moulton Society.

		Motion: To approve budget for room hire for history society. Council have agreed to fund room hire for 3 months. The History Society is expected to be self-funding after this period. Proposed Cllr Jennings, seconded Cllr Boyle
140.	Planning	To note planning applications received since the previous meeting.
		1 application received. No action required by the council
141.	Maintenance/ use of Moulton Green Spaces	Motion: Approval for Davenham Football players to apply for grant funding to improve the pitch on the QEII playing field. Following advice received from our gardening contractors the proposed improvements to the pitch area of the playing field would greatly improve the drainage and grass and would not pose any hindrance to their work. Proposed Cllr Jennings, seconded Cllr Simpson
142.	Clerk's Report	To receive a report on issues not already covered and to review correspondence
	& Correspond- ence	 Details of potential savings accounts being circulated for next month's meetings (due to year end) Wendy Maddock final pay complete Attending Town & Parish Meeting – might be interested in getting seed packs for residents, tree planting in area of community, Community Orchard funding – min size tennis court. MAG looking for attendees on Thursday 21st March @ 7 pm hand out prizes. VAT return completed £538.10 Year end with Rialtas is Friday 5th April Letters regarding overhanging hedges have been sent to residents in the village Application has been made to WVHT for a garage in the village. They are reviewing their portfolio in April and will let me know if one becomes available. Kingsmead have offered some space but not for day to day items. Contacted NorthHort for quote for moss removal at WR & QEII playing field. New Defib Pads purchased for defib near Cenotaph – expiry of pads 31 March. New dog bin bags to be purchased this month. Contacted CWAC regarding a new dog bin on Beehive Lane, repainting road markings & litter along the bypass – via Dan Mar Contacted Davenham regarding the outcome of their Neighbourhood plan survey main issues raised were Traffic issues – speeding, parking, Zebra Crossing, need for a Community Centre/Hub, more sports facilities for the youths, Future development and what was possible/acceptable/potential areas Local Area Plan – CWAC – comments from public consultation need to be in by 5pm on 17th March. Mainly around Employment area & land availability assessment/call for sites. We have received correspondence regarding the Hydrogen pipeline. They are continuing in 2024 to do environmental surveys. We have completed a range of environmental surveys and assessments to support the routing of the hydrogen pipeline and will continue to build on this information throughout 2024
143.	Chair's Report	The Chair to present a report if appropriate
1.40.		I have today spoken to Stephen Beale (SB) of John Stephens Co Ltd (Jigsaws Builder) He advises that as a matter of procedure the tree surveyors would like access to RSB site tomorrow 12 March 2024 in the afternoon, this is to ascertain any nesting/fauna activity prior to felling. I will facilitate this and let them in and stay with them until they finish. SB advises that the felling of the trees could take place as soon as next week W/c 18 March 2024. There is a minor problem with the Biodiverse Nett Gain BNG survey I hosted on RSB recently. Unfortunately, the survey is showing a Nett loss, Stephen Beale believes that this loss can be

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		landscaped out and they are consulting with planning to ensure all is good this should be concluded this week. It is thought that the planner will not go back to consultation on this and will award planning permission expeditiously. The planner has admitted their error in the BNG fiasco of a few weeks ago and may feel more favourably towards us. On Wednesday 13th March at 9.30am I will be hosting Jigsaw on site RSB , personnel are Richard Johnson Jigsaw project manager, Stephen Beale John Stephens & Co Direc- tor, I also invited separately Miles Lewis the agent. There is a dispute between John Stephens Co and Miles Lewis the agent over money, baked into the original agreement was a fixed payment of £20,000 ex VAT to Miles Lewis The profits are smaller now with less housing than originally thought plus escalating material & labour costs therefore Stephen Beale has told Miles Lewis they can only pay £12,500 ex VAT. They want Miles to share the financial pain we are all suffering. This can have been kicked down the road to MPC to pay the shortfall, I have looked into the historical documentation and can see no liability for us at this point. Accordingly, MPC will NOT under any circumstances be paying any shortfall
144.	Subcommittee Reports	To receive reports from sub-committees or working groups
		None
145.	Councillor Reports	To receive reports from each Councillor (max 3-minutes each) <i>Cllr Archer –the WI Community Café now open in the village hall on Monday's from 10 am-1pm.</i> <i>Cllr Boyle – the Methodist church is up for auction. (£195K+) this could be a good location for a village</i> <i>hub and Parish Council building. Repairs need to be requested from CWAC for the mini roundabout on</i> <i>the jct of Main Road, Jack Lane. CWAC need to be notified of possible sink hole on Niddries Lane/Park</i> <i>Lane – this pothole has been repaired a number of times and is still sinking.</i> <i>Cllr Simpson – Cars parked on the junction of Lodge Drive/Whitlow Lane are causing a potential danger</i> <i>– PSCO Lee Robertson to be contacted.</i>
146.	Data Protection	Clerk to update the council regarding any FoI and GDPR requests received.
		None
	AOB	Items to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.
		Bank Accounts for savings
	Next Meetings	Moulton Parish Council: Monday 8 th April 2024 @ 19:30