



Moulton Parish Council

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## MINUTES

### Meeting of Moulton Parish Council

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 19:30 in Moulton School Hall, School Lane, Moulton

Present: Cllr Nick Jennings (Chair), Cllr Mark Boyle (Vice Chair), Cllr Derek Archer, Cllr Dan Marr, Cllr John Harding, Cllr Jo Gallimore, Cllr Jo Kershaw, Cllr Michelle Simpson, Cllr Rob Snasdell  
Also present: Angela Capstick (Clerk)

	<b>Apologies</b>	<p>The council recognises approval for this agenda item as appropriate to meet the requirement in Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p><b>To receive, with explanation, any apologies for absence</b></p> <p>None</p>
91.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	<p>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</p> <p><i>Cllr Dan Marr. As ward councillor for CWAC - Item 95h</i></p>
92.	<b>Public Forum</b>	<p><i>Maximum of three minutes per speaker, with an overall limit of fifteen minutes</i></p> <p><i>All parishioners who wish to speak should make their intentions known to the clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting</i></p> <p><i>No public attendance</i></p>
93.	<b>PCSO Report</b>	<p>The report, if received, will be circulated in advance of the meeting</p> <p><i>PSCO report for January was received and read</i></p>
94.	<b>Minutes</b>	<p><b>Motion: To note the minutes and any supplementary documents of the MPC meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (circulated to members) as a correct record.</b></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr Kershaw, seconded by Cllr Marr</i></p>
95.	<b>Financial Matters</b>	<p>a) To approve payments made in December for period 1.1.25 to 31.1.25. <b>Motion: To approve payments made in January 2025.</b> <i>Proposed by Cllr Boyle, Seconded by Cllr Harding</i></p> <p>b) To consider the financial reports for YTD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bank reconciliation to 31st December 2024</li><li>• Summary Receipt &amp; Payment by Budget heading</li></ul> <p><b>Motion: To accept the financial reports as presented</b> <i>Proposed by Cllr Snasdell, seconded by Cllr Harding</i></p> <p>c) To approve costs of replacement of damages climbing ropes on pirate ship at QEII park. <b>Motion: To approve costs for replacement of climbing ropes by Massey &amp; Harris.</b> <i>Proposed by Cllr Marr, seconded by Cllr Archer</i></p> <p>d) To approve costs of replacement of infant roundabout. <b>Motion: To approve costs of replacement from 2 quotes received.</b> <i>Clerk to enquire about potential resale of existing roundabout. Replacement quote from</i></p>

		<p><i>Massey &amp; Harris accepted. Proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Kershaw</i></p> <p>e) To approve costs of repair to wet pour areas on park.  <b>Motion: To approve costs of repair of wet pour.</b>  <i>Proposed by Cllr Boyle, seconded by Cllr Simpson</i></p> <p>f) To approve costs for fabrication and installation of post to hold height barrier in place when open.  <b>Motion: To approve supplier and costs from 3 quotes received.</b>  <i>Quote from LM Fabrication was accepted. Proposed by Cllr Snasdell, seconded by Cllr Harding</i></p> <p>g) To approve proposed 2025 Budget from Finance Committee.  <b>Motion: To approve 2025 budget proposed by Finance Committee.</b>  <i>Proposed by Cllr Boyle, seconded by Cllr Marr</i></p> <p>h) To approve request for precept amount proposed by Finance Committee  <b>Motion: To approve precept amount request to CWAC</b>  <i>Proposed by Cllr Harding, seconded by Cllr Simpson.</i></p> <p>i) To discuss and approve purpose for EMR funds received following sale of asset.  <b>Motion: To approve description for EMR from sale of asset.</b>  <i>The purposed of EMR funds from the sale of RSB will be for a Community Asset/building. Proposed by Cllr Archer, seconded by Cllr Kershaw</i></p>
96.	Planning	<p>To note planning applications received since the previous meeting.</p> <p><i>None</i></p>
97.	Parish Matters	<p>Repair/replacement of mirror on mini roundabout. <i>MPC are unable to action the mirror as it is not on parish land.</i></p> <p>Rubbish/litter along bypass. <i>Clerk has written to CWAC Streetscene requesting urgent action.</i></p> <p>Usage of Dog Waste Bags. <i>Data showing usage in past 3 months distributed. Council agree to reduce the frequency of refill and monitor situation.</i></p>
98.	Clerk's Report	<p>1) Question received from Suzanne Turner.  I am contacting you to suggest that a Salt bin at the park would allow the path to be made safer and the car park. Equally as you head along Main Road to the edge of village, the road is a virtually an ice rink and pavements. Whilst I appreciate this weather is extreme we do get snow yearly, and these areas are always slippery. Requires Council response. <i>Response: Whilst the council understand that recent bad weather has caused slippery conditions in areas in the village we are unable to provide gritting bins as we do not have staff to refill or distribute the gritting salt.</i></p> <p>2) Charity commission year end submission completed and submitted (deadline 31<sup>st</sup> Jan)</p> <p>3) Open letter sent to Angela Raynor MP regarding the increase in employers NI contributions; no response received yet but NALC had received a reply confirming Parish Councils would NOT be included in the compensation package and will continue to press the government to change their plans. Expect we will receive the same response.</p> <p>4) Risk assessment of trees on Jack Lane. My thanks to Cllr Marr who contacted Jerry Gibbs CWAC who passed to Ryan McConnell (CWAC Tree Officer). A tree surveyor will be sent out to inspect the trees but pointed out trees on the verges west of Jack Lane are CWAC but the majority are on private land.</p> <p>5) Attended Finance Meeting – will submit precept request post this meeting (if approved)</p> <p>6) Sourced quotes for replacement of climbing net on pirate ship following email from Allen Dymond.</p>

		<p>7) Received quote for wetpour repair, height barrier &amp; roundabout replacement.</p> <p>8) Contacted MADCA regarding their funding – received email confirming monies will be transferred upon their return from holiday.</p> <p>10) Coop bank approvers authentication token – Mark now set up, others need help?</p> <p>11) Spring/summer newsletter will be due out in March. Deadline for input will be Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Email sent to all groups in village for any input.</p> <p>12) Teams meeting with Brown Shipley re MPFT investments. All going well but we need an MPFT meeting (suggestion possible prior to Feb meeting)</p> <p>13) Visit by Andrew Cooper MP regarding development on RSB. Andrew will be suggesting to CWAC for double yellow lines along junction of Main Road/Regent St and Whitlow Lane/Regent St to ease issues of visibility when exiting Regent Street. Also wanted confirmation the contractors will NOT be permitted to park on the carpark at the Cenotaph – this was confirmed by clerk.</p> <p>14) Email requesting meeting with site manager &amp; liaison committee has been sent to Greenwards (Adrian Rooney) – this will be to ensure all parties are aware of the purpose and to reiterate the parking issues around the village re contractors. - awaiting response.</p> <p>15) Training – emailed new councillors regarding ChalC training.</p> <p>16) CWAC launches survey wanting to hear peoples experience when contacting them. Details on Facebook. - emailed to councillors.</p>		
99.	<b>Chair's Report</b>	<p>The Chair to present a report if appropriate</p> <p><i>Welcome to the first meeting of 2025, we now have for the first time in well over 10 years a full council of nine.</i></p> <p><i>This quarter the council will issue a spring newsletter, hold a council surgery (Suggest Village Hall need volunteers) and restart the neighbourhood plan discussions.</i></p> <p><i>The parish council will also make contact and liaise with Moulton Royal British Legion to hold a commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII volunteer needed.</i></p> <p><i>I have been in contact with Julian Hoe the project engineer for Jigsaw, he advises that the issues between the engineers and United Utilities are ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>There is little doubt from Jigsaw that a mutually agreeable solution will be found soon, the issues are in the minutia of the detailing,</i></p> <p><i>Jigsaw submitted via Shape Engineering (The designers) the updated scheme last Thursday 9th January, based on United Utilities objections/requirements.</i></p> <p><i>The parish liaison committee will start a week after commencement of works, once Jigsaw start work their contracts all start, for this reason, things cannot happen in parallel just yet.</i></p> <p><i>The site cannot be cleared while they wait for agreement on the water-works, the contract must start when all is agreed as starting without agreement could lead to a self-created delay if a snag is discovered.</i></p> <p><i>This would have contractual ramifications and the back end of the build if the timeline is extended.</i></p>		
100.	<b>Subcommittee/working group</b>	<p>Feedback from Finance Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><i>Discussed under item 95.</i></p>		
101.	<b>Councillor Reports</b>	<p>To receive reports from each Councillor (max 3-minutes each)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Archer</li> <li>• Cllr Boyle</li> <li>• Cllr Gallimore</li> <li>• Cllr Harding</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Kershaw</li> <li>• Cllr Marr</li> <li>• Cllr Simpson</li> <li>• Cllr Snasdell</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Cllr Archer: None</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Archer</li> <li>• Cllr Boyle</li> <li>• Cllr Gallimore</li> <li>• Cllr Harding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Kershaw</li> <li>• Cllr Marr</li> <li>• Cllr Simpson</li> <li>• Cllr Snasdell</li> </ul>
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		<p><b>Cllr Boyle:</b> Pothole on Niddries Lane (CWAC believe it not to meet their minimum depth), Issues on erosion on road under tunnels towards river (reported numerous times to CWAC).</p> <p><b>Cllr Gallimore:</b> None</p> <p><b>Cllr Harding:</b> Reported state of road under tunnels to CWAC again and reported possible issue of railway bridge to Network Rail (water is pouring out between brickwork) – Network Rail confirm this is normal – no action required. Reported tree down on tow path to River trust for action. For future review the Devolution proposal to combine CWAC, CE &amp; Warrington may have effect on services. Will put in an FOI to CWAC to see if any other parish have, like Moulton, not put up their precept for Band D properties for a number of years. Request further investigation into EV charging points on QEII Jubilee Playing field car park.</p> <p><b>Cllr Kershaw:</b> Attended Community Café, was approached by a number of people asking questions regarding Regent St Backs development.</p> <p><b>Cllr Marr:</b> The NPPF changes to the housing figures have meant that CWAC has gone from having over 11 years of housing supply to around 2 ½ yrs putting our village at greater risk of more development. The CWAC Local Plan is effectively ignored now, and they are investigating what impact this has on neighbourhood plans.</p> <p><b>Cllr Simpson:</b> None</p> <p><b>Cllr Snasdell:</b> Can we request better visibility to speed cushion at junction Jack Lane/Niddries Lane. No warning signage as you are leaving the village. Can the council look into replacing the Christmas tree on the park with something more substantial?</p>
102.	<b>Data Protection</b>	Clerk to update the council regarding any FOI and GDPR requests received. None
	<b>AOB</b>	Items to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting. Approve costing for new Christmas Tree.

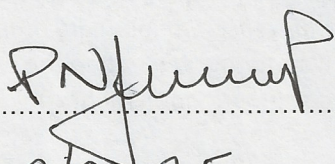
**PART B**

Without Public or Press

Weaver Road Play area.

Signed as accurate:  
(Chair)

Date:

  
10/02/2025