



# MINUTES

## Meeting of Moulton Parish Council

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 19:30 in Moulton School Hall, School Lane, Moulton

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

	<b>Apologies</b>	<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> <b>To receive, with explanation, any apologies for absence</b> <i>Cllr Mark Boyle</i>
17.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	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>None</i>
18.	<b>Public Forum</b>	<i>Maximum of three minutes per speaker, with an overall limit of fifteen minutes</i> <i>All parishioners who wish to speak should make their intentions known to the clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting</i> <i>No public attended</i>
19.	<b>PCSO Report</b>	The report, if received, will be circulated in advance of the meeting <i>PCSO present. PCSO Report distributed to all councillors. Noted increase in keyless car crime. Highlighted need for any crime to be reported directly to 101 or 999 instead of posting on social media. Increased issues relating to dog attacks, dogs will be seized. Need to keep youth informed on safe use of social media following a number of incidents.</i>
20.	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Motion: To note the minutes and any supplementary documents of the MPC meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (circulated to members) as a correct record.</b> <i>Minor correction to be made on Cllr Marr's report.</i> <i>Proposed by Cllr Marr, seconded by Cllr Jennings. Approved by unanimous vote.</i>
21.	<b>Financial Matters</b>	a) To approve payments made in June for period 1.6.25 to 30.6.25. <b>Motion: To approve payments made in June 2025.</b> <i>Proposed by Cllr Snasdell, seconded by Cllr Marr, Approved by unanimous vote.</i>  b) To consider the financial reports for YTD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank reconciliation to 31st May 2025</li> <li>• Summary Receipt &amp; Payment by Budget heading</li> </ul> <b>Motion: To accept the financial reports as presented</b> <i>Proposed by Cllr Archer, seconded by Cllr Simpson. Approved by unanimous vote.</i>  c) To review and approve MPC Reserve Policy. <b>Motion: To approve MPC reserve policy wording.</b> <i>Proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Marr. Approved by unanimous vote.</i>

<b>22.</b>	<b>Planning</b>	To note planning applications received since the previous meeting. No planning applications received since last meeting.
<b>23.</b>	<b>Parish Matters</b>	Community Champion panel will meet on Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June. Nominations have been very low this year. Speed Calming work on Jack Lane. Complaints regarding signage coming from bypass towards the village are inadequate. Overgrown hedges obscure view. Becoming a dangerous road. White triangles need repainting on speed cushion at Niddries Lane. Council will contact highways and lodge our concerns.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to Cllr Simpson for organising the Litter Picking in June.</li> <li>• Letter sent to MADCA Treasurer confirming MPC will hold funds on their behalf for the purposes outlined in their charity commission constitution (i.e. community premises). Confirmation from MADCA treasurer that funds will be sent to our account upon her return from France.</li> <li>• Contacted Traffic management companies re Road Closure for Remembrance Day 9<sup>th</sup> November. Duttons TMS, Paragon, Signal Traffic Management, MJ Quinn, Chevron Traffic Management</li> <li>• Insurance for MPFT (due 12<sup>th</sup> August). Renewal info sent to Hiscox. Also requested quote from Zurich.</li> <li>• Access to Brown Shipley should now be completed. Telecon due on 11<sup>th</sup> June @ 2:30. – Suggest MPFT meeting prior to MPC meeting in July.</li> <li>• Massey &amp; Harris re wetpour &amp; replacement roundabout for park.</li> <li>• Community Champion panel. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June @ 7 pm.</li> <li>• Moulton Events committee requested our assistance to close the carpark for Crow Fair.</li> <li>• Confirmation memorial plaques from Methodist Church are now removed (without damage). Awaiting timescales to collect. Gemma Blower has been informed and will take the family plaque.</li> <li>• Blood loss kit being installed next to defib. – will post on social media once complete.</li> <li>• Overgrown hedges – contacted CWAC again for assistance – no reply. Contacted Davenham &amp; Kingsmead PC for their input – Davenham no reply, Kingsmead try not to get involved!</li> <li>• Contacted Kingsmead &amp; Davenham regarding joint meeting – awaiting reply.</li> </ul>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Chair's Report</b>	<p>The Chair to present a report if appropriate</p> <p>To establish better relations with our neighbours I have attended Winsford Town Council and will attend Northwich Town Council &amp; Kingsmead Parish Council. I would like to reconvene the Moulton/Davenham/Kingsmead meetings as we have similar issues within our parishes. In an effort to future cement our relations and promote a bit of competition I would like to proposed an annual "parish" Olympics where teams from each parish could compete in football, darts, pool, athletics, running &amp; other activities</p> <p>It is important that we maintain our independence, merging of parish councils has seen 28000 a century ago to under 10500 now. The centralisation of powers moves it away from local residents i.e. Mayor of Cheshire, Unitary Authorities and now CWaC's new "Mid Cheshire Partnership" has our MP but no other elected representatives. Appointed by CWaC. With CWaCs Option 18 Draft Spatial Strategy we are in a unique position to represent our village. The community litter picking has grown from strength to strengths and it would be good to see some kind of reward to the community members effort. I would welcome any ideas in our next meeting.</p>

		In accordance with our policy the month of June is Pride month and I am delighted to see the PRIDE flag up for the 7 <sup>th</sup> year. I purchased and donated the original PRIDE flag and I have ordered a new one to replace it; this will be a donation and not come from council allowance. At the next meeting I would like MPC to vote to NALC Pledge of Dignity and Respect. In the event of a tie the chair casts the deciding vote. If there is anything councillors feel strongly about, please notify me in confidence and I will endeavour to take your opinion when casting the deciding vote if necessary.	
14.	Subcommittee/ working group	None	
15.	Councillor Reports	To receive reports from each Councillor (max 3-minutes each)	
		<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>
		<p><b>Cllr Archer:</b> None</p> <p><b>Cllr Jennings:</b> Request we write to Davenham &amp; Kingsmead PC regarding overgrown hedges blocking footpaths.</p> <p><b>Cllr Kershaw:</b> Overgrown hedge on Main Rd – now resolved. Dog poo bag stations are empty – council agreed to fill alternate bins once a month as bag usage was exceptionally high. Requested update on Lunch Club – ongoing. Request from resident for a skip to clear passage between Church St and Regent St – this is CWAC responsibility.</p> <p><b>Cllr Gallimore:</b> Issue of car parking on Niddries Lane/Jack Lane junction obscuring view – PCSO will investigate.</p> <p><b>Cllr Marr:</b> Updated council on devolution engagement meetings – date to be confirmed. Vote to take place by CWAC in July or at special meeting in September. House building NPPF now available. CWAC planning manager willing to speak to Parish Councils if required on implications. (MPC would like to invite manager to future meeting if available)</p> <p><b>Cllr Simpson:</b> Request we purchase more BSL signs for the park.</p> <p><b>Cllr Snasdell:</b> None</p>	
16.	Data Protection	Clerk to update the council regarding any FoI and GDPR requests received.	
	AOB	None	
		MPFT meeting to be held before next Parish Council meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> July.	

Meeting ended 20:15