



3 August 2020

# Freedom of Information Act 2000 Response

## Crow Fair 2020/2021

### Query

On 31 July 2020, the following request was made of Moulton Parish Council:

*We have heard that the parish council have cancelled Crow Fair and replaced it with a circus. Tell me:*

- 1) *Who made this decision?*
- 2) *When was this decision made?*
- 3) *Who was consulted?*
- 4) *Why was the CrowFair cancelled?*

### Response

The Moulton Crow Fair, scheduled for the second Saturday in July, is run by Moulton Events and not Moulton Parish Council. Moulton Events is a community-based non-profit group, affiliated to MADCA (Moulton and District Community Association), a registered charity. The only involvement by Moulton Parish Council in the event is to arrange the loan of the playing field, which is done under the Moulton Playing Fields Policy.

Moulton Events, the organisers, cancelled Crow Fair 2020 because of uncertainty caused by restrictions due to the CoVID-19 pandemic. There has been no request to hold an event later in 2020, and the council believes that July 2021 will be the next Crow Fair.

Separately, Moulton Parish Council was asked in 2019 by a travelling non-animal circus to hire the field for a few days in June 2020 for five shows. The council had stated, during discussions with the circus organisers, that they were not prepared to consider the hire of the playing field to the circus during July to avoid any confusion with the Crow Fair, which had been planned for 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

After the parish council conducted due diligence, Moulton Parish Council agreed to the hire of the playing field for June 2020 and as a result, a small amount of money would have been provided to the council after their visit. This income had been earmarked for community donations. However, the circus also cancelled their shows due to the pandemic restrictions, and have since indicated to the council that they would like to come in June 2021 instead.

Therefore, the council cannot furnish you with answers to the above request, as the council are not responsible for Crow Fair and have not cancelled the Crow Fair. Such claims are erroneous, baseless, and completely false.