

MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 21st November 2007

Time: 7.15pm

Venue: Moulton Village Hall

269/07 Conduct a Public Session

Cllr Care asked Cllr Cribbin to follow up a recent request from a resident to clarify the situation re: Free public transport scheme for the over 60's and report back to the Clerk. Cllr Care also asked that Cllr Cribbin explain the District Council's policy re: affordable housing. Cllr Cribbin explained that DDC policy was to promote affordable housing schemes but needed developers to come forward and for housing needs surveys to be undertaken. Cllr Care outlined the severe litter problem that the village was suffering from, particularly during term time when the school and college students were here and reminded council that DDC have a statutory duty to litter picking and empty bins. Cllr Cribbin to investigate the current rota of litterpicking and bin emptying and check to see if Moulton were given any additional 'weighting' due to its unique situation of a heavily increased daily population during term time. Cllr Fletcher asked Cllr Cribbin to report back to the Clerk or at a subsequent meeting.

Cllr Cribbin left the meeting.

Cllr Sheldon declared a prejudicial interest in the following presentation.

Adrian Allen presented an updated schematic layout of a possible development at Sandy Hill, Overstone Road. Since the presentation in June, Mr Allen explained that consultation had been carried out with NCC Highways and the Education department. Some amendments had been made in response to comments made by council in June. A traffic impact assessment, green travel plan including a Safe Routes to School appraisal were to be carried out. Mr Allen stated that the capacity of the possible development would be approximately 190 – 195 2, 3 and 4 bedroomed houses.

Mr Allen, Mr Gray, Mr and Mrs Hughes left the meeting.

270/07 Record Attendance, Apologies, Absence

Attendance:

Councillors (Parish):	Cllr Care (Chairman), Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Midmer, Cllr Swannell, Cllr Sheldon, Cllr Ward, Cllr White
Councillors (District):	Cllr D Cribbin
Clerk:	Mrs J Austin
Other:	Mr A Allen, Mr P Gray, Mr and Mrs Hughes

Apologies:

Cllr Campling (ill health), Cllr Clipston (previous commitment), Cllr Gray (previous commitment), Cllr Johnson (holiday)

It was **unanimously agreed** for the Clerk to approach Cllr Campling to resolve the current situation.

Absence:

none

271/07 Record any Declarations of Interest on subjects included on this agenda

None

272/07 Accept Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6th November 2007

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November with an amendment to reorder the comments relating to 256/07 (1b).

273/07 Progress any Matters Arising from previous Minutes

- a) **256/07** Sgt Grady is also investigating the problems of parking opposite the new development on Overstone Road and is arranging a site visit with Nick Gore, County Engineer, NCC to discuss the problem. Cllr Sheldon asked that clarification be sought with regard to driving over a pavement.
- b) **258/07** All the trees have been planted in the Public Gardens. Covey Nurseries were not able to deliver trees directly to site of planting due to poor weather conditions. Chair and Clerk authorised a small increase in the cost of planting using emergency powers to take into consideration the additional time of moving the trees into place.
- c) **258/07 8b** The Clerk has obtained a grant application form with regard to tree planting in Crowfields. It was **resolved** to give Cllr's Fletcher and Sheldon delegated powers to acquire quotes for trees before the next meeting and liaise with the Clerk to complete the application form.
- d) **258/07 8c** Cllr Sheldon reported that the whips were ready for collection from Spinney Nurseries. Clerk to arrange collection and planting.

274/07 Planning Related Matters

1. Agree responses to the following Planning Applications:

None

2. Report on recent Planning Decisions

The following application has been decided upon by DDC:

- a) **DA/2007/1008 Clifton, 3 Park View.** Removal of Condition 1 of DA/2006/0913 to allow permanent use of the site as a childcare nursery.

GRANTED

3. Other Planning Matters

- a) **Appeal by Moulton College – Extension to existing library.** No action required.

275/07 Finance Related Matters

1. Propose payments and sign cheques

It was **resolved** to make the payments and sign the cheques.

Authorised payments were as follows:

Salisbury Landscapes	Grass cutting	£2100.32
BT	Internet	£70.46
LCS Cleaning	Graffiti removal	£99.88
Covey Nurseries	Trees	£1132.00
Bushbaby Computing	Website maintenance	£90.00
SLCC-CiLCA Management	Clerk's Portfolio Registration	£70.00
Cash	Petty Cash	£100.00
		£3662.66

2. Approval of Draft Precept 2008/09

After some discussion, Cllr Swannell proposed that the draft precept be accepted and forwarded to DDC. Seconded by Cllr Baldwin, **unanimously agreed**. Clerk to clarify 136 agreement payment with Atkins.

4. Clerk's Salary – National Salary Award for Clerk's 2007/08

It was **resolved** to award the Clerk the recommended 2.47% increase. Increase effective from April 1st 2007.

276/07 Properties Related Matters

1. Quotations received for fencing in Public Gardens.

3 quotations have been received for fencing in the Public Gardens. It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Alan Hawkins for £3180 + VAT to supply and fit 30 linear metres of 3m high reflective fencing. It was **unanimously agreed** for the Clerk to write to the residents concerned and gain written confirmation of their agreement to the fence being placed there. A planning application can then be completed. It was **unanimously agreed** to delegate powers to the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to complete the planning application and proceed with this issue between meetings.

2. Damaged Crowfields Signs

The Chair and Clerk have recently authorised emergency repairs to one of the information boards in Crowfields. Cllr Care reported that a further two signs had been vandalised and would cost between £600 and £650 to replace. It was **resolved** to review the situation in a few months. Clerk to add signs to the Asset Register and insurance policy.

3. Quotations received for additional tarmac work

Quotes have been received for the following work in the Public Gardens ; extending the staging area £525, pedestrian path £780 and Church Street entrance £1732. Cllr Swannell proposed accepting the quotes and for the work to be completed, seconded by Cllr White, **unanimous agreement**.

277/07 Highways Related Matters

1. Quotation received for new street light

A quote of £1764.00 + VAT has been received from ABB lighting, NCC street lighting contractors to place a new street light in the alleyway between Manor Road and Lunchfield Lane. It was **resolved** to accept the quote and authorise the work to be completed. Clerk to approach NCC to ask if they will adopt the light once in place.

278/07 Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk has received a verbal resignation from Cllr Calder who no longer lives or works in the village. It was **resolved** to advertise for a new councillor as soon as possible.

279/07 Youth Provision/Youth Club

Kaushal David and James Kitchener (Professional youth worker) wish to meet with the council to discuss youth provision. It was agreed to arrange a meeting in the New Year. Clerk has been given details of a 'street football' scheme – Clerk to pass on details to Cllr Baldwin.

280/07 Litter Problems

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to write to DDC regarding the urgent problem of increasing litter and the poor coverage, which is received from DDC. If a response is not received within two weeks, Clerk to write again.

281/07 Review list of outstanding council matters – update

Matters Outstanding:

Village Design Statement – this needs updating and editing by July 2008. Cllr Gray to head a small working party to revise VDS and complete by July 2008. Clerk to write to the individuals originally involved informing them of the parish council’s intention to complete the VDS.

Cllr Kirk – to investigate replacement boards for damaged bus shelters and bring information to next meeting.

Cllr Swannell to install hose and purchase concrete spur posts.

Cllr White has investigated identity cards for councillors. After some discussion it was **resolved** to delegate powers to Cllr White to provide the required information and organise the printing of the cards.

282/07 Review correspondence

- a) Clerk has received two telephone calls complaining about the mobile takeaway in Northampton Lane North. Clerk to forward complaints to DDC Environmental Health.
- b) Clerk has received a telephone call from a resident complaining about the cars parked opposite a junction in Lunchfield Lane. Clerk to repeat a letter sent to the occupants of the house concerned asking them to park considerately.
- c) Request for funding for Spratton Folk Festival received. Clerk to reply.
- d) Email received re: A43 improvements – no news as yet, but the scheme is still being considered.
- e) Information received from Daventry and District Housing re: launch of DDH. DDC will retain the responsibility for developing the housing strategy for the district as well as for the housing waiting list.
- f) Homelessness Questionnaire received – Councillor Baldwin to complete and return.
- g) Northamptonshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Questionnaire – Cllr Ward to complete and return.

283/07 Address Any Other Business Items with no resolutions

- a) Cllr Kirk reported that the plaque in memory of Miss Travill had been purchased and Cllr Kirk would arrange fitting onto the bench.
- b) Cllr Sheldon reminded the meeting of the difficulties surrounding the skateboard area should be taken into consideration when discussing possible youth provision.

284/07 Confirm next Meeting Date

The dates of the next meetings were confirmed as **Wednesday 5th December 2007, Tuesday 8th January 2008 and Wednesday 6th February 2008.**

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Copies to:

Parish Councillors (13), District Councillors (2), Moulton Library

Chairman’s Acceptance Signature.....Date.....

