

Minutes of the meeting of The Moultons Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at Moulton Chapel Youth & Community Centre at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Meade (Chairman), Woolfe (Vice Chairman), Benton, Cooper, Henderson, Poll, Tibbs, Wakefield

District Councillor Casson, County Councillor Pepper, 9 members of public and 1 member from the press.

1. Chairmans remarks.

Chairman Cllr Meade welcomed everyone.

Chairman Cllr Meade and on behalf of the whole of the Parish Council, expressed sincere condolences to the family and friends of the late Mrs Vera Angelo. Vera was an active and respected resident of Moulton Seas End and will be greatly missed.

Public forum.

2. Apologies:

- a. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hahn and Walter, reasons given and accepted by all.

3. Declarations of interest.

- a. Declarations of interest received from Cllr Tibbs regarding a planning application and Cllr Woolfe regarding amenity grass cutting.

4. Notes of the meeting held on 5th December 2017 had been circulated. It was resolved to accept these notes as a true copy of the minutes.

5. Clerks report.

- b. Amenity grass cutting and local grass cutting. It was agreed to get more prices to cut both the Ward grass and the amenity grass cutting.
- c. Cowbit Parish Council are holding a village meeting on 5th March 2018 at 7.30 pm, invited will be the local police and the Road Safety Partnership. An invitation has been received for two representative to attend. Cllrs Benton and Wright will represent Moultons Parish Council.
- d. Crime Commissioner Marc Jones has yet to reply to his invite inviting him to give a talk to MPC.
- e. Clerks appraisal has now been completed.
- f. Citizen of The Year adverts and nomination forms will be inserted into the February edition of Village Voice. Also, collection boxes in both Post Offices in Moulton and Moulton Chapel, and for those in MSE, the village hall letter box can be used. Deadline for all nominations is 17th March. It was agreed that if we have a poor response again to this event, then it will be the last year this takes place. All agreed.

6. Cemetery, churchyard and allotments.

- a. Lawnmower is requiring an annual service. It was agreed to get quotes from other reputable dealers to get the best price.

- b. A tree had been reported (via email) as blown down in Moulton Churchyard. As this was in a neighbour's garden and deemed a H&S issue, Marcus Goose was instructed to deal with the problem. (The management group had been informed) All agreed.

7. Police matters:

- a. The Police report: ASB=1, criminal damage=1, theft=0, violence=6 burglary=2.RTC=3. Middle March Rd, Moulton March with Washway Road, Moulton Marsh.

8. Highways matters.

- a. None received.
- b. SID report. Figures show that speeding was a max of 34mph.

9. Finance report:

- a. The finance report was circulated and resolved to accept the figures given.

Income of £1123.57 Expenditure of £4382.03

Bank reconciliation at 31st December 2017 £79503.22

Proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Wright. Resolved to accept these figures.

VAT had been claimed for this quarter £516.16

- b. It was Proposed by Cllr Hahan and seconded by Cllr Henderson that the sum of £60 be paid for the advertising of CoTY in the Village Voice. All agreed.
- c. It was resolved to increase the Precept by 5% to a total of £41,580 for the next financial year 2018-19.

10. Planning report:

- a. The Planning Application report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

11. Moulton Village Ward:

- a. Cllr Henderson asked if there was the possibility of funding to have the village notice board re-sited. After discussion, the Ward Cllrs agreed that they would do this at no labour cost to the PC only materials.
- b. The Tree Preservation Order application for work on trees on the village green had been granted. Marcus Goose had completed the works and positive comments from villagers had been received.
- c. As per Item 6. Marcus Goose was asked to remove a damaged blown down tree from Moulton Churchyard which had landed in a neighbouring garden. Marcus did the work the day after it was reported by the house owner and thanked the PC for working so quickly and tidily. The cost of which was £264. Proposed by Cllr Henderson and seconded by Cllr Tibbs and resolved to pay the invoice.

12. Moulton Seas End Ward

- a. Speeding is still an issue. Local residents are trying to raise funds to purchase a SID for village use.
- b. Councillor vacancy. We can now co-opt to fill this vacancy.

13. Moulton Chapel Ward:

- a. MCYCC had been applying for funding to purchase new play equipment.
- b. Councillor vacancy still exists.
- c. Correspondence had been received from the Village primary school. A group of their pupils had won a regional competition and have now been invited to attend the UK finals. The school had written to apply for some funding. It was agreed that Moulton Chapel Ward Cllrs will give £250 from their ward budget and in response both Moulton and MSE Ward Cllrs have each offered to add £50. Resolved.

14. All correspondence

- a. All correspondence received had been included within the agenda.

15. Councillors reports & items for inclusion at the next meeting.

- a. None received.

16. Date of the next meeting.

- a. Date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7pm at Moulton Community Centre.**

17. To resolve whether to move into closed session and exclude public, press and police.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.