

**Moulton Parish Council**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**

**Date:** 21st April 2022    **Time:** 7.15pm

**Location:** Moulton Community Centre

<b>Agenda Item:</b>		
<b>52/22</b>	<b>Conduct a Public Session (Duration and content at Chairman's discretion)</b>	
	<p>Cllr Aarons introduced the meeting and explained the process that would take place: The applicant for planning application WND/2021/0535 (Amended) would spend ten minutes presenting the application and then the meeting would be opened to allow residents to comment. Cllr Aarons requested that residents comment on planning reasons only. The applicant presented the amended application and stated that the new design had been drawn following comments from the Planning Officer and MPC.</p> <p>Residents then spoke to object to the application, comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loss of rural character</li><li>• Impact on loss of views</li><li>• Amended application does not mitigate impact of development</li><li>• Concerns over vehicle access over highway</li><li>• Invasion of privacy on some existing properties</li><li>• Number of vehicles allocated to development will make the area look like a carpark</li><li>• Trees frame the barn as it is and the proposed view will be detrimental to this</li></ul> <p>Several residents then spoke in support of the application, comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barn is derelict and an eyesore</li><li>• Homes will be an asset to the village</li><li>• Tidy up an area in a positive way</li><li>• Works to stone wall and trees will enhance the area</li></ul> <p>Residents questioned why the application was being heard again. Cllr Aarons explained that council had received a complaint and after taking advice it was agreed to hold an extraordinary council meeting.</p> <p>Public Session ended at 8.25pm.</p>	

**Record Attendance, Absence and Apologies from council not in attendance. Resolution to accept:**

<b>53/22</b>	Councillors (Parish):	Cllr Aarons (DA), Cllr White (KW), Cllr Y Swallow (YS), Cllr Ward (TW), Cllr T Morrow (AM), Cllr Swannell (MS), Cllr Fehnert (SF)
	Councillors (West Northants):	None
	Executive Officer:	Jane Austin
	Other Attendees:	15 residents

	<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr S Morrow (SM) previous engagement, Cllr Moss (GM) (prior family commitment), Cllr N Bennett (NB) holiday, Cllr Curran (CC) work commitments) Cllr Paul (GP) previous engagement
	<b>Absence:</b>	None

Agenda Item:	Discussion Content:	Action:
<b>54/22</b>	<b>Record any Declarations of Interest on subjects included on this agenda. Councillors are reminded that if they have either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or other interest in any of the agenda items then they should declare the interest and withdraw from the debate or meeting as appropriate:</b>	Action:
	Cllr Aarons declared an interest in agenda item 57/22.  Cllr Swannell declared an interest in agenda item 57/22.	
<b>55/22</b>	<b>Dispensations: To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI</b>	
	None	
<b>56/22</b>	<b>Accept Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Resolution to accept and sign.</b>	Action:
	It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 with the following amendment: 45/22 (a) Cllr Ward highlighted a number of points including meetings with residents, information from the planning officer, conservation officer views, highway concerns, changes to the number of houses and the parking spaces.	
<b>57/22</b>	<b>Determine a Full Response to the following Planning Application: WND/2021/0534 (Amended)</b>  Description: Removal of attached garage at 18 High Street, demolition of barn and construction of four dwellings, existing perimeter wall made good and repaired.  Location: Land to rear of 18, High Street, Moulton  Cllr Ward read out three emails that have been received earlier in the day all supporting the application. He explained that the Planning Committee had met earlier in the week to review and discuss the application. Cllr ward read out a summary of that meeting.  Council continued to discuss the application and Cllr Swallow stated that 3 dwellings would still be preferable than 4. After a long debate, Cllr White proposed that the application be supported, seconded by Cllr Ward. Cllr Swallow abstained from voting, Cllr Morrow and Cllr Fehnert voted to oppose the development. Cllr's Aarons and Swannell did not take part in the vote so the vote was tied.  It was <b>resolved</b> to submit the following response to the Planning Officer: <i>This was discussed at length at an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 21/4 Arguments for and against the proposal. The implications of planning law and Conservation issues were discussed.</i> <i>Members of the public were present and options were balanced for and against</i> <i>The discussions ended with a tied vote.</i> <i>Moulton Parish Council are therefore unable to make any specific recommendation either for or against this application.</i>	Action:

<b>51/22</b>	<b>Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	

**Meeting Closed at 8.45pm** Copies to: Parish Councillors (12),  
West Northants Councillors (3),

**Chairman's Acceptance**

**Signature.....Date.....**