

Moulton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 1st November 2022 **Time:** 7.15pm

Location: Moulton Community Centre

Agenda Item:		
124/22	Conduct a Public Session (Duration and content at Chairman's discretion)	
	None required	

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

125/22	Councillors (Parish):	Cllr Paul (GP), Cllr Fehnert (SF), Cllr Fehnert (SF), Cllr Bennett (NB), Cllr Swannell (MS), Cllr Aarons (DA), Cllr Conway (DC), Cllr Swallow (YS), Cllr Curran (CC), Cllr K White (KW), Cllr Moss (GM)
	Councillors (West Northants):	Cllr Warren (MW)
	Executive Officer:	Jane Austin
	Other Attendees:	None
	Apologies:	Cllr S Morrow (SM) work commitments
	Absence:	None

Agenda Item:	Discussion Content:	Action:
126/22	Record any Declarations of Interest on subjects included on this agenda. <i>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:</i>	Action:
	Cllr Aarons reminded councillors of their duty to declare an interest on agenda items if necessary. None declared	
127/22	Dispensations: To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI	
	None	
128/22	Accept Minutes of Council Meeting held on 4th October 2022. Resolution to accept and sign.	Action:
	It was resolved to accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 4 th October 2022.	
129/22	Report on Previous Agenda Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EO reported that the new signage proposed for the junction at Sandy Hill 	

	<p>Lane/Overstone Road was in progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EO reported that the Local Government Boundary Review consultation response had been submitted. Cllr Warren confirmed that it was the intention of WNC to include Moulton Leys into the Moulton ward and reduce the number of villages currently included in the Moulton ward. 	
130/22	Councillors Monthly Update -Councillors to report back on actions during the previous month. Resolution to Approve Actions.	
	Cllr Aarons reported attending the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (Ncalc) Annual General Meeting with Cllr Paul where Moulton were awarded Council of the Year	
131/22	Executive Officer Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractors have been engaged at the Avant Homes site, Boughton Road to undertake remedial works prior to Public open Space land transfer to MPC Contractors have begun work on the Marsh Spinney site to undertake remedial works prior to Public Open Space land transfer to MPC New Community Connector had been appointed and will join us on November 21st Café Extension – all pre build checks and documentation were currently underway. Anticipated start date later this month. 	
132/22	Planning Related Matters:	Action:
	Planning Applications -Planning Committee Responses previously submitted to Planning Authority listed as Appendix 2. Cllr Aarons reported that WND/2021/0860 Outline Hybrid application for detailed approval for site access, provision of petrol filling station with convenience store had been refused at a Planning Committee Meeting on 27 th October.	
	1. Update on Mulberry Homes	
	The EO reported that the retrospective planning application requested by WNC has been submitted but has yet to filter through the validation process. All councillors had received copies of correspondence between residents and Mulberry Homes. Photographs of water run off from the soil mound into resident front gardens was particularly disturbing. Cllr Conway reported that the farmer at the other side of the soil mound was also experiencing flooding and the water table appears to have changed. Cllr Warren suggested requesting that the application be heard at the Strategic Planning Committee in reference to the Local Area Planning Committee. EO to contact planning officer	EO
133/22	Finance, Administration and Governance Related Matters	Action:
	1. Approve Payments as Listed in Appendix 1. Resolution to Approve	
	It was resolved to approve and make the payments listed in Appendix 1	EO
	2. Review Quotes received for Parish Signage. Resolution to Agree Actions	
	It was resolved to approve quote A to install the parish signage	EO
	3. Update Council re: overdue S106 monies. Resolution to Agree Actions	
	Cllr Aarons reported that the EO had been trying, unsuccessfully, for 12 months to obtain the overdue S106 monies from the Overstone Leys development. The total owed is in the region of £350k. A recent Freedom of Information request to WNC was refused as it was stated that WNC will begin looking into this matter next summer, which is totally unacceptable. The EO had supplied all information required for WNC to calculate and pay the monies owed without delay. Cllr John Shepherd has elevated the matter to the Director of Finance and we await a response. Cllr Aarons stressed to Cllr Warren that the three ward members for Moulton needed to put political pressure on WNC to sort the issues out immediately. Legal advice had been sought and would cost MPC £2000. The EO confirmed that the outstanding S106 monies from Overstone Leys were only a part of the problem. These had been allocated to MPC to provide the community	

	<p>infrastructure to support the Northampton North SUE as it was widely acknowledged that although most of the new dwellings would be in Overstone parish, the task would fall to MPC to provide community facilities, which includes a new GP Surgery to be built on land owned by MPC opposite the Community Centre. OPC owns no land suitable for building such facilities. WNC withholding these monies puts this infrastructure at risk. The overdue S106 monies from the Overstone Leys application is only one element of monies owed to MPC and the EO requested assurance that the commuted maintenance sums due for the Avant Homes and Marsh Spinney sites (approx. £85,000) would be available on transfer of the land as is the usual practice</p> <p>All councillors showed great concern at the lack of clarity on overdue S106 monies to MPC.</p> <p>Cllr Warren agreed that the matter was unacceptable and asked the EO to send all the documentation to him to take the matter further.</p> <p>It was resolved to allow Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Warren time to pursue this matter on our behalf (until the next meeting) before requesting formal legal advice.</p>	EO
	4. Discuss Locking/Unlocking of Public Gardens. Resolution to Agree Actions	
	The EO reported that Jon Pratt was retiring at the end of November. It was resolved to continue opening/closing the Gardens daily and to write to the adjacent residents informing them that a replacement would be appointed as soon as possible.	EO
	5. Approve and Adopt Dignity at Work Policy. Resolution to Approve	
	It was resolved to adopt the Dignity at Work Policy with the following amendment: 'repeated vexatious requests' to section entitled 'What Type of Treatment amounts to Bullying or Harassment?'	EO
134/22	Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 6th December 2022	

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm Copies to: Parish Councillors (12), West Northants Councillors (3),

Chairman's Acceptance Signature.....Date.....

Appendix 1 November Payments

Supplier	Invoice Details	Payment Amount (£ net)
NCALC	Employment law course	£38.00
700 Refrigeration	Deposit for supply and install a/c to library and nursery	£2,625.00
Yellow Bourbon Coffee Roasters	Café coffee	£97.20
Securifire	CCTV service to PG's & MCC (x 2 invoice)	£125.00
In-site	Portable toilet hire for GITG	£500.00
R&G	Village noticeboards	£10,852.00
Ambivent	Annual maintenance contract	£1,950.00
Countywide Catering Equipment	Water boiler filters x 4	£256.00
Ashby Computer Services	Microsoft 365 charges and ESET x 11 (x 2 invoices)	£314.37

Complete Business Solutions	Batteries and postage (x 3 invoices)	£66.60
Waterdene Foodservice	Café stock (x 2 invoices)	£322.70
Rob's Nursery	Winter planting	£453.25
K&J Hird Ltd	MCC cleaning/caretaking duties and village maintenance duties October 2022	£993.85
Barnard & Westwood	Condolence book	£172.48
Prestige Landscapes	Parish, Crowfields & MCC greenworks - October 2022	£5,352.58
Warwick District Council	Planning application submission fee (café extension)	£240.00
Real Christmas Trees	Christmas tree decorations	£138.00

Appendix 2 Planning Applications Reviewed by Planning Committee and Responses Submitted to Planning Authority

Application Details		Planning Committee Response
<u>WND/2022/0761</u>		Deadline 28/09/22 No Response
Description:	Works to trees in a conservation area.	
Location:	New House, West Street, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7SB	
<u>WND/2022/0818</u>		Deadline 12/10/22 No Response
Description:	Felling of tree in a conservation area	
Location:	Hollytree House 11, High Street, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7SR	
<u>WND/2022/0833</u>		Rebecca Grant 17/10/22 Comment "Should the Reserved Matters application meet the necessary requirements MPC requests that the developer defines the ground levels within the site area."
Description:	Reserved matters application (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission DA/2013/0850 for 350 dwellings (Zone 10) - resubmission of application WND/2021/0172	
Location:	Land At Zone 4, Kettering Road, Overstone, Northamptonshire	
<u>WND/2022/0902</u>		Awaiting Response
Description:	Single storey rear extension (revised scheme)	
Location:	39, Ryland Road, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7RE	

<p><u>WND/2022/0913</u></p> <p>Description: Work to trees and removal of trees within a conservation area</p> <p>Location: Just Busbys, The Grove, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7UF</p>	<p>Awaiting Response</p>
<p><u>WND/2021/0172</u></p> <p>Description: Appeal - Reserved matters application (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for 350 dwellings (Zone 10) pursuant to outline approval DA/2013/0850 and approval of Condition 18 (foul water drainage), Condition 19 (surface water drainage), Condition 26 (noise) and Condition 37 (travel plan).</p> <p>Location: Land To East of A43 - Southern Parcel, Overstone Lane, Overstone, Northamptonshire</p>	<p>Rebecca Grant 28/11/22</p> <p>Original Response No Comment 29th June 2021</p>
<p><u>WND/2022/0246</u></p> <p>Description: Construction of two commercial office buildings (Use Class E)</p> <p>Location: Land West Of Sandy Hill Lane, Moulton, Northamptonshire</p>	<p>Rebecca Grant Planning Committee Invite 2/11/22</p>