

Moulton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 7th December 2021 **Time:** 7.15pm

Location: Moulton Community Centre

Agenda Item:		
135/21	Conduct a Public Session (Duration and content at Chairman's discretion)	
	<p>17 residents attended the Public Session to address council re: planning matters.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Proposed new school Thorpeville – Park View resident felt there were some elements missing from MPC's amended response i.e. alternative entry/access points. Cllr Aarons reminded all residents present that ancillary comments can be submitted to the Planning Authority until the day of the planning committee meeting. Cllr Aarons stated that official confirmation of the admission criteria for the school was still awaited. Cllr Warren confirmed that technical information was still awaited from the applicant and it was likely that the application would not go to committee until next February.2. Proposed new dwelling Thorpeville. – Councillor Ward read out the council response to the application. Adjacent resident commented that they would have no room for parking if the application was to succeed and it would prevent any vehicle access to 31A.3. Proposed development of four houses off High Street. A group of residents from Doves Lane/High Steet attended the meeting to understand why the parish council had recommended approval to this application. A letter, previously submitted by the group had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Residents living in Doves Lane, felt they hadn't been consulted as to the proposals and asked questions of council as to how the decision was made as another similar application was recommended for refusal. A discussion took place and Cllr Aarons confirmed that the parish council had requested that the development be reduced to 3 dwellings only so the development mirrors the footprint of the barn. <p>Public Session ended at 8pm.16 residents left the meeting.</p>	

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

136/21	<p>Councillors (Parish):</p> <p>Councillors (West Northants):</p> <p>Executive Officer:</p> <p>Other Attendees:</p> <p>Apologies:</p>	<p>Cllr Aarons (DA), Cllr S Morrow (SM), Cllr Swallow (YS), Cllr White (KW), Cllr Curran (CC), Cllr Fehmert (SF), Cllr Moss (GM), Cllr Paul (GP), Cllr Ward (TW), Cllr T Morrow (AM), Cllr Melnik (TM), Cllr Briggs (JB)</p> <p>Cllr Mike Warren</p> <p>Jane Austin</p> <p>17 residents</p> <p>Cllr Bennett (NB), Previous engagement, Cllr Swannell (MS), work commitments</p>
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	Absence:	None
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Agenda Item:	Discussion Content:	Action:
137/21	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:	Action:
	Cllr Aarons reminded councillors of their duty to declare an interest on agenda items if necessary. Cllr Aarons declared an interest in agenda item 142/21 (1) Planning Application WND/2021/0794	
138/21	Dispensations: To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI	
	None	
139/21	Accept Minutes of Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2021. Resolution to accept and sign.	Action:
	It was resolved to accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 2 nd November 2021.	
140/21	Report on Previous Agenda Items	
	Report on Previous Agenda Items 121/21 Public Session. Despite several emails to West Northants Council we are still awaiting a response re: traffic calming Overstone Road. Cllr Warren to press WNC for a response. Further email received from resident yesterday reporting another near miss at the pedestrian crossing. Cllr warren has a meeting on Wednesday with WNC Cllr Larratt re: Highways, where this matter will be raised. 132/21 (9) All councillors have received an email from Chairman regarding training available to them and at what point it should be undertaken. All councillors to please respond and indicate which Ncalc courses should be booked for them. Cllr Aarons urged all councillors to review the training courses available and take the opportunity to attend. 132/21 (16) Signage for junction at end of Sandy Hill Lane. Cllr A Morrow and Cllr Ward to consult with small business units at Sandy Hill and report back to council. 132/21 (16) Land Issues with Mulberry Homes/Moulton Football Club. All councillors have received a copy of the presentation from last week's meeting at MFC which details the problem. Resolution for Councillors Fehnert and A Morrow to work with David Conway, MFC and Mulberry. Cllr Ward to meet with Mulberry Land on 19 th January 2022. 133/21 Feasibility study for Overstone Road. Email received from Ian Boyes confirming that a topographical survey will be undertaken at the junction early in the new year which will ten allow a design feasibility study to be carried out. will be carried out.	AM, TW AM, SF TW
141/21	Councillors Monthly Update – Councillors to report back on actions during the previous month	
	Cllr Swallow reported back on two very successful events recently held at the Community Centre: Literary Festival and Christmas Cracker. The Community Connectors had received a magnificent response to the Hamper Appeal. It was resolved to formally thank both Community Connectors for their excellent work. Cllr Aarons reported back on the events surrounding Remembrance Sunday and the new memorial services. The beautiful memorial had been very well received throughout the community. Cllr A Morrow left the meeting.	EO

142/21	Planning Related Matters:	Action:
	1. Planning Applications – Planning Committee Responses previously submitted to Planning Authority	
	<p>WND/2021/0671 Description: Construction of detached dwelling and associated access. Location: Land At White Oaks 41, Park View, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7UZ MPC Response: Recommend Approval if there is adequate parking for a four bedroom dwelling.</p> <p>Application No: WND/2021/0700 Description: Reserved matters application – Zone 4 – 229 dwellings including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline approval DA/2013/0850 and approval of Conditions 15 (open space), 36 (bus stops), 37 travel plan) and 38 (public rights of way) Location: Zone 4 Overstone Leys, Kettering Road, Overstone, Northamptonshire MPC Response: Comment only that some of the houses are four bedrooms. Do these have three parking spaces?</p> <p>WND/2021/0722 Description: Construction of sleeper wall and fencing on boundary to replace existing hedge. Location: Meadow Cottage 5, The Nurseries, Cross Street, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7SA MPC Response: Recommend Approve.</p> <p>WND/2021/0610 (Amended) Description: Construction of a secondary school with outdoor sports facilities, access, parking, landscaping & drainage. Location: Land To West Of Thorpeville, Moulton, Northamptonshire MPC Response: <u>NBSC ADT ZZ ZZ RP Y 0002 Planning Statement Sports Noise</u> The noise level is predicted to be 4db above recommended levels in Moulton Leys (part of the SUE). There are NO predictions for Ashley Lane for houses which back onto the proposed school premises. The 3G sports pitch is intended to be available for use until 10 p.m. every day of the week. Traffic leaving the site and area are likely to disturb local residents between 10 and 11p.m. including Saturdays and Sundays. The flood-lighting is also likely to affect wildlife in an environmentally sensitive area which includes the adjacent Crowfields Nature Reserve. This is confirmed in the Copse Assessment which indicates a 10m “dark area” between the trees and playing fields. Moulton Parish Council requests a 9 p.m. deadline with an automatic lighting cut-off. <u>NBSC DLA ZZ 00 DR L 90104 Fire Tender Access</u> This ‘updated’ plan still shows access to the site from the south west. This end of Thorpeville became a dead-end with an earth bund when Thompson Way was created and Moulton Parish Council has been reassured on multiple occasions that there is no prospect of that status being changed. <u>Northampton CMEP Rev 01 08-11-21</u> Site access still indicates the proposed access to the sports fields. This is of concern as it breaks into hedging that is to be preserved and trees with TPOs. <u>NBSC TEC ZZ XX RP G 0005 Bat Preliminary Ground</u></p>	

Section 7.11 – There is a 10m dark buffer zone around trees to protect the bat population from disturbance. This will encroach on many parts of the playing fields from both areas of trees. There is no indication in the plan on how this is to be achieved.

It is abundantly clear that light pollution will affect the adjacent Crowfields Nature Reserve, but this impact has not been assessed nor even mentioned.

Additional Comments

1/10/21 – Transport Assessment - Page 21 – This shows the number of entrants from NN6, which we believe to be the SUE postcode area, as only representing 4% of pupils. This compares with 15% from NN4, 13% from NN5 and 6% from NN7. Moulton Parish Council was assured that the admissions policy would prioritise pupils from the local area, particularly from the SUE. The proposed admissions policy contradicts this.

Section 6.3 – This shows school activities ceasing at 5.30 p.m. The information provided in support of the 3G pitch shows a need until 10.00 p.m. every day of the week. The resulting additional traffic burden will go a long way beyond the school day if this is the case, increasing the highways problem clearly building up for the Park View roundabout junction.

The Transport Assessment is both faulty and incomplete and contradicts the assurances that this school will benefit the local community.

WND/2021/0751

Description: Conversion of attic to habitable space including front and rear rooflights and front balustrade.

Location: 10, Bluebells Way, Moulton, Northamptonshire NN3 7TE

MPC Response: Recommend Approve.

WND/2021/0349 (Amended)

Description: Demolition of conservatory. Construction of new dormer to front elevation, enlargement of existing rear dormer. Construction of single storey rear extension.

Location: 12, Wantage Close, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7UY

MPC Response: Recommend Approval

WND/2021/0553

Description: Construction of a detached chalet bungalow including new drop kerb and fence boundary treatments

Location: Land at 28, Boughton Road, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7SJ

MPC Response: Recommend Approve

WND/2021/0224

Description: Conversion of barn to self-contained ancillary annex

Location: 1, Church Street, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7SP

MPC Response: Recommend Approve

WND/2021/0758

Description: Construction of detached dwelling.

Location: Land Adj 31, Park View, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7TP

MPC Response: This application is for a two storey dwelling which appears to be well in front of the existing house building line. Its proposed construction is quite different from any surrounding houses and will not fit in with the street scene. Its position affects the visibility of the entrance to 31A Park View and is therefore a problem to pedestrians. There is a question as to whether the proposed parking is adequate. The windows overlook a neighbour. This seems to be a very cramped development on a site of disputed size by neighbours who both have filed objections.

	In conclusion this would appear to be a totally inappropriate development and Moulton Parish Council recommends refusal.	
	WND/2021/0794 Description: Listed building consent for conversion of dwelling into two dwellings, change of use of residential annexe to a separate dwelling Location: 26, West Street, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7SB MPC Response: No comment save that the Parish Council have concerns as to whether there is adequate and designated convenient parking for this development	
	2. West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan	
	Cllr Aarons and Cllr Ward are to meet with the Principal and Chair of Governors of Moulton College early in the New Year	
143/21	Finance, Administration and Governance Related Matters All councillors have received the draft minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 30 th November.	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. Consider Submitting A Planning Application to Extend Community Centre	
	It was resolved to proceed and submit a planning application to extend the community centre.	EO
	3. Consider Submitting a Planning Application to build an External Storage Facility at the Community Centre	
	It was resolved to proceed and submit a planning application to build an external storage facility at the community centre.	EO
	4. Update on Recent Land Transfers	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barwood Homes (Cottingham Drive) land has now been transferred. No remedial works to be carried out. • Countess Manor (Taylor Wimpey) has now been transferred. Remedial works to be carried out and monies have been received for this. 	
	5. Approve and Adopt Updated Business Plan	
	Cllr White had submitted some additional comments to the draft Business Plan. It was resolved to approve and adopt the updated Business Plan.	EO
144/21	Update and Actions Required Local Council Award Scheme. Resolutions to Approve Actions	
	1. Hold a Public Consultation – Environment and Climate Change	
	It was resolved to hold a public consultation. Cllr Fehnert to confirm date main hall is required.	SF
	2. Determine Content of Questionnaire (to be used in conjunction with Public Consultation)	
	Some discussion took place as to the content of a resident/business questionnaire.	
	3. Determine Climate Change Committee Membership	
	To be discussed at a later stage	
	4. Discuss Ways of Improving Community Engagement	
	Some discussion took place on the strategies that could be implemented to improve community engagement including reintroducing councillor surgeries,	
	5. Approve and Adopt Anti Social Behaviour Policy	
	Cllr White had submitted some suggested wording to the draft Anti Social Behaviour Policy. It was resolved to replace the word 'youth' with young people and approve and adopt the Anti Social Behaviour Policy.	EO
145/21	Consider Request from Resident to Plant Spring Bulbs in Public Gardens	
	It was resolved to agree to the request to allow a resident to clear an area and plant	EO

	spring bulbs.	
	<u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u> <i>It is recommended that in view of the confidential nature of the following items, the public shall be excluded while the following item is discussed. This is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972.</i>	
146/21	Moulton Village Hall Update	
	It was resolved to contact MSSC and WNC. It was resolved to contact Stephen Chown for further assistance. It was resolved to contact solicitor specialising in Charity law for further guidance. It was resolved to progress detailed drawings for an extension to Moulton Football Club.	EO
147/21	Servery Lease Update	
	It was resolved to delegate powers to the EO to progress arrangements for a permanent cafe service.	EO
148/21	Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 11th January 2022	

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm Copies to: Parish Councillors (14),
West Northants Councillors (3),

Chairman's Acceptance

Signature.....Date.....

Appendix 1 December Payments

P Davies	Literary Festival Fees	£20.00
M Johnson	Literary Festival Fees	£274.05
P Harrison	Literary Festival Fees	£150.00
Mistry Kitchen	Literary Festival Fees	£100.00
Professor Ham's Science Club	Literary Festival Fees	£60.00
M Noelle	Literary Festival Fees	£100.00
R York	Literary Festival Fees	£60.00
Bread & Butter	Catering @ MCC	£108.00
Bread & Butter	Catering @ MCC	£158.40
Bread & Butter	Catering @ MCC	£29.40
Bread & Butter	Catering @ MCC	£21.80
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JPP Consulting	Consultancy Fees	£495.00
BeeTee Alarms	Engineer Call-out	£80.00
Pellys	Transfer of POS Fees (Millbrook Grange/Barwood)	£2,467.00

Pellys	Transfer of POS Fees (Sandy Hill/Countess Manor)	£2,078.00
Northamptonshire ACRE	Best Village Award Entry Fee	£40.00
Bluefish	First Aid Kit & Tape	£31.37
Bluefish	Printing Rolls	£4.95
Bluefish	Refreshments & Batteries	£15.76
Bluefish	Postage, Kitchen Supplies, Diary, Storage Boxes	£236.22
Bluefish	Accident Record Book	£18.25
Bluefish	Clingfilm	£6.70
Bluefish	Storage Box x 10	£154.90
Bluefish	Laminating Pouches & Accident Record Book	£11.89
Bluefish	Refreshments	£21.85
Bluefish	Refreshments	£21.25
Play Inspection Company	Annual Play Inspections x 6	£450.00
Countywide Catering	Bottle Cooler Delivery & Monthly Rental Charge	£125.00
Onefoursix	Christmas Newsletter x 4000	£260.00
Northants Fire	CO2 Extinguisher, Fire Blanket and Signage	£70.74
Ashby Computer Services	Office 365 Monthly Cost	£82.16
Prestige Landscapes	Parish, Crowfields & MCC Greenworks - Nov 2021	£4,044.74
Prestige Landscapes	Remedial Works at Sandy Hill	£10,150.00
Prestige Landscapes	Supply and Spread Stone to Field Entrances at Crowfields	£380.00
Advent Plastics	Stainless Steel Memorial Plaque	£418.00
Acorn Architectural Ironmongery	MCC Foyer Cylinder & Keys	£51.26
Ambivent	New Water Heater Stat	£310.00
Ambivent	Attend to Look at Kitchen Extractor Fault	£156.00
Welford Christmas Tree Farm	Tree, Install, Deliver & Collect/Recycle	£301.40
K&J Hird	MCC Cleaning/Caretaking Duties & Village Maintenance Duties Nov 21	£4,306.67
C Connolly	JB DBS Check Fee	£23.00
L Griffiths	Batteries, Bar Supplies, Refreshments & Door Guards	£205.17
L Griffiths	Refreshments	£24.80
GoPak	Folding Tables x 5	£440.56
C Connolly	Milk Jugs & Clip Top Jars	£89.49
J Austin	Bar Cover, Keysafe, Postage & Paper	£132.82
C Hammond	Refreshments & Trays	£47.07
L Griffiths	Refreshments, Stationery & Fridge Thermometer	£121.71

L Griffiths	Mugs	£199.90
J Bunting	WNC Planning Fee & Postage	£83.59
HMRC	Dec HMRC Payment	£3,056.77
NCC Pensions	Dec NCC Pensions Payment	£3,841.13
Salaries	Dec Salaries	£10,508.88
		£46,861.65