

Minutes for the meeting of Moulsoe Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10 January 2023, Millennium Hall, Moulsoe at 8pm

Present Councillors: Chair Steve Waters (SW); Chris Oakley-Holton (COH); Belinda Oakley-Holton (BOH); John Hamilton (JH)
Ward Councillors: David Hosking
Public: 2 members of the public
Clerk: Kay Hamilton

Prefix for all minute items **2301/**

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from Ward Councillors Keith McLean & Peter Geary, PCSO Arlene Ormston
2. **Disclosures of Interests:** SW employer hosts the domain for the village website.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Council **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 8 November 2022.
4. **Public Representations:** Moulsoe Community Association (MCA) will be holding a village meeting to gauge the support for the hall from the residents. With the reduction of bookings they will have an issue with funding. The running of the hall and bookings will now need to be done by the MCA, they are in need of more volunteers for the management of the hall.
5. **Ward Councillor's Report:** The Bloor Homes planning application was granted at the Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) Planning Committee meeting on 5 January 2023.
MKCC budget is now out for consultation, with a predicted council tax rise of 4.99%.
Ward Councillors are carrying out a litter purge, they would like to know of any areas, particularly verges that are badly littered to add to their list for action.
SW highlighted the issue of flooding on the A509 at the Holiday Inn. Ward Councillor will contact the Head of Highways with the parish council's concerns.
6. **Police Report:** Crime Report from 09/11/2022 – 10/01/2023 for Moulsoe
Suspicious vehicle – new building site December 2022
Road traffic collision – London Road December 2022
Criminal damage – new building site January 2023
Suspicious persons & vehicle January 2023
There has been an increase in criminal activity in and around surrounding villages with the theft of catalytic converters in Newport Pagnell and surrounding villages.
7. **Parish Council Business & Matters Arising from Last Minutes:**
 - 7.1 **MK East** – Bloor Homes application granted permission on 5 January.
Naming of Localities – MKCC have split the MK East development into 5 localities and suggested names for each of the areas. Any comments or alternative suggestions from the parish council would be put forward for consultation. Ward Councillors had also been contacted on the matter. Councillors were agreed that the current names were acceptable and had no further suggestions to add. Clerk to inform MKCC.
Lichfield/St James meeting – Councillors Waters and Hamilton will be attending the meeting being held to discuss design codes for the development.
 - 7.2 **Playing Field Maintenance** – Maintenance of the field was put out to tender in November 2022 to recommended contractors. Quotes were reviewed by the parish council and a decision was made to award the contract for 2023 with a view to extending the term to 2024 with the chosen contractor. Clerk to contact contractors.

- 7.3 Moulsoe Millennium Hall** – correspondence had been received from MCA regarding the current position of the hall. SW replied to the matters raised.

MCA have turned away large bookings for 2022-23 due to the parking restrictions. The parish council's reasons why they withdrew the parking on the field is minuted and the options to take over the lease of the field and the ability to park on the road have not been taken up by the MCA.

MCA are not in a financial position to take on the lease of the field and the cost of maintenance. The parish council had already indicated that the council would contribute to the legal and maintenance costs.

The management team for the hall has stepped down from their role, this leaves the MCA needing more volunteers to run the hall or to take on a bookings manager on a paid basis. The parish council does not underestimate the work that it takes to run and manage the hall, the management of the hall is a matter for MCA, not the parish council. It was discussed that all 3 organisations in the village are struggling to recruit residents on to committees and councils.

With the restriction of parking by the parish council MCA queried how the parish council could support the hall. The parish council's only source of extra funding would be via raising the precept.

- 7.4 Planning Applications-** 22/03048/HOU Moat Cottage – single storey extension – Council reviewed the application and had no comments to make. Clerk to notify MKCC Planning

22/03157/FUL – Primary School/Health Hub – MK East – notification of this had only been received – Council will review the documents and comments to Clerk by 2 February

23/00049/HOU – Old Rectory – Glazed link and extension – no comments on this application. Clerk to notify MKCC Planning.

- 8. Parish Councillor Reports:** JH had attended Parishes Forum in December, MKCC were facing budget deficits and post 2025 would need to make cuts. They were working with food banks and giving energy advice to residents experience issues with bills. MKCC had allowances for councils to open warm spaces for those in need.

9. Finance & Administration

9.1 Accounts

9.1.1 BOH & SW confirmed Barclays Account Balance of £14287.00

9.1.2 Council **APPROVED** the accounts as at 30 December 2022

9.1.3 Council **APPROVED** payment to

K Hamilton – Clerks salary Nov-Dec 2022

Idnet – council phone - £144

9.1.4 Council discussed and **AGREED** budget for 2023-24. Potential increase in field maintenance, salary provision for new clerk, training for possible new councillors following May elections were all taken into account as well as an allowance for inflation on external costs.

9.1.5 The current allocated precept from MKCC remained unchanged from 2022-23 at £46.73 per band D household. With the anticipated increased costs Council **AGREED** to apply for precept of £7649.64 with band D household at £52.72

9.1.6 (Additional item to published agenda)

Change to May meeting date – due to local elections on 4 May and bank holidays relating to the Coronation and following advice the meeting on 9 May 2023 is to be moved to 16 May 2023, this will be the first meeting of the new parish council.

9.2 Correspondence: Ward Councillors Budget is available for local groups to apply to. Clerk had forwarded details to St. Mary's and MCA, initial ideas for a donation to an event to commemorate the Coronation on 6 May 2023

Forthcoming meetings

North East Rural Community Meeting – 18 January 2023 7.30pm – Cold Brayfield
MKCC Planning Panel meeting 19 January 2023 planning application 22/00882/FUL

Meeting Closed 21.58

Next Parish Council Meeting 14 March 2023 8pm