

Minutes for the meeting of Moulsoe Parish Council held on
Tuesday 16 May 2023, Millennium Hall, Moulsoe at 8pm

Present Councillors: Chair Steve Waters (SW); John Hamilton (JH); Karen Waters (KW)

Ward Councillors: Cllr McLean, Cllr Geary

Public: One resident, Chair of Moulsoe Community Association (MCA)

Clerk: Kay Hamilton

2305/1. Election of Chair: Cllr Steve Waters was elected as Chair for 2023-24

2305/1.1 SW signed acceptance of office

2305/2. To Receive Apologies for Absence: PCSO Ormston, PCSO Huckle, Ward Councillor Whitworth

2305/3. Disclosures of Interests: SW employer hosts the domain for village website

2305/4. Approval of Minutes: Council approved the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 10 March 2023

2305/5. Public Representations: Resident queried the cutting of the playing field grass. Traffic lights on A509 causing tailbacks, and were in place at times when no work was being done. Due to there being open excavations Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) Highways require lights to be active at all times.

2305/6. Police Report: Report attached

2305/7. Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr Geary updated the council with the information that MKCC are still negotiating the contract for the works for the infrastructure at MK East. There is a shortfall in funds already and there is a possibility that the specifications promised in the planning may not be able to be delivered.

Co-options – with only three councillors he urged the council to seek candidates for co-option as soon as possible.

Ousedale admissions, appeals are in progress. Transport arrangements are a concern for parents if out of catchment places are given to local students, if places are not found for students Ward Councillors consider MKCC should be responsible for organising that transport.

Astwood & Hardmead have concerns regarding local roads being used as a rat run with the Marshall Aerospace relocation.

PCSO's are now able to be deployed to villages on speed enforcement duties

Signed

Dated

Cllr McLean updated on the issues of the parking area behind properties on Newport Road following emails from a resident to the Clerk. MKCC housing had responded that the area is not designated as a car park and there is not funding to maintain it. Long term residents state that it was always considered a parking area for residents living in the properties along Newport Road. He was awaiting further reports from MKCC Officers.

Wheelie bins – following complaints how bins were being left at properties MKCC officers had observed a round and were satisfied that bins were being left correctly. Clerk pointed out to Cllr McLean green bins had been left in middle of driveways that morning. Cllr McLean will report this back to MKCC officers.

2305/8. Parish Council Business:

2305/8.1. MK East: MKCC place naming asked the council for suggestions for a new theme for Locality 2 Elverby this was to be Vikings but due to lack of suitable names MKCC suggested names of British fish or sailing vessels. Council agreed theme of British fish was more suitable for the area. Clerk to inform MKCC Place Naming.

Laing O'Rourke would like to meet with councillors to present information on A509 closure. Clerk to organise.

2305/8.2. Traffic & Roads: Recent repairs to Newport Road appear to have blocked an existing road grip.

2305/8.3. Field Parking: Clerk received response from Carington Estate regarding the terms of the lease, they have no objection for the occasional use for parking. Clerk drafted an outline agreement for parking, councillors will review.

2305/8.4. Ground Lease: Clerk received initial legal advice from council solicitors in relation to the essential changes required to the MCA ground lease. Council have concerns as to the liabilities incurred when named on the ground lease. Council agreed to seek further advice.

2305/8.5. Planning Applications received since last meeting:

23/00572/HOU 62 Newport Road – Council submitted concerns with the loss of parking space in the lay-by as a result of the proposed driveway

22/017700/PIP Appeal Highfield – Council submitted information and photos to the Inspector additional to their original comments submitted to MKCC Planning.

2305/9. Correspondence: Clerk had received email from resident on Newport Road, the matter being dealt with by Ward Councillors minute ref 2305/7 above.

2305/10. Parish Councillor Reports: JH had attended Parishes Forum and SW had attended North East Rural Community Forum

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2305/11. Finance & Administration:

2305/11.1 Annual Audit:

2305/11.1.1. Clerk presented Internal Audit Report to Council

2305/11.1.2. Council approved Section 1, the Annual Governance statements

2305/11.1.3. Council approves Section 2, the Statement of Accounts and SW signed statement

2305/11.1.4. Council approved exemption from Limited Assurance review, Clerk and SW signed

2305/11.2. Accounts

2305/11.2.1. KW confirmed Barclays Account Balance of £17319.32

2305/11.2.2. Council approved the accounts at 28 April 2023

2305/11.2.3. Council agreed to change the payment of clerks salary from bimonthly as per contract to monthly

2305/11.2.4. Council approved 2023-24 payment schedule and payments

BALC – subscription fee £51.71

ICO – registration fee £35.00

Idnet – domain registration £48.00

BHIB – Insurance 2023-24 £390.20

Auditing Solutions £204.00

Grass Cutting April & May £256.00

K Hamilton – reimbursement cream tea costs £131.16

S Waters - reimbursement cream tea costs £107.88

S Waters - Microsoft subscription 2023-24

Clerks Salary March & April 2023

2305/11.3. Insurance: Council reviewed insurance schedule for 2023-24, it was noted that this was the last year of the 3-year agreement.

2305/11.4. Governance: To review and adopt the following:

2305/11.4.1. Council adopted Standing Orders, SW signed

2305/11.4.2. Council adopted Financial Regulations

Meeting closed 21.45

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 11 July 2023 8pm

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Dated

Crime Figures 10/05/22 - 10/05/23

Assault with Injury	1
Assault without injury	2
Bail Offences	1
Criminal Damage	1
Drink Driving	2
Drug Driving	1
Making off without Payment	1
Public Order	1
Stalking	1
Theft	4 (1 was from a vehicle parked at the holiday inn but its recorded in Moulsoe)
Theft from Vehicle	7 (7 were from vans (Construction) parked in the holiday Inn but its recorded in Moulsoe)

Total 22 offences but if you remove the Holiday Inn its 14

Other Information

Speeding

Everyone mentioned that had issues around speeding vehicles racing through the villages, PCSO Huckle explained that in the past the PCSOs would have been at the side of the road monitoring speeding vehicles along with residents from the village

UPDATE

PCSO Huckle reported that there had been some progress with this, Community Speedwatch is still for the villages to undertake, but we became aware that TVP South Buckinghamshire had PCSOs using handheld speeding device and had posted it on their village pages. Due to speeding appeared to be concerns across the TVP area Neighbourhood Teams have been allowed to restart speed enforcement using PCSOs, with the following criteria.

So Arlene and I will be able to use handheld speed gun as below – **THIS IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH RUN BY THE VILLAGE.**

But to work together

- **Two speed guns were given to the team by TVP** Chief Inspector Livingstone is looking to purchase 2 for the North Area and 2 for the South.
- **No training was given to the PCSOs as** it's a matter of pressing a button
- **The number of cars who pass are recorded and the number that were speeding**

- This information is then **updated onto our Patrol Plan** and the excel spreadsheet for the area
- These results are **shared at Community Forums / Parish Meetings** etc. Also used for and updated in the quarterly updates, which is realised to the public/community.
- **Tickets can only be issued when the Neighbourhood Officer / Supervisor are present.** However, many people speed past us and come back to question whether they are receiving a ticket; we then provide them with words of advice.
- You can use **any location, which has a speed limit of 30 or 40 mph.**
- **Not allowed to conduct speeding enforcement on any roads, which exceed this speed limit 30 / 40 MPH**
- The force recommends that there must be **at least two people** conducting the speeding enforcement for safety purposes.
- In addition, when conducting speeding enforcement, **you must be wearing hi-vis.**
- You can complete speeding enforcement in the rain or snow. **It is also important that you are visible to drivers.**
- **We typically park a marked vehicle down the road of where we are completing the enforcement.**

It was suggested that the following criteria could be used.

- Village community volunteers are out doing speed watch, PCSOs could be emailed and told when and where, we would then support you by being seen by drivers working alongside the volunteers, **but NOT doing the community Speedwatch.**
- Depending on the number of speeding vehicles recorded by the Speedwatch volunteers, a few days later PCSOs / Neighbourhood officers could be out in the same area using handheld speed equipment.