

Minutes of the meeting of Moulton Parish Council held at Moulton School on Monday 11th November 2019 at 6.30 pm.

Present	Cllrs	D Almond Chairman	D Clarke
		J Derry	Tim James
		R Bragg	Jane Horsnell
		D James	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Ed Chambers & Mark Price (excused due to previous commitments) and C Cllr Robin Millar

ALSO PRESENT – the Clerk, District Councillor Roger Dicker and 3 members of the public.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Cllr Jane Horsnell – DC/19/1858 37 Dalham Road.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2019 had been circulated, and it was unanimously agreed that these should be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

HIGHWAYS

A copy of the report covering all the matters raised at the meeting held on 7th October with Mary Evans, Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Robin Millar, the Chairman, Clerk, Cllrs Douglas James, David Clarke and Mr John Ford had been circulated and is attached to Pages 1276-1278 of the Minute Book.

It was reported that shortly after this meeting, and following the resignation of a Cabinet member, there was a re-shuffle. Mary Evans had been transferred to Youth Services and Andrew Reid, a councillor from East Suffolk, had been appointed the new Portfolio Member for Highways.

Cllr Robin Millar had been asked to provide an update for the November Council meeting.

He emailed the Chairman on 11th November to pass on his apologies as he had been selected to stand as the Conservative candidate for Aberconwy in N Wales. In his absence he suggested that the Council's highway queries should be directed to Customer Services, and these would be forwarded to Fran Clarke the Highways Engineer.

The Chairman advised that it was disappointing that there had been a total lack of feedback since 7th October (save contact regarding self-help and maintenance of the metal road bridge off Church Road) and undertook to ask Cllr Millar for an alternative point of contact otherwise the Council would have to pass their longstanding concerns direct to the new Cabinet Member.

The Clerk updated members with the following list of outstanding issues:-

Drainage – Chippenham Road – it had been agreed that the inefficiency and waste of CC resources would be taken up by Fran Clarke and Flowline would be instructed to investigate the drain from both the roadside, and the carrot wash site (with prior notice the Clerk would arrange access).

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Enhancement to road markings at junction of **B1506/School Road** – Robin Millar had filed a report No 255919 – (site to be considered for potential signing). Fran Clarke to follow up. Repainting of STOP signs were mandatory. As this was a busy road junction it was suggested that STOP signs were appropriate, rather than GIVE WAY. The B1506 is a fast flowing road. See D Cllr Dicker's email to C Cllr RM 23/7 re near miss.

School Road – worn pedestrian crossing markings outside school gate to car park – reference 00236833 – reported 19/3/2019 – no action to date.

Winter Grit Bin Guidance – Clerk had asked for confirmation that the procedures were now in place for fresh supplies to be delivered.

Church Street Metal Road Bridge - the Chairman had advised the CC Engagement Officer, Luke Merton, that following delays since the concerns were first raised by the Parish Council the deteriorating structure meant that this was no longer a case for self-help.

It had been confirmed that the condition of the guardrails over the bridge was deteriorating and that additional works to the bridge deck were also recommended in recent inspection reports which will hopefully increase the likelihood of action being taken. When??

Request for 40mph speed restriction – David Chenery agreed to provide a quote to progress the Traffic Regulation Order for a buffer zone (on the approach to the School to where Footpath 4 joins the B1085) estimated between £5 to £10 k for consideration by the Councils.

It was agreed that it was disappointing that Highway officers had not taken on board the Council's long held view that a continuous speed limit was needed between the School and Kentford, not a 300m buffer zone. Concerns had been passed to the previous portfolio holder Cllr Mary Evans who had not replied to the Chairman's email dated 18th September and she was no longer the responsible Cabinet Member. It was unanimously resolved to wait for the quote for the buffer zone from David Chenery before taking the matter further with the newly appointed Director for Highways – Cllr Reid.

The Clerk reported that the Moulton road sign on the B1506 had been knocked down and was lying face down on the grass verge. Reported on 11/10/19- 00255919. No action had been taken and the report closed on 4/11/2019. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Luke Merton the CC's Engagement Officer.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

A request from the School Secretary for a check on School Road had been received following a near miss. Several checks had been carried out and very few cases of speeding vehicles had been recorded. It was reported that a parent approached the Speed Watch Co-Ordinator, suggesting that they were targeting parents as the team were often outside the school at drop off or collection times. This was not the case, Speed Watch checks were carried out at those times because that was when it was busy, and on occasions some parents had been recorded exceeding 35mph on the school run.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

The request (first raised in May 2019) for a public right of way sign to be installed at the entrance to Filberry Haven had still not been actioned. An area footway officer was due to visit to make sure that the new gates at Filberry Haven had been installed to CC standards - customer reference number 00242647 - it was understood that the landowner had failed to obtain the necessary consent prior to installation.

The 2 circular footpath signs behind the Priory (propped up against the fence) had been reinstated as well as the footpath sign for Footpath No 2 on School Road by Trinity Hall Cottages had now been replaced.

A resident at Riverside Walk had raised concerns regarding the trees which border this estate, on the other side of the fence, growing along Footpath No 4 which runs from the Packhorse Bridge to the west side of the River Kennett. The Clerk had passed this concern to the Rights of Way officer who had confirmed that a site visit would be carried to assess the situation.

Report that some tree work had been done here.

Footpath 15 – B1085 Dalham Road across fields running towards Ashley – the route claimed by the Ramblers had been confirmed subject to a six week High Court objection period, after which it would be added to the definitive map. As the footpath will come to a dead end and not join up with FP11 in Ashley, the CC will seek to negotiate an extension.

RAIL SERVICES KENNETT STATION

Cllr Millar had reported that following officers meeting with Greater Anglia, it was agreed that it was theoretically possible to have all trains stop at Kennett, but this would make the timetable too tight for getting to Cambridge and back again on the single-track line. However, the new trains which should be in use before Christmas will be faster, and by Easter GA will know how much quicker the new trains are on a regular basis, and if they can accommodate all Ipswich to Cambridge services stopping at Kennett.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION – ELECTORAL REVIEW

Details had been circulated. The review will determine the total number of councillors, the number, name and boundaries of divisions and the number of councillors elected to each division.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Roger Dicker who gave an update on the information process for the new waste collection dates, advised that Government grant aid would be received to install electric car chargers in local authority car parks (including the one in All Saints Road),

parking enforcement would be transferred to the local authority sometime next year, and a weight limit had been placed on the Kennett Road bridge by the railway line.

In addition details of the **2019 Affordable Housing Guide** had been circulated.

Moulton's contact officer was Julie Salisbury – 01284 757608.

December 2019 Pre Election - guidance notes on the use of council resources and publicity had been circulated.

Suffolk Fly Tipping Campaign – it was reported and details had been circulated on the Waste Partnership team, who had been working to reduce fly tipping in Suffolk. The SCRAP fly-tipping campaign is aimed at residents and businesses whose waste is sometimes fly-tipped by unlicensed operators and reminds people that they should only allow licensed waste carriers to take waste away for them.

From 25th of November to the end of March 2020 messages were to be posted highlighting the campaign.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Jane Horsnell had declared an interest and took no part in the discussion on this agenda item.

Details of an amended submission for the extension at **37 Dalham Road** had been circulated. The cladding has now been removed from the plans and instead it would be rendered - colour to be confirmed as a separate condition if plans were approved.

In addition a report had been published on the website regarding overshadowing - including 45 degree drawings. The Clerk reported that she had been advised that the planning officer was of the view that although there would be some detrimental impact this was not significant and was minded to recommend approval.

The amended plans and further representations from the adjoining property owners were considered and it was agreed that the Parish Council's comments submitted on 9th October still stood as there were concerns over the visual impact which was viewed to be out of character with the street scene and would impact on the front elevation of this terrace of 3 cottages originally built in 1871.

In addition the concerns of neighbours did not appear to have been fully addressed. The Council was still of the view that it would be helpful if the Planning Officer would make a site visit to discuss the effect this extension would have on the adjoining homeowners relating to the size, overall impact and loss of light.

The Clerk was instructed to pass these comments back to the Case Officer.

Mulberry Lodge 31 Brookside – to fell one diseased sycamore tree which was close to a building and needed removing for safety reason. It was the applicant's intention to replant with one standard ash in the same location. Resolved - to support the application.

Long Hill – off Moulton Road – a cross boundary application for a paddle tennis court and 4 floodlights on the Godolphin Estate had been circulated. As the site for the court was in the centre of the estate and would not have any direct consequences on Moulton residents councillors agreed that it was not necessary to call a special meeting to discuss, and no comments would be submitted, the consultation period expiring before the date of the Council meeting.

Local Plan – had finally been adopted in October and would now allow a more orderly distribution of growth which would protect the villages. Cllr Dicker advised that a Cabinet

Member (David Roach) had now been appointed to oversee future development of the West Suffolk local plan.

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT SHELLA (draft report on the availability of land for housing and economic development)

Historic reports on Moulton's views on the planning process had been circulated. In particular, concerns had been raised at each stage of the process, regarding the failure to include areas of Moulton parish in an out of date settlement boundary, and the failure to include Griffith's Yard within the Conservation Area.

The Council had also put on record that whilst accepting classification as a 'secondary village,' to safeguard the parish from inappropriate development, the village could accommodate a small extension to the existing boundary.

The current SHELLA consultation document had been forwarded and councillors were required to consider whether

1. The sites shaded in blue were appropriate to be included as available sites for housing (notwithstanding this assessment does not imply or grant planning permission).
2. Were councillors minded to accept the sites shaded in red as deferred sites?
3. Was the Council content to accept that everything had now been done to persuade the local authority over the past 10 years to accept the Parish Council's views that the settlement boundary was out of date, and that nothing further could be achieved.

As a result of earlier discussion into possible future growth Moulton had been awarded status as a secondary village in the Local Plan, and as such it had been agreed that growth would not focus here, the village would be protected, and only infill or a small extension of the existing boundary would be considered.

The Council considered the draft consultation document and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should respond as follows:-

Site WS144 is large, outside the development boundary, housing here would extend development away from the heart of the village and would be remote, in open countryside and on land currently allocated for agriculture/food production.

Site WS143 is between the School and heart of the village. This would be an extension of the new development at Riverside Walk and might be seen as an appropriate location for a small extension to the current settlement boundary, if limited growth (including the provision of social housing) was to be considered in Moulton. Prior to any development here a safe route along the B1085 from Moulton to the station at Kennett was essential.

Sites WS436 & WS438 - the Council did not accept that these sites (at Griffiths Yard) should be deferred on the grounds that they were not adjacent to the settlement boundary. It was viewed that small infill development including provision for social housing may be acceptable here in view of the current 'brown field status'. Councillors agreed that the ongoing and very long standing request to update the settlement boundary to include those dwellings which form part of the village of Moulton should not be abandoned, as detailed in many communications with the LPA and lastly in Bill Rampling's letter to Marie Smith on 27/6/2016 and attached to the minute book Page 1278.

Site WS439 - previous Moulton Wood Yard – deferred site – accepted 50% within Flood Risk zone.

Site WS437 - originally identified for an expansion to Moulton school to the north of the settlement boundary. The Parish Council had been led to believe that the local authority would not be looking to expand and the village charities were considering the possibility of including this site for village housing, under a scheme managed by the Trustees. This was very much a long term project, but in order to set things up the amalgamation and modernisation of the aims of the charities was needed, and the Trustees hoped that this would be achieved within the next 6 months.

In the meantime the Clerk had been in touch with Marie Smith – Strategic Planning Officer – and had asked if the deferred site as detailed would prevent a scheme being put forward in the future as an exception site for village social housing. She had replied that this would have no bearing on the determination of an application, and in the circumstances the Council agreed to make no comments on the deferred status.

RURAL PARISHES ALLIANCE – a letter from Bill Rampling to the Planning Inspector on behalf of the RPA had been circulated. He urged the Inspector to base his decision for development at Hatchfield on fact rather than perception that the horse racing industry would be damaged by the proposed 400 homes with immediate access to the A11/A14. Currently the Newmarket Horseman’s Group were, for the third time, trying to stop the housing here, stating that there was the potential for unquantifiable economic and social harm to the industry.

PLAYING FIELD

New Goal Nets – these were now in use and Cllr Dicker was thanked for his assistance in arranging finance for the purchase

Goal Post Management – the Chairman had been involved in negotiations with members of the teams regarding movement around the pitch to avoid undue wear. A broken bracket had been repaired by Packhorse Fencing.

Proposal for pitch dugouts – a detailed sketch and full particulars were still awaited.

Hire of the Playing Field

The Council had received a request for a licence for the hire of the outside space at the village hall for the Simon Burch 20 year Memorial event on Sat 18th April 2020 - which included a BBQ.

Simon Burch Memorial events used to take place annually. This would be an organised village event and charity fund raiser, as opposed to a private party. In the circumstances the rule prohibiting fires and BBQs did not apply, and it was unanimously agreed that subject to the usual conditions that the Hall is hired as well, and the BBQ is either on the tarmac by the kitchen door, or just inside the gate the other side from the recycling bins and is supervised at all times etc - as a charity village event consent would be given and no charge raised.

WAYSIDE SEAT – Newmarket Road crossroads

Details and dimensions for the seat were circulated and the bill for the seat plus a delivery charge was approved at the meeting. Cllr Doulgas James was to take delivery and would arrange installation and fixing to the already prepared stone base.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Working Party – had taken place on 19th October. The wooden furniture had been pressure washed to remove algae, the frame to the 2 Bay 4 Seat Cradle swings was rubbed down and repainted and the stone base at the Newmarket Road crossroads cleaned off in readiness for the new seat. The Chairman thanked those who had attended, and the invoice for the supply of paint and materials was approved for payment.

School Car Park flooding – on Thursday 7th November the Clerk was advised that the soakaway/drain by the disabled car parking space was blocked with leaves and debris. Cllrs Douglas and Tim James attended and having cleared the debris, and bailed out some of the water a plug in the side of the drain was removed which allowed the drain to run free. Bill Rampling also attended on site as he had previously tried to fathom the internal drainage system here with the aid of plans provided by Godolphin.

As the Leaseholder the Parish Council is responsible for the upkeep and drainage issues. It was recommended that all the other drains in the carpark should be inspected and it was agreed that a working party should be fixed for a Saturday morning in the next few weeks.

The riverbank – Ken Hutchinson had now carried out the autumn cut of the bank & the Clerk was authorised to discharge payment on receipt of the invoice

Brookside/Gazeley Hill Road Junction

The accumulation of grit, stones and sand at the bottom of the hill opposite 1 Brookside Cottage had still not been cleared and the Chairman undertook to raise this again with the Manager at Primrose Hill Farm.

Rodent Infestation - Brookside

The problem first became apparent in September and the Public Health & Housing officer sent a letter to residents on 25th September advising of this activity and giving advice about individual action which could be taken by householders to reduce the risk of infestation. The full extent of the problem was fully detailed in emails received from 2 residents which had been circulated.

Cllr Dicker had discussed these concerns with the Public Health officers at the District Council and it had been confirmed that they were aware of the situation and had been working with a resident. It had been reported that positive steps had been taken to resolve the problem of infestation originating from a particular property on Brookside and officers had been monitoring the situation.

It had not been possible to resolve the problem of infestation informally and under the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 officers would be visiting the property to inspect the grounds to see if rodents were nesting here.

It was regretted the amount of time that had taken to reach this stage, and there was concern that the rodents were continuing to breed, enter other properties in the vicinity and were now causing a serious health hazard not only to the residents at Brookside, but to villagers and visitors and children who may play in or around the riverbank.

The Clerk undertook to follow up these concerns over the delay in dealing with the infestation with West Suffolk District Council, and the Council awaited a further update following the site inspection.

Tree belt survey adjacent to playing field – Mr Colin Price had quoted £180 to undertake this in the autumn, and his report was awaited.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payment of Accounts - the Council confirmed and authorised the payment of the accounts presented at the meeting, as per the list detailing payments for the 2019/2020 financial year previously circulated and attached to the minute book.

Future Storage Facilities at the Village Hall – the room had now been cleared and was awaiting the new lock to be fitted. Cllr Tim James volunteered to help. The Chairman would then inspect and make recommendations for the installation of shelves/racking and would report at the next meeting. Mr John Gunson, the Village Archivist had requested that space could also be made available for village records and this was approved.

Meeting of Finance Group - the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk and Cllr David Clarke agreed to fix a date in mid-December to review the finances for the current year and prepare a draft budget for consideration at the January Council meeting. In addition, the recruitment process for a replacement Clerk next year would be reviewed, including the suggested terms of engagement and detailed job description for the full Council to consider in January. The Chairman advised that he had drafted a short article for the December Moulton Matters advising that Lorraine would like to stand down at the end of June, and if any villager might wish to apply for the post they could contact the Clerk or Chairman, who would then get in touch once the process of finding a replacement was underway.

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The SALC AGM was to be held on 26th November at 7pm at Elmswell Village Hall. Further details would be circulated nearer the time. Cllr Ryan Bragg volunteered to represent the Council and expenses to attend the meeting were approved.

SUNDRY CORRESPONDENCE

Three cars had been badly keyed scratched outside the Packhorse Inn on Wednesday 30th October. The owner of one of the cars had reported this to the Council and had advised that the estimated damaged was over £4000. He asked whether the Council could assist the police with information to help bring the individual to justice or if there was any CCTV footage that could help in anyway.

The Village Hall CCTV coverage did not cover the public highway and it was regretted that the Council could not assist, although if any information did come to light it would be passed to the constabulary carrying out the investigation.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Monday 13th January at 6.30 at the School. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed *David Almond*

Date *13/1/2020*

HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 7th OCTOBER 2019 AT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ROUGHAM DEPOT.

Present – C Cllr Mary Evans Cabinet Member for Highways, C Cllr Robin Millar, the Chairman (Cllr David Almond), Clerk (Lorraine Stone) and 2 Moulton councillors (Douglas James and David Clarke) and Mr John Ford (Moulton parishioner). Representing CC Highways Authority - Luke Merton (Community Engagement Officer), Fran Clarke (Highways Engineer), David Chenery (Speed & Safety Management Engineer) and Dan Johnson (Programme & Projects Team).

Potholes – it was noted with thanks that some of the pot holes on School Road (Ref 00252884/5) had been filled within the 8 week intervention period, but regretted that another equally large pothole in a passing place had not been repaired. CC (Fran Clarke) will look into this. It was pointed out that the criteria for action had been reviewed and simplified.

Drainage – Chippenham Road the failure of Flowline and the ongoing drainage problems documented in emails over the past 3 years, and detailed again in John Ford's latest email (7th September) with supporting photographic evidence of the latest jet and length of hose abandoned in the inspection chamber, was noted and regretted (Ref 00252978). The inefficiency and waste of CC resources would be taken up by Fran Clarke and it was agreed that this time Flowline would be instructed to investigate the drain from both the road side, and the carrot wash site (with prior notice the Clerk would arrange access). It was placed on record that if, after further investigation and removal of the Flowline blockage, it was found that there was a structural collapse somewhere along the drain under the road, the Drainage Team under Amanda Mays would be asked to prioritise under category 2 (flooding to external property and major roads – walk to school route) and would be asked to waive the potential 3 year delay in taking action to resolve the flooding here. **Newmarket Road** – flooding logged 19/5/19 046070 – Survey No 046070 – no safety defects found. The section of road leading up to the B1085 crossroads floods during heavy rain, and is a hazard at the bus shelter and on the walk to school route. Guy Smith advised some years ago that the surface needed re-aligning and would be programmed for some future date. A request to review the no action response had been logged under CR253175 – prioritise as adjacent to a bus stop and walk to school route. Fran Clarke to follow up with the Drainage Team (Amanda Mays) as the pooling of water on the road particularly near the school bus stop is a result of uneven levels to the road which resurfacing on its own will not rectify. There are no plans for any remedial works next year. Amanda May to be asked when levelling works could be possible

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Winter Grit Bin Guidance – emails sent to Communications@suffolkhighways.org in reply to their email on revised grit bin guidance on 2nd, 11th and 16th September remained unanswered. The email response should have been directed to winterandcyclicworks@suffolkhighways.org Clerk to resend.

Highways Community Self Help Scheme – the poor condition of the road bridge (only used when the river is in flood) needs repainting to prevent further deterioration of the metal structure (badly rusted). Lead paint flakes currently falling into the river. Reported under Code 637 Ref 42/01 – railings in poor condition, posts rusted and flaking paint. The PC would be prepared to carry out remedial work subject to approval of Environment Agency – Luke Merton to forward the necessary contact info, and CC's consent. CC does not encourage Self Help Schemes on the public highway without formal approval and training – due to public liability insurance concerns.

Request for 40mph speed restriction – from School to Kentford – just over 1 km in length. Details of the 2 speed surveys and David Chenery's recommendation for a buffer zone on the approach to Moulton had been circulated to Moulton and Kentford PCs. Moulton had responded by email to Cllr Mary Evans (endorsed by Kentford PC and supported by Matt Hancock MP) advising that this was not what the Parish Councils, parishioners and the adjoining landowners had campaigned for, and was an expensive compromise. David Chenery did not support the PC's request for an exception site, despite advising in January that a proposal could be put to the Cabinet Member and Mark Stevens for consideration with supporting speed data (now obtained). As the 40 mph limit would not comply with CC policy it was viewed unlikely to be heeded by motorists. The many grounds listed for an exception site were deemed not to carry sufficient weight over the view that the road passed through open countryside (despite numerous other rural highways around the county having designated 40mph limits). David Chenery agreed to provide a quote to progress the Traffic Regulation Order for a buffer zone (on the approach to the School to where Footpath 4 joins the B1085) estimated between £5 to £10 k for consideration by the Councils. If approved the time line would be up to 12 months.

In the meantime it was pointed out that the concerns re bloodstock crossing this unrestricted road twice a day could be alleviated by signage.

Safe Active Travel Plan – a buffer zone would not enhance safety along the length of the B1085 for existing pedestrians and cyclists. The CC were not keen to encourage use of a route already assessed as 'not safe for an accompanied school age child', and did not support the PCs view that the reduction of the speed limit along the whole length should be put in place before improvements to the verge to create a safe route between the villages. It had always been acknowledged that the cost to implement a hard surfaced pedestrian/cycleway would be significant and would include engineering works around the bend opposite Sandpit Cottages. SCC could not finance it and outside funding was in short supply. The Parish Council had previously suggested that the route should be developed in stages **(1)** Kentford to Sandpit Cottages (most expensive – engineering and kerbing needed), **(2)** the central section by Lanwades Stud (longest but poses no major obstacles) and **(3)** Footpath 4 to Moulton School (the most used section with some drainage gulleys needing to

be bridges and signage repositioned). The PC had already volunteered to assist with the bridging of gulleys, with the support of the adjoining landowners. The Parish may be able to raise some of the finance. Currently the parish rate was £75.88 pa or £1.46 per week per Band D household. To raise an extra £20,000 would raise the precept to £123.30 pa or £2.37 per week.

It was agreed that if the buffer zone were implemented consideration should be given to improving the route from the Carrot Wash site down to Footpath 4, and costings for a cheaper form of surface rather than tarmac should be considered. Green Access Strategy funding? Link up with FP 4 & FP 2.

MOULTON SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY

*Letter to Marie Smith dated 27/6/2016
Service Manager (Planning Strategy)
West Suffolk House IP33 3YU*

Dear Marie

The Parish Council is in receipt of the latest documents relating to the Local Plan consultation 2016. These have been viewed by all Moulton councillors and were considered in detail at the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May.

It is particularly concerning that the review of the Moulton settlement boundary has still not been addressed.

As you know we have raised this on a number of occasions and our dialogue on this is well documented in numerous emails to you and other officers at the LPA. The Council asked again in October 2015 that the current out of date settlement boundary for Moulton village should be extended to reflect the houses, which form part of the village of Moulton and include the dwellings around the Playing Field and Village Green, Brookside, and properties on Gazeley Hill and Griffiths Yard. In addition the dwellings which adjoin the settlement boundary behind The Street should be included within the boundary. Whilst it is acknowledged that the inclusion of land within a settlement boundary does not mean that development will automatically be permitted or prohibited outside the boundary, the confines of this out of date settlement area is having a direct impact on the possible development of the village. The only amendment to the boundary in the current consultation is the triangle of land on which Moulton School is located, which has been extended to include the piece of land which borders the footpath.

Please ensure that these comments are included in this latest SIR review and Site Allocation Local Plan consultation.

Yours sincerely

**BILL RAMPLING
CHAIRMAN**