

## **Draft Minutes of the meeting of Moulton Parish Council held at Moulton School on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 6.30 pm.**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Cllrs</b>	David Almond <b>CHAIRMAN</b> Douglas James Ed Chambers Tim James David Clark Ryan Bragg
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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs John Derry, Mark Price and Jane Horsnell (excused due to previous engagements), and Mr John Ford.

**ALSO PRESENT** – the Clerk

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None

The Chairman had previously advised that the property subject to the planning application formed part of a terrace, and the neighbouring property – No 35 – was occupied by Cllr Jane Horsnell.

In the circumstances, the Chairman asked whether any of the councillors present felt that they had an individual personal interest which would prevent them taking part in the consideration of this application.

**MINUTES** – the revised minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September (previously circulated) were unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **PLANNING MATTERS – 37 Dalham Road DC/19/1858**

Plans for the first floor side and rear extension, garage conversion and cladding to existing single storey extension had been circulated and were available at the meeting.

Comments from the neighbours at No 35 and 39 had been submitted to the Planning Authority and had been noted.

Councillors were of the view that the proposed cladding would be out of character with the street scene and visual impact of the front elevation of this terrace of 3 cottages.

In view of the representations submitted by the adjoining home owners it was suggested that a planning officer site visit to consider these would be appropriate to discuss the concerns raised, especially regarding the visual impact on neighbouring properties.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Clerk should submit these consultee comments to the local authority.

### **UPDATE ON HIGHWAY ISSUES FOLLOWING MEETING WITH THE CABINET MEMBER, CLLR ROBIN MILLAR AND OFFICERS**

The Chairman advised that a report detailing the issues raised at the meeting, and the proposed action to be taken by the Highways Authority would be circulated within the next couple of days and would be discussed in full at the November meeting.

### **URGENT BUSINESS**

**Dog bins** - Godolphin Estates had been approached regarding the siting of a bin on their land at the end of Footpath 4. It was acknowledged the footpath was regularly fouled by dogs, but the landlord owned the lay by and did not want to encourage parking etc in this

area because of potential field access and security issues, and did not approve the siting of a bin here.

The relocation of the bin on The Street opposite the footpath to Lark Hill, to the junction with Church Road had been proposed as some dog owners thought this location on the grass verge adjoining the B1085 was dangerous for walkers and their dogs due to passing vehicles. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that this bin, which was regularly used, should remain in situ for the time being.

**Playground Working Party Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – details of the planned works required in the play area had been circulated.

It was agreed that volunteers should meet at the PO Stores for coffee and bacon sandwiches at 9am (to be financed by the Parish Council).

The work to be carried out included pressure jetting the wooden furniture and safety surface under the Surf Board to remove the algae and moss, re-instate the surface levels to the side pedestrian gate by the recycling bins, and rub down, treat rust and repaint 2 Bay Cradle Swings. The Clerk and Douglas James were to look into the supply of paint and stones or bark chippings, and would be seeking the advice of Dale Burch regarding suitable play equipment paint.

In addition the paved area at the junction of Bridge Street/B1085 was to be cleared following the vehicle impact damage, in readiness for the installation of a new seat.

**Replacement bench** – Cllr Douglas James had sourced a rustic wooden sycamore seat, which he suggested could be located at the junction of Bridge Street/B1085 following the demolition of the original oak bench. The price for this was £475 ex VAT and councillors considered the photos of the seat and were unanimously in favour of this recommendation. Cllr Douglas James was asked to proceed and arrange for the acquisition and the Clerk was authorised to effect payment. As the seat was cheaper than the original quote for an oak seat, the surplus funds could be used to replace seats as required in the playing field.

#### **Payment of Accounts**

The Council confirmed and authorised the payment of 2 invoices as per the list detailing payments for 2019/2020 attached to the minute book.

Grant Aid – the annual payment, approved in January 2019 to the Royal British Legion for the sum of £25.00 was confirmed, and the Clerk was asked to obtain the wreath as in previous years.

**The next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 at the School.**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.**

**Signed**

**Date**