

Moulton Parish Council - Chairman's Report – May 2026

Finances

Moulton Parish Council's (MPC's) finances remain in good order with full information available on MPC's website.

Planning

West Suffolk Council (WSC) adopted their Local Plan in July 2025, with the only significant development for Moulton being the 20 to 30 houses earmarked on Godolphin owned land near to Riverside. WSC are now working on their next Local Plan due to cover the period up to 2045.

MPC strongly objected to a planning application from Lochailort for 860 new homes at the former Animal Health Trust and thankfully this was refused by WSC.

Road safety in Moulton

Following pressure from MPC and other local parish councils, Suffolk County Council finally approved a new 20mph speed limit policy to make it easier to reduce the speed limit, where appropriate in residential and high pedestrian areas to 20mph. Our Clerk was very proactive in the campaign for the change in policy.

MPC is now considering what road safety improvements measures are possible to reduce the risks of road related injuries in Moulton. Any improvements are likely to have to be funded locally. MPC's Vehicle Activated Signs continue to inform road users of their speed in the village and we appreciate the work done by Graham MacGregor and the Speed Watch team.

The playing field and green

It is pleasing to see the Panthers football teams regularly in action on the playing field. We continue to be grateful to Doug James for all his grass cutting work, to Mark Price for his general maintenance work around the village.

Projects

New play equipment and playground improvements costing £24,000 were completed during the year thanks to generous support from the National Lottery, the Tony Franklin fund, Moulton Charity, a WSC Community Fund Grant, locality funding from our SCC Councillor and the Parish Council.

Installation work has started for a new village sign at the Bridge Street/The Street crossroads.

Councillors

During the year John Derry left the village and MPC, but we were pleased to have Alex Dawe step up as his replacement

I would like to thank our excellent and efficient clerk Joanne Kirk, fellow parish councillors and our district councillor for West Suffolk Council Roger Dicker.

Thanks also to Andy Drummond who served as our SCC councillor until recently, and has been a MPC supporter for several years. We look forwards to working with Andy's replacement Adrian Whittle.

Finally, thanks for the contribution that villager themselves, local businesses and organisations make to Moulton being such an active and welcoming place to live and work.

David Almond - MPC Chairman