

MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

19th May 2025

PRESENT: Parish councillors David Almond (Chairman), Mark Price (Vice Chair), Doug James, John Derry, Jane Horsnell, Richard Edge, Richard Mather, Tim James and Ryan Bragg.

Also present: Joanne Kirk (clerk), County Councillor Andy Drummond, District Councillor Roger Dicker, Jerry Goodwin (Moulton Village Hall), David Unwin (Chairman of the Moulton Charity), Anne Collins (Moulton Wildlife Group), Graham MacGregor (Community Speedwatch), Mark McTrusty and Anthony Dobson (Moulton Panthers) and four members of the public.

APOLOGIES: No apologies were received.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Council Chairman David Almond.

Reports are available on the Moulton website at <https://moultonparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/annual-parish-meeting/annual-parish-meeting-2025/>

1. Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2024.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

2. Reports

a) County Councillor's report

County Councillor Andy Drummond presented his report which is available on the Parish Council website.

b) District Councillor's report.

District Councillor Roger Dicker gave his report. He spoke about:

- Devolution and the District Council's support for two or three unitary councils. The final decision should be made by the end of the year.
- The current Local Plan will soon be complete, but West Suffolk Council will then need to start a new Local Plan.
- The proposed Lanwades Park development.
- He has locality funding available.

c) Moulton Village Hall.

Jerry Goodwin presented his report. The village hall accounts have been uploaded onto the Moulton website as detailed above. Their income to 30th June 2024 was £31,000 and expenditure was £33,000 He thanked Moulton Parish Council for their grant towards running costs.

d) Community Speedwatch report by Graham MacGregor.

Graham MacGregor presented his report and VAS data which shows a significant issue with speeding in Moulton. The maximum speed recorded was 90mph in Newmarket Road. The full report is available on the Moulton website.

e) Moulton Panthers.

Mark McTrusty, from Moulton Panthers presented his report. They have had an excellent year. The U12s won their league. The U9s were unbeaten all season. The U13s will be looking to move to 11 aside but not on a full pitch. The new goals will be 21ft x 7ft so they will need to find a solution for how to store them. They are also looking to form a pan team for children with disabilities. They would like to involve the children from the other teams with this as well.

The have done a lot of fundraising. Their fun day is on 7th June. The award ceremony will be in the morning with the event open to local children in the afternoon with inflatables and other activities.

f) Moulton Charity.

David Unwin presented his report. They have funds available to support people in the village who are in need.

g) Moulton Wildlife Group.

Anne Collins presenter her report. The full report is available on the Moulton website. They are always looking for new volunteers.

h) Reverend Chris Childs (St Peter's Church).

No report was received.

3. Chairman’s Report and Moulton Parish Council Financial Report.

The Chairman, David Almond presented his report. He thanked the clerk and fellow councillors for their support and Ed Chambers who left the Council after many years of service, including a major role in securing the replacement village hall. He welcomed Richard Mather as his replacement.

He also thanked District Councillor Roger Dicker and County Councillor Andy Drummond, village businesses and organisations and the villagers themselves for all their contributions which make Moulton such an active and welcoming place to live and work.

4. Any other village issues or concerns which residents would like to bring to the attention of the Council.

Parish Councillor John Derry will be stepping down. If no election is called, there will a vacancy for someone to be co-opted onto the Parish Council, should anyone be interested.

Question and comments from residents

Could the Parish Council contact English Heritage about the gravel on the Packhorse Bridge which is so thick that it is dangerous to walk on.

The Give Way sign near Boy’s Grave junction is obscured by vegetation. The resident agreed to report it.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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