

MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the planning meeting held on Monday 16th December 2024**

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

Also present: 8 members of the public.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the clerk, Joanne Kirk.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda and dispensation requests.

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda and no dispensation requests were received.

3. Public session.

The following issues were raised:

a) Planning application DC/24/1674/FUL. The following concerns were raised:

- The proximity to neighbouring properties and the impact on their residential amenity due to noise.
- Ashton Gate was originally to be used as staff accommodation or it would be put back on the market.
- The applicant has not adhered to previous planning application, such as the provision of bonded gravel. The surface is actually gravel and very noisy.
- Insufficient parking on the site which has led to an increase in cars parking on Bridge St, blocking driveways and causing a hazard for pedestrians.
- EV chargers create noise and should not be near the boundary of adjacent properties.
- Parking on Packhorse Bridge itself and the potential damage to a historic monument.

b) To discuss the following planning applications:

a) **DC/24/1674/FUL - Ashton Gate, Bridge Street, Moulton - a. change of use from dwelling (class C3) to hotel (class C1), b. side and rear extensions, c. demolition of existing single garage and conservatory, d. external alterations.**

Because parish councillors could not reach a consensus, a vote was taken. Seven councillors supported the motion not to object to the application and one councillor abstained.

It was resolved that a response of no objections would be submitted along with the following comments.

- The application will have an impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties due to noise. The surface used on the site is gravel, which is noisy, and not bonded gravel as stated by the applicant in the original application.
- The siting of EV chargers so close to the boundary of the adjoining property will cause a noise nuisance.
- Although parking is provided for the additional accommodation, since the pub was refurbished and more accommodation provided, there is insufficient parking on site for customers visiting the pub. This has resulted in cars parking in Bridge Street, many without consideration for the safety of pedestrians and residents.
- The potential damage to the Packhorse Bridge which is a listed heritage site as cars park in front of it, and next to it, sometimes in the Ford which is liable to flood in heavy rain.

c) Any other business for noting or including on the agenda of the next meeting on Monday 20th January 2025

The following issues are for including on the next agenda:

- Boy's Grave junction
- Affordable housing update
- Tree works
- Co-option of a new councillor.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.45pm.

Signed: **Dated:**