

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th January 2018

PRESENT: Councillors: A Parry (Chair), B Keavy, J Ford
J Gordon, G Slora, J Cleeton
District Councillor: A Parry
County Councillor: A Parry
Clerk : P Routly

2 members of the public

1. Public participation

Alison Gregory asked if the playing field campaign was still open as some signs were falling down, Cllr Parry confirmed it was. Cllrs agreed to speak to people to tidy up signs.

2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Greetham due to holidays.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 20th November 2017

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th November were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Keavy, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report:-

A draft Stratford Area Transport Strategy is now a major focus for 2018 and the outcomes of the comprehensive consultation process will continue to be debated by both Warwickshire County Council and Stratford on Avon District Council during 2018. My objection to potential proposals for an Eastern Relief Road which links with Wellesbourne still stands, as evidence suggests there are negligible benefits to the highway network and undoubtedly such a large-scale infrastructure project would require further development to pay for it. It would also encourage increased traffic through Moreton Morrell.

Construction of the new medical centre in Wellesbourne is scheduled to start on 15th January and has been a complex planning application to bring to fruition and reached a critical point just before Christmas in being able to discharge the construction conditions. The senior planning management team at Stratford District Council worked extremely hard and were exceptionally helpful by going the extra mile at the eleventh hour to overcome difficult planning issues and

potential financial implications to the practice. We look forward to seeing the development take shape over the coming months.

The next few weeks are particularly busy ones focusing on budgets and SDC Cabinet is recommending half the 2% rate allowed by Government at a 1% increase, which is less than the rate of inflation, and represents an increase of £1.36, less than 3p extra per week for a Band D property with proportional increases for other bands. SDC recognises that family budgets are under significant financial pressures, which is why the Cabinet is proposing to fund the revenue gap using its reserves to minimise an increase for 2018/19. Funds from reserves are also being allocated to help the homeless, as well as initiatives that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of District Council services”, he added.

Stratford on Avon District Council currently receives around 8p for every pound of Council Tax collected, the County Council receives approximately 80p, with the remainder going to The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Town/Parish Councils.

6. County Councillors’ Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report:-

Road Safety continues to be a key focus and Newbold Pacey continues to be a hot spot involving cars travelling from the Wellesbourne direction. Increased road safety signage measures on the Newbold Road approaching Newbold Pacey from both Wellesbourne and the Crematorium end are in the pipeline.

As a member of the Adult Social Care and Health OS Committee I have also been involved in a task and finish group looking into the provision of GP services across the county. Whilst South Warwickshire is better catered for in this respect, the doctors’ services continue to be stretched particularly at this time of year and are being impacted by missed appointments and unnecessary visits to surgeries for minor ailments which can routinely be handled by the local pharmacy. The Hastings House practice is not immune to these issues and residents are urged not to miss appointments or block valuable surgery time unnecessarily.

As with the district, the next few weeks are going to be very busy looking at budgets and there will be a significant increase in order to fund additional support for Adult Social Care and Childrens’ social workers as well as pay increases. Further details will be announced early February after the budget meeting on 6th February.

7. Warwickshire College Report

Angela Joyce sent the follow report, which was read out:-

Farm

Lambing weekend is planned for the 17th and 18th March. Aimed at families with 47 year old children we will be showcasing our new lambs, offering a welly walk, a chance to sit on a tractor and a tour of our exotic animals too. A family ticket will be £15 and full details can be found at www.wcg.ac.uk/lambing

We are in discussions to host the Regional Young Farmers Rally in May 2018. This would see approximately 400 regional young farmers visit the site to compete against one another in a variety farming, horticultural, countryside and fun activities.

On the farm, Henry Dingle is preparing his boxed lamb scheme to sell high quality half and full lambs to pubs, restaurants and local people. More information coming soon on this.

Estate

Heritage Lottery Fund bid has now been submitted in December to support the development of Moreton Hall Hotel Training School. WCG has outlined a 5 year strategic plan to develop a full hospitality and catering curriculum offer ranging from Level 1 to 3, Apprenticeships right through to Honours Degree in Hospitality and Catering and Hotel Management. The plan primarily places our Hospitality offer across two of our other colleges but students will make full use of Moreton Hall when it is fully operational. There is much need for this provision to meet skills needs locally and regionally.

The Animal Welfare Centre has now completed the Porcupine enclosure which houses our four porcupines. This has proved to be a great asset to the animals and the students. The staff and students hope to integrate the Meerkats with the Porcupines to display our first mixed exhibit by the end of the term. Work is currently ongoing and near completion to re-house the Raccoon Dogs to provide them with a larger more natural enclosure.

Community

Moreton Morrell Hosted the National Schools County cross country championships on the 25th November. This saw over 500 young people from all over the country visit Moreton Morrell and compete in their different age groups and distance events using our estate.

Staff and students are supporting Compton Verney at their Easter Egg hunt event on the 31st March whereby some of the Animal Collection will be taken over to enable childrens animal petting areas.

We are hosting 6 large animal rescue courses for Warwickshire Fire Service and Worcester and Herefordshire Fire Service whereby staff are trained in using specialist equipment to retrieve large animals and livestock from common emergency situations. These training days have been organised on the back of one off successful training days that were carried out earlier in the year.

Staff and Students

One of our HE Animal Students is currently housing his Harris Hawk on the Animal Welfare Centre to provide training and educational workshops with staff and students on housing and the management of keeping birds of prey.

In the lead up to the Christmas break our Animal Management students constructed wild bird feeders and made their own food 'fat ball' feeders to distribute around the whole Moreton Morrell campus to help the wild bird population during the winter months.

In addition, other students made dog friendly cupcakes and small animal bandanas which were sold to staff and students and raised over £200 for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The Equine Centre staff and students are hosting a Charity Side Saddle demonstration on the 24th January to help raise money for the Riding for Disabled Association and University Hospitals (Coventry and Warwickshire).

Our Level 3 Wildlife and Countryside Management students have been busy building nesting boxes for Kestrels, Tawny owls and Barn owls. Birds of prey have suffered a massive decline due to an increase in intensive farming and loss of habitat. It is hoped that by providing safe places to nest and managing the habitat, we will help increase local bird of prey populations. The students have been involved in the whole process of creating the nesting boxes, from planning through to building. The group also enlisted the help of the Level 2 Arboriculture and Countryside Management students to use their climbing skills and position the boxes in suitable trees.

Jen Seymour - one of Moreton's Veterinary Nursing Lecturers led the initiative to collect clothing and useful items to help the homeless over the Christmas period. This was massively supported by staff and students and a mountain of goodies were taken to the local charity to be distributed.

Open Events

The next Moreton Morrell open event is scheduled to take place on 27th January which will be followed by the Applicant event on the 13th February.

Courses / Curriculum

Building on the relocation of Sport Curriculum to Moreton Morrell we will be running training courses to qualify individuals to become fitness instructors and personal trainers. This will be further developed in conjunction with local fitness establishments to provide in-house and further CPD training for the industry.

The curriculum teams are currently in discussions with the University of Warwick to identify links in the fields of countryside and environmental management.

All Cllrs agreed the College report was very comprehensive, it was resolved to discuss at next college meeting whether there were more opportunities to involve villagers.

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

- a) **Playing Field – Cllr Cleeton**
 - i) **Lease Update– All**
 - ii) **Repairs, quote update – Cllr Cleeton**

Cllr Cleeton said she had tried to chase Playscapes for quotes with no response. It was resolved to seek another quote, and works could then be agreed by email. *Cllr Cleeton to obtain quote.*

Cllrs raised the issue of the broken down fence in corner of playing field to box field, by culvert. All thought this was a risk. It was resolved for the Clerk to write a letter to Marcus and copy Angela at WCG. *Clerk to write.*

The Clerk read out a report from Cllr Greetham (see later) about terms of reference (ToRs) for discussion with the College, this included the playing field lease. The next meeting with the College is 29th January at 6pm.

- b) **Planning – Cllr Parry**
 - i) **General Update / News**

Nothing new to report.

c) Speed awareness – Cllr Gordon

i) Ashorne Crossroads update

Cllr Parry said whilst current signage had been improved and white lines painted there was no chance of getting stop signs as has to go to Secretary of State, WCC experts are not planning to push, and the recent fatality was concluded to be driver error. There were improvements to signage are being made at Newbold Pacey.

d) Village Appearance – Cllr Keavy

i) Update

Cllrs raised the issues of old road works signs littered around the village roads. It was resolved to write to Patch Byrne at WCC and asked to collect. *Clerk to write.*

e) Footpaths and Trees – All

i) Update

Cllr's discussed a low fence on Mr Yarrow's land again, it was resolved for a Cllr to take a photo, send the Clerk to follow up. *Clerk to write to Mr Yarrow when in receipt of photo.*

f) Village Hall, Church and College – Cllr Cleeton / All

i) College Update Report – Cllr Greetham

ii) Village Hall heating - All

Cllr Greetham had filed the following report :-

MMC and PF

'Councillors Parry Gordon and Slora met with College representatives on 27 November for a first Working Group meeting, Councillor Greetham sent apologies due to illness. ToRs were agreed, and an initial discussion took place about how the College's ambitions for development might proceed while preserving the Playing Field facility. A further meeting is planned for 29th January when we hope to review some early options from MMC for consideration'

WW1 Beacon

'Councillors Slora and Greetham had a very fruitful meeting with MM School Governors on 22 November about holding this event on 111118 as part of a national commemoration. The event can take place in the School Field and a Planning Group will be established early in 2018. Pam has registered the event with the national organisers with Councillor Greetham named as the contact'

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2018.

As nothing had been heard from the hall committee about the offer of hearing support, it was resolve for Cllr Parry and Cllr Cleeton to make contact. *Cllr Parry and Cllr Cleeton to follow up.*

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

a) Oak Tree close White Lines – Clerk

The Clerk reported that Orbit had agreed to paint the lines. Cllr Cleeton confirmed it had already been done. All thanked the Clerk for sorting. Item closed.

b) White Line Hall entrance – Clerk

The Clerk had the application form to get the lines painted, they cost was £45. Cllr Parry proposed the council fund, Cllr Gordon seconded and it was carried unanimously. *Clerk to submit application.*

c) 100th Anniversary or Great War - Beacon Lighting Ceremony 7pm on 11th November 2018 - All

See Cllr Greetham report in 8f. Cllr Parry stated the Newbold pacey and Ashorne PC had expressed interest in joining the event as a joint activity. All agreed. *Clerk to inform NPAPC so they can nominate a representative.*

10. New items

a) Rights of Way ‘restoring the record’ – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry opened the discussion stating no one had come forward as a result of the Villager article. Cllrs offered their support, and in particular Cllr Cleeton offered to help with her husband. Cllr Parry said the first stage was to identify old footpaths on old maps. Mr Steve Routly provided a website address that had old Warwickshire maps.

11 . Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

17/03391/VARY Variation of conditions no. 3,4,5,6,7 of planning permission reference 15/03292/FUL to allow for changes to the soft and hard landscaping, proposed materials, details of external lighting, drainage and tree protection scheme. Original description of development (15/03292/FUL) 'Construction of a single dwelling.' .The Ghost House Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BT. **No Objection.**

c. District Decisions for information

17/03391/VARY Variation of conditions no. 3,4,5,6,7 of planning permission reference 15/03292/FUL to allow for changes to the soft and hard landscaping, proposed materials, details of external lighting, drainage and tree protection scheme. Original description of development (15/03292/FUL) 'Construction of a single dwelling.' .The Ghost House Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BT. **Variation Permitted with Conditions.**

17/03246/TREE TA pear - Reduce height to 6metres (20ft.) TB pear - Remove. TC sycamore - Remove. TD Norway spruce - Remove. TE - Norway Spruce - Nicholaston Brook Lane Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AT. Tree Works - **Deemed Consent.**

17/02646/FUL Garage conversion . East Lodge Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BX .**Permission with Conditions.**

17/03249/FUL Single storey side and rear extension. Priest House Fosse Way Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell CV35 9BX. **Permission with Conditions**

17/01503/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey front extension, single storey side and rear extension and creation of three pitched roof dormer windows and one flat roof dormer window, introduction of slate roofing materials, cedar cladding and render. The Green Middletown Moreton Morrell CV35 9AU. **Permission with Conditions.**

12. Finance

a) Approval of payments

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Keavy, and approved unanimously.

1.	EON Street Lights elec – Nov/Dec	£149.55
2.	Village Hall rent Jan	£15.00
3.	P Routly Salary	£711.72
4.	P Routly Expenses – Nov/Dec	£59.15
5.	HMRC PAYE	£6.40
6.	BT Hall wifi (cheque P Routly)	£85.98
7.	Hall entrance white line WCC	£45.00

b) Receipts

None.

c) 2018/19 Budget approval (circulated)

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, which included a 2% increase in precept to £22550. Reserves were healthy but all agreed they were protecting the potential playing field requirement. After discussion Cllr Keavy proposed the budget be accepted including increase in precept, this was seconded by Cllr Cleeton and carried unanimously.

d) 2018/19 Precept approval – 2% increase proposed

In line with the budget Cllr Gordon proposed the precept be set at £22550, this was seconded by Cllr Slora, and carried unanimously. *Clerk to inform SDC.*

e) Clerk pay rise (back dated to April 17) 1% national agreement

Cllrs discussed the proposal and thought the rise should be 2%. Cllr Ford proposed the increase of 2% and back dated to April 17, Cllr Keavy seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

13. Correspondence (most circulated by email but these particular items require short discussion)

The Clerk informed the meeting all correspondence had been pre-circulated by email.

a) Correspondence National Garden Party Nominations by 31st Jan.

Cllrs agreed to nominate by email.

b) CIL and other events now open for Stratford District

Cllr Parry stated she would attend the CIL event.

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

None.

15. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent

None.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall, Moreton Morrell on Monday 19th March 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.