

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16th November 2015

PRESENT: Councillors: A Parry (Chair), J Cleeton,
E Greetham, R Morgan
B Keavy
District Councillor: A Parry
County Councillor: D Kendall (until 8.00pm)
Clerk : S Routly (P Routly ill)

31 members of the public.

1. Public participation

Cllr Parry opened the meeting and thanked the members of the public for a great turn out. She said it showed the strength of feeling in the village with respect to the recent college access restrictions. She invited members of the public to speak. Mr Church explained he had been escorted off college grounds on two occasions. He said he had worked in the NHS and if there were real concerns with safeguarding there should be small lock down area. There were also open areas that do not exclude the public. He said the community should not be destroyed by safeguarding. Mr Hetherington expressed his disappointment that the college had not had the courtesy to respond to letters. Mr Parry said he had also written to Mr Vickery and again had no response. He suggested Wellingtonia Drive may well be an un-adopted the public highway. Mr Nuttall said the policy was totally inconsistent members of the public from the village were being excluded, yet other members of the public were able to attend events on the college grounds. Mr Spink said there were two educational establishments in the village and both were interpreting OFSTED requirements completely differently. The college was fighting the village, students were not in danger, infact they use the village as a racetrack. Mrs Wilson said she had walked the college grounds for the past 30 years. She said she had seen football parents on the premises on Saturday and they were wandering all over the place. Mr Irvine said he had walked the whole route on Sunday and had not been stopped. He said the key is to continue walking and to avoid the centre of the campus. Mrs Heath said that when George Jackson was governor he opened the college grounds to the villagers. Caroline Unwin said she had attended the village liaison meeting, the college mentioned they were looking at access, but gave no timeline. She stated that access to college grounds was mentioned in the village plan. Cllr Morgan thanked Mr Hetherington for organising the walk. Mr Lawton said another walk should be organised after seeking legal advice. Mrs Heath said it was stupid that the college did not close the gates at the centre of the campus and anybody could drive through in car. In conclusion Cllr Parry assured members of the public the council was doing everything in its power to resolve the situation. The governors had been written to, as well as the local MP. The item would be discussed further in the meeting agenda.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Parry declared an interest in the John Taylor Way planning application, as a resident.

3. Apologies for absence and

Cllr Slora and Cllr Gordon.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 21st September 2015

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st September 2015 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Cleeton and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. District Councillors' Report

Cllr Parry pre filed the following report, and ran through the key points.

West Midlands Combined Authority

Members of Full Council voted in favour of not joining the West Midlands Combined Authority – 16/14 with one abstention and will therefore pursue other alternatives with neighbouring district and county councils.

Core Strategy

Full Council agreed on 19 October to submit the proposed modifications to its Core Strategy for independent examination that have been produced in response to the Inspector's interim conclusions. These proposed modifications are focused on:

Establishing the Housing Requirement at 724 dwellings per annum

Meeting the increased housing requirement through the identification of additional strategic sites

Affordable Housing

A limited number of employment related issues

SD311 Footpath

The working party is meeting on 26 November at Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council offices to progress discussions on the way forward and approach to reinstating footpath SD311.

John Taylor Way Appeal

Attended meeting with David Manley QC on 9 November as both a Ward Member and Parish Council Chairman to discuss case statement of JTW Appeal commencing 19th January 2016.

Lengthman's Scheme

Attended a very useful meeting chaired by Cllr David Close to discuss the Lengthman's Scheme which was well attended by neighbouring parish councils.

Medical Centre

I shall be attending a meeting at Hastings Medical Centre with WWPC on 17 November for an update on the plans for the new medical centre.

Spotlight on the Community – SDC Annual Conference 2015

Residents are invited to Stratford-on-Avon District Annual Conference where there will be an opportunity to meet leaders from the county council, district council, police, health and voluntary sector.

The conference will take place in Wellesbourne on **Wednesday 2nd December 6 pm - 9 pm** at The University of Warwick (formerly Horticultural Research Institute, A429 Cirencester Road), Wellesbourne Campus, Wellesbourne CV35 9EF. Registration and refreshments will be available from 6.00 pm with a market place, and presentations from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. This event is being organised by Warwickshire County Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council with a ‘spotlight on our communities’ giving residents the opportunity to:-

- **hear ‘what’s on the horizon’ from the leaders in the public and community sector,**
- **hear about the positive work that all partners are doing with communities linked to the priorities within Stratford-on-Avon District Social Inclusion Statement, ****
- **celebrate in the achievements of local communities,**
- **be involved in the development of future priorities for the community, and discuss issues that are emerging in the district.**

Steve Orchard Touch FM will be facilitating this year's conference with guest speakers to include:-

- **Cllr Izzi Secombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council.**
- **Cllr Chris Saint, Leader Stratford-on-Avon District Council**
- **Ron Ball, Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire**
- **David Squires, Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon District**
- **Dr David Spraggett, Chair of South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group**

If anyone is interested in attending please let me know.

UBUS

From the 30th November 2015 new ‘zonal’ fares will be introduced. Posters advising UBUS users of the change are now appearing on the vehicles. The posters advise users to check with the booking office as to how it will affect them the next time they book a journey.

The new fare structure splits the district into zones. Travellers in Stratford upon Avon and Southam are able to take advantage of a concession due to contributions from Stratford Town Trust (applies to Stratford upon Avon) and section 106 funding (applies to Southam). Further details as follows: -

Single Journey rate: -

Stratford Town - £2.70 (with STT concession = £2.10)

Inner zone - £2.70

Outer zone - £3.40

Southam - £2.10

Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum

The spring meeting of the Wellesbourne & Kineton Community is being held at Compton Verney on Thursday 10 March.

6. County Councillors' Report

Cllr Kendall offered to follow up on the OFSTED issue relating to college access, as he was a teacher and had some dealings in the matter. Cllr Kendall also informed the meeting he had secured some funding under the safer schools zone scheme, this would enable funding of flashing speed reduction signs. It was noted by zig zags had recently been repainted.

7. Warwickshire College Report

No one from Warwickshire College was present and no apologies were received. The Council members expressed their disappointment.

8. Sub Committee Reports and General Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Cleeton

- i) Vandalism**
- ii) Update and repairs**

Cllr Cleeton informed the meeting that there had been vandalism on the skate park and it had been reported to the police. Mr Micklemore had been instructed to carry out the repairs that were agreed at the last meeting and had placed the appropriate orders. The clerk was requested to obtain quotes for repair of footbridge as a rail was missing. *Clerk to action.*

a) Planning – Cllr Parry

- i) Triangle Field Appeal – public update (closed session for PC only at end of meeting)**
- ii) Core Strategy update**

Cllr Parry had covered these items in her report.

b) Speed awareness – Cllr Gordon

- i) Community Forum feedback**

Cllr Gordon was unable to attend the Cllr Parry had confirmed he was liaising with the police.

c) Village Appearance – Cllr Keavy

- i) Village signs – new committee**
- ii) Dog Fouling campaign update – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Keavy confirmed he was seeking quotes from a local craftsman. Cllr Parry had confirmed the dog fouling campaign is ongoing and new pink spray had been obtained. Cllr Cleeton proposed the purchase of two new bins for £165, these were to be placed by box field entrance and on Brook lane. This was seconded by Cllr Parry and carried unanimously. *Clerk to order.*

d) Footpaths and Trees – Cllr Morgan

- i) Footpath survey**
- ii) Moreton Morrell to Wellesbourne footpath SD311 update – Cllr Parry**
- iii) College Access – Cllr Greetham**

Cllr Morgan informed the meeting the footpath sub committee had met. There were a number of repairs that were required and a list had been sent to the clerk to obtain quotes. A member of the public had reported that there were issues with the gates that cross the college land by the farm. It was resolved to write to the college. Mr Heath said there were also issues with footpaths on Mr Wiggins land, again it was resolved to write. *Clerk to follow up.*

Cllr Parry informed the meeting she was on the sub-committee of the Wellesbourne footpath route. There were shortly due to hold another meeting and she would report back in January.

The subject of college access was debated taking into account all the public concerns raised at the start of the meeting. Prior to the meeting Cllr Gordon had obtained a quote for legal advice. Alison Gregory also advised that legal advice may be available from WALC. Cllr Greetham offered to find out the situation and other colleges. Cllr Parry explained she had spoken to the WCC rights of way team, but they had such a back load cases, it was of little help. A member of the public also said it was interesting that the college charter no longer appeared on their website and there was no reference to community liaison. Cllr Parry summarise the actions the council had taken so far. This involved an open letter from the parish council published on the website. A personal letter to all 23 governors and the HE funding council. A letter to the MP Jeremy Wright, who had already responded that he was taking the matter very seriously. He stated he thought the college was being over rigorous in its risk assessment. He would be pursuing discussions with the college as soon as possible. Cllr Parry also referred to a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon who are GP's, and raised the issue of wellbeing with respect to the college walks. Cllr Morgan said the turn out at the meeting showed the strength of feeling. Mrs Heath said people were not challenged if they are on horseback. Mr Lee said he thought there was cynical motivation at the college and they may have other reasons for restricting access.

Cllr Morgan proposed a budget allocation of £5000 for legal advice be set aside, if required after seeking other avenues, this was seconded by Cllr Keavy and carried unanimously.

Cllr Parry had confirmed she had secured a meeting with the college on the 14th of December. Cllr Parry said she would keep villagers informed.

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

iv) Village Liaison meeting – Cllr Greetham

v) Village Hall Wifi – Cllr Cleeton/ Clerk

Cllr Greetham explained she had attended the village liaison meeting, where the college said he was not holding a firework display this year, the new principal is not in favour of fireworks due to the distress it causes to animals. Ironically the college then explained it was having a clay pigeon shoots during the next weekend. Mrs. Lawton said she also attended and felt the meeting was not two way dialogue, but rather the college stating what they were going to do. The college explained its plans for Moreton Mall that they would be educational and that funding would need to be sought. They also explained that due to the closure of Henley College Moreton Morrell would become a sports academy.

Cllr Cleeton s said she had been invited to the village hall committee meeting but was concerned it was being held at someone's house. Mr. Hetherington said he would see if is alternative arrangements could be made. The matter of Wifi would be raised.

9. Matters arriving from previous meeting

a) Welcome Pack Update – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry stated she was making progress, but would be handing out sections for others to update.

b) Housing needs survey status- Clerk

The Clerk confirmed the suvery had bene circulated and it was hoped

c) Queens 90th birthday celebrations – Cllr Cleeton

Cllr Cleeton informed the meeting a small committee had been formed with Anne Smith kindly taking the lead. They would feedback at the next parish council meeting. Ideas included the people roast and afternoon tea. Some funds would be sought from the parish council.

10. New items

a) Lengthmanship scheme – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry explained the lengthmanship scheme again, which is basically about devolving simple jobs such as hedge cutting drain cleaning, sign washing, pot hole filling etc from WCC to the local council. The intention is to get jobs done quicker with less bureaucracy. She had attended the briefing session in Wellesbourne and the meeting was chaired by David Close with a representative from WCC. The intention was that a number of local parishes would collaborate with one another. Wellesbourne for example already has a handy man. There has been a pilot scheme running in Rugby and feedback is awaited. After discussion it was resolved at this stage to continue to show interest. *Clerk to respond.*

11. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

15/03292/FUL Construction of a single dwelling. The Stables Main Drive Moreton Paddox Moreton . **No reps-** amendment of previously approved glass house

c. District Decisions for information

15/02982/TREE- T1: Norway Spruce: fell. - T2: Birch: fell. - T3: Apple: fell.

The Old Post Office Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AL . **Tree works approved .**

15/02892/FUL Proposed indoor swimming pool, sun lounge, gym and front porch.

Bel Ambre Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick. **Permission with conditions.**

15/02507/FUL Demolition of existing stables and erection of 3 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping (resubmission of 13/00761/FUL) .Orchard Stables Brook Lane Moreton Morrell. **Permission with conditions**

12. Finance

a) Approval of payments

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

1.	RP Hall and Son – mowing august	£168.00
2.	RP Hall and Son – mowing sept /oct	£252.00
3.	EON Street Lights elec – Sept / Oct	£117.75
4.	WCC Allotment Rent	£180.00
5.	Village Hall meeting rent Nov	£15.00
6.	The Villager- 2nd instalment grant	£75.00
7.	MMPPCC- 2nd instalment grant	£500.00
8.	MMVHC 2nd instalment grant	£500.00
9.	MMCT Community Cafe 2nd instalment grant	£150.00
10.	P Routly Salary – PATA Payroll	£664.73
11.	PATA payroll services	£10.60

12.	HMRC Tax payment	£9.00
13.	P Routly Expenses – Sept/Oct	£48.67
14.	P Routly Amazon Dog mess spray	£62.93
15.	Cllr A Parry Postage expenses	£TBA
16.	Pinsent Masons LLP (legal advice)	£TBA

b) Receipts

None.

c) External Audit Feedback

The clerk reported the external audit was complete with no issues.

d) Mid year Financial report

The clerk had pre circulated a mid year financial report. The council’s expenditure was well within budget.

13. Correspondence (new)

The Clerk informed the meeting the following had been circulated by email

- a) Winter gritting map – no changes
- b) WRCC Energy prices – info only
- c) WCC sandbags offer

It was agreed there were plenty of sandbags in stock in Cllr Parry’s house

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

Cllr Cleeton requested the clerk to ask that the grit bin opposite the school be moved up the hill next to the white gates. Cllr Greetham agreed to write to Severn Trent to thank them for informing everybody that the water would be cut off all repairs were made.

15. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent

None.

16. Date of next meeting

The next council meeting will be held in the Moreton Morrell Village Hall on Monday xth January 2016.

There being no further business the public meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

17. Closed session of the council

A closed session of the council was held to discuss the appeal for triangle field and the college access situation.