

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16th September 2019

PRESENT: Councillors: R James (chair), A Parry
E Edwards , J Gordon
G Slora, C Monks
District Councillor: A Parry
County Councillor: A Parry
Clerk : P Routly

7 members of the public

1. Public participation

Mr Mac Howarth raised playing field issues, in particular the gap in hedge and lack of post on old farm drive. The playing field committee explained little progress had been made due to holidays but committed to meeting on site to resolve issues.

Mrs Mary Edwards from Moreton Paddock asked again about speeding at Moreton Paddock. Cllr Parry explained that little more could be done in terms of highway measures, but had been in discussion with the police, and suggest residents may wish to form a group to operate a community speed gun.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Keavy.

3. Governance

a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

b) Freedom of Information

No new requests.

c) Code of Conduct - DPI

The Clerk explained that SDC Monitoring Officer had rejected the forms. The Clerk took Cllrs though the forms, so they were completed to SDC satisfaction. *Clerk to re-submit forms.*

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 15th July 2019

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th July were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Parry, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Co-option to fill Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk asked for candidates from the audience. Claire Monks from Middletown explained why she would like to be a Cllr. There were no other candidates. Cllr's agreed Claire was an ideal candidate and her co-option was proposed by Cllr Parry, seconded by Cllr Gordon and approved unanimously. Cllr Monks joined the council. Cllr Monks also agreed to join the playing field committee, and look at council communication channels.
Clerk to send DPI documents.

6. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry presented her pre-circulated report:-

Site Allocations Plan

The consultation is currently underway and concludes on 20th September. The SAP is a fall back plan in the event the Five Year Housing Land Supply is not maintained during the current adopted Core Strategy. At present there are three sites in Moreton Morrell proposed for up to 52 residential homes and one site at The University of Warwick off the Warwick Road adjacent to Wellesbourne in the Charlecote Parish which has been identified for development into an Innovation Campus for research and education purposes, with associated staff and student accommodation. It is recommended that MMPC provide a comment on this plan.

Climate Emergency

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has set up a Task & Finish Group to look at the impact of climate change on the district and what SDC can do or influence change across the district. The findings of their research in the form of a report is expected early in the New Year. Initiatives already actioned include the council joining the Refill Scheme which means the public can now refill their plastic water bottles at its offices.

Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan

Work is still ongoing to identify potential new permanent sites for allocation within the Gypsy & Traveller Plan. A list of approximately 25 potential sites owned by SDC or WCC have been assessed against a range of factors, including policy constraints, accessibility to facilities and WCC site intentions. An overall total of 70 reserve pitches are required from 2019 – 2035 but there are no sites which have been identified within my Wellesbourne East Ward area.

Wellesbourne Airfield

SDC has been in negotiations with the owners in its efforts to safeguard the flying functions of the Airfield and as previously advised if this was to be stopped SDC would proceed to implement a CPO of the site in view of the importance to retain and enhance the airfield as operational. At this point in time the owners have renewed some but disappointingly not all the tenants leases – in accordance with contractual law SDC has no control on discussions between landlords and tenants and as long as the flying functions are continued SDC would not have a case that would be supported by the Secretary of State to implement a CPO.

7. County Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry presented her pre-circulated report: -

Community Grants

I understand there will be a call for applications in respect of a second round of grants in September and I will keep you advised accordingly. Hopefully the grant for the outdoor gym equipment has been sent.

Road Safety Delegated Budgets

An improved road safety scheme including additional white lining on entering the village and down to Duffus Hill has been approved and is hoped will be implemented before the end of the financial year.

Climate Change

Following the unanimous decision to declare a 'Climate Emergency' I have been appointed to the Task & Finish Group so will be able to keep you advised from a first hand perspective on the issues we face together with the recommendations.

Road Closure

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make a Temporary Traffic Order closing D6075 Moreton Road, Moreton Morrell from its junction with the B4087 Newbold Road to its junction with Moor Furlong, to vehicular traffic. The closure is required for carriageway patching works, 08.00 - 16.00 daily. The Order will commence on 30 September 2019 and will last for a period of 18 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier. However, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 1 October 2019. Pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible. An alternative route will be signed and is available via: B4087 Newbold Road, Ashorne Road, Moreton Morrell Road, Moreton Road and vice versa.

8. Warwickshire College Report

WCC submitted the following report:-

Farm

All of the arable land was combined by the last week in August with good yields. The barley yielded 10.1 tonnes to the hectare and the wheat 10.4 tonnes. The straw was baled and will be used for cattle bedding. This year, the cropping will consist of Wheat and Barley again, the wheat will be grown for milling (bread making) and the barley for animal feed.

The cattle feed efficiency trials continue to provide interesting data and attract visitors from the farming industry. Early September, 20 Irish farmers came to look around the farm to learn about the beef system.

Replacement rams and ewes are being purchased over the next 2 weeks in preparation for tupping in October. This year there will be 500 ewes to lamb

Estates

Estates have been very busy this Summer carrying out various projects in preparation for September 2019 term to start. We have carried out a full re-tarmac to Arden Car Park, as well as a full refurbishment to all of the Cotswold Court Classrooms inclusive of new chairs and tables, we have also installed new flooring in the Post Mortem Room. Feldon block has

had the rest of the main Electrical Distribution Boards replaced to bring into line with the new Electrical Wiring IEE Regulations BS:7671 2018 and also the remaining kitchen upgrades to Feldon block were carried out. The street lighting has been upgraded between Upper and Lower Campus, the remaining 4no street lights are being upgraded early October 2019. We have replaced the old Acro Drain on Lime Tree Drive. The refectory serving area has also been repainted along with all of the communal areas in the Suggett Centre. Various other smaller projects and repairs have been completed that are too many to mention.

Moreton Hall

The Horticulture Work-based learning team at Pershore College have been given the approval to lead the restoration of the Italianate Garden at Moreton Hall, the Crown in the estate at Moreton Morrell College. Horticulture Operative Apprenticeship students have started the work by completing site surveys, scale drawings, soil analysis, Italianate Garden history research and planting plans in line with their learning, with the aim to commence the practical tasks with other groups of apprentices over the coming months and years, utilising all of our work-based subjects.

Staff and Students

We had a great presence showcasing Moreton Morrell and Pershore colleges at the 70th anniversary 'Moreton-in-Marsh Show' on September 7th. Our staff team were there with a range of interactive activities including a selection of the animals from our animal management centre.

Moreton Morrell Floristry Department continues to be recognised after being shortlisted within three categories at this year's National British Florist Association (BFA) Awards.

Over the Summer, Moreton Morrell campus had the pleasure of welcoming three top floristry experts from Finland, Spain and Russia, as part of the European Florist School which is held every two years.

Two Moreton Morrell College students were delighted to achieve prestigious Silver-Gilt Awards (just one place off Gold) for their unique floral crown design, at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2019. Zoe Rowlinson, a Level 5 Master Diploma in Professional Floristry student, and student of the year Dean Sharpe, a professional florist from Stafford, were both awarded the Silver-Gilt award for their creations of a floral crown to celebrate Queen Victoria's 200th birthday.

9. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

- a) **Playing Field – Cllr Slora lead**
 - i) **Lease Update - Cllr Slora / Cllr Gordon**
 - ii) **Safety repairs – Committee**
 - iii) **Installation of benches – Cllr Parry**
 - iv) **Dog fouling signs and farm drive posts – Clerk**

Cllr Gordon confirmed the lease was fully signed and had a duration of 5 years. The Playing field committee agreed to meet on the playing field on Tuesday 24th at 6.30pm. Cllr Parry confirmed that Richard Belham has kindly offered to cement in 'Jane's' bench. The Clerk confirmed she had ordered dogs signs, and the farm drive post would be discussed when the committee meets.

It was also resolved for all to research new playing field grants.

- b) Planning – Cllr Parry**
 - i) Update**
 - ii) SDC Site Allocation - Reserved Sites**
 - iii) Housing needs survey**

Cllr Parry updated the meeting on recent applications (covered in the planning section of the minutes).

Cllr Parry presented her pre-circulated report on SDC site allocation:-

As the Site Allocations Plan includes three proposed sites for the village – albeit part of a ‘fall-back’ plan – I think it would be prudent to have a new Housing Needs Survey carried out so that in the event one of these sites came forward they would need to reflect local housing needs – ie some starter homes and bungalows if that is what villagers may wish. There is no cost to MMPC for carrying out this survey with the exception that we have to deliver the survey forms to every household.

The housing needs survey is an integral part of planning for future housing requirements. It is an independently produced document, which gives an unbiased report of what type, size and tenure of housing is needed in the community.

WRCC has worked with over 150 rural communities to carry out Housing Needs Surveys. Most of our work has been undertaken in Stratford District and Warwick District but they also conduct surveys in other rural areas. WRCC, Warwick University - Wellesbourne Campus, Warwick CV35 9EF Tel: [01789 842182](tel:01789842182) – Sarah Brooke-Taylor.

All agreed to conduct a new housing survey. *Clerk to contact Sarah Brook Taylor.*

It was also resolved to respond to the SDC site allocation, and Cllr Slora would draft a response. *Cllr Slora to circulate.*

- c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon**
 - i) Speed reduction measures – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Parry explained she had agreed measures with highways for Moreton Morrell and would get a further budget allocation next year.

It was also resolved to put an article in the Villager about a community speed gun group in Moreton Paddox.

- d) Village Appearance – All**
 - i) School water trough repointing - Clerk**
 - ii) Planter watering – Cllr James**

It was resolved the clerk should seek a quote from Richard Belham for the pointing. *Clerk to action.*

The issue of water coming up through the road causing potholes was raised again. Cllr Parry agree to ask Patch Bryne of WCC to investigate. *Cllr Parry to follow up.*

Cllr James spoke about the plant watering under the village signs. He stated he had investigated several options including gel and automated plant watering. I was resolved to asked for volunteers in the villager magazine. Cllr Monk agreed to ask via Facebook. It was also suggested the school children might ‘adopt’ a planter. Solutions to be found for next spring.

- e) **Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead**
 - i) **Update on new stiles – agree costs (£440)**
 - ii) **Rights of Way ‘restoring the record’ – Cllr Parry**
 - iii) **Brook lane to Little Morrell path issues – Cllr Keavy**

Cllr Slora presented his pre-circulated report:-

James Gordon Bernard Keavy and Gerry Slora had a footpath subcommittee meeting on 12th September.

Footpath SD110

Following on from the agreement to replace the two styles with livestock proof gates. This has now been done and a big thank you goes to Councillor Gordon for arranging this. Councillor Slora received consent from Jilly Lavin and Sara Birks of Manor Lodge.

Councillors Slora and Gordon have spoken to Ed Wiggin with reference the path to Little Morrell. He has confirmed that the hedge cutter is ordered, and the hedge will be trimmed in the next fortnight.

It was agreed to try and replace the two styles between Brook lane and Little Morrell with livestock proof fences. This is to be discussed at the meeting on the 16th September. We also agreed to request the path to be mown by the county council. There was also a suggestion to get a working party to clear the grass in the meantime.

As result of the report it was agreed the committee would speak to Chris Hall about path cutting. *Cllr Slora to contact Chris Hall.*

Cllr Parry reported she had been rather busy to make progress on ‘Rights of Way’.

- f) **Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead**
 - i) **Update**

Cllr Keavy was not present, but Cllrs raised the issue of dangerous fallen ridge tiles from the village hall, and blocked guttering. *Clerk to contact hall committee.*

Cllr Slora talked about the church remembrance service. The Clerk read out a letter from John Moverley letter. *Cllr Slora agreed to follow up.*

- g) **College - Committee**
 - i) **Update**

Cllr Parry Edwards talked about consultation on Moreton Hall that was discussed at the last meeting but had heard nothing since. She also said the subject of college access was raised but they were not interested in discussing. It was resolved for Cllr Edwards to contact Peter Husband to seek update. *Cllr Edwards to contact College.*

10. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) **None.**

11. New items

a) VE day 75th (8/5/20) – Discussion

VE Day 2020 bank holiday was discussed, a street party was suggested. It was resolved to seek suggestions in the Villager magazine.

12 . Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

19/02172/FUL Two storey front extension and single storey rear and side extension and new garden wall to front. Fenestration changes and addition of timber cladding and render. Treetops Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell CV35 9BT .

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to make a response of no objection. *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

19/01731/FUL Construction of 2 dormers and insertion of a new rooflight and window to existing front elevation. Bel Ambre Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell CV35 9BU. **No Objection on revised plan.**

c. District Decisions for information

19/01731/FUL Construction of 2 dormers and insertion of a new rooflight and window to existing front elevation. Bel Ambre Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell CV35 9BU. **Permission with Conditions.**

13. Finance

a) Approval of payments (to be circulated)

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Parry, seconded by Cllr Edwards, and approved unanimously.

1.	EON Street Lightselec – Jul/Aug	£209.85
2.	Village Hall rent Sept Mtg	£15.00
3.	R P Hall grass cutting July-Sept	£974.12
4.	P Gibbins – Villager August	£100.00
5.	P Routly Salary (2 months)	£708.03
6.	P Routly Expenses – July/Aug	£265.13
7.	PATA Payroll	£18.00
8.	BT Hall wifi Aug/Sep (P Routly)	£57.98
9.	WCC Allotment rent	£180.00
10.	R Frogley fencing – stiles	£528.00
11.	SDC dog bins	£268.46

b) Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported the following receipts: -

None.

c) Clerk pay rise in line with national agreement

Approval of the Clerk's pay rise was proposed by Cllr Parry, seconded by Cllr Slora and carried unanimously.

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

- a) Red Runner Application – Cllr Parry
- b) UBUS Service
- c) Remembrance Sunday

After discussion it was decided joining the red runner scheme would add little value, but it was resolved to set up more defibrillator training. *Clerk to ask Dr's Gordon.*

After discussion it was resolved to donate £250 to the UBUS service and promote further its use on the bus stop notice board.

Remembrance Sunday was covered in item 9f.

15. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

It was resolved to add transport and housing needs survey (if complete) to the next agenda.

16. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent

None.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will held in the Village Hall, Moreton Morrell on Monday 18th November 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.