

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16th January 2023

PRESENT:

Councillors:	G Slora (Chair), J Gordon , R James B Keavy, C Monks, A Parry, E Edwards
District Councillor:	A Parry
County Councillor:	
Clerk :	S Routly (P Routly ill)

2 members of the public

1. Public participation

Mr Whyte enquired about the trimming of Old Farm drive and the debris in the ditch, Mr Routly said the Clerk had instructed Mr Hall to cut the hedges after his quote was approved at the last meeting. It was agreed to chase him, then review the status. *Clerk to chase Mr Hall.*

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr P O'Donnell, P Husband.

3. Governance

a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

b) Freedom of Information – report on any new requests

None.

c) Code of Conduct / DPI

Cllr James completed his form.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 21st November 2022

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st 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 filed and took the meeting through the following report :-

Wellesbourne Innovation Campus Framework Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The Council is preparing an SPD to provide additional guidance on the interpretation and implementation of Core Strategy Policy AS9, which sets out the principles for considering development proposals and other initiatives relating to the Wellesbourne area.

In particular this reflects the current policy relating to Economy of AS9 which states that the Council “Support the use of the Horticultural Research International (Warwick University) site for research and development and educational purposes”.

This Masterplan has been produced in the context of AS9 and includes the existing site which has been divided into five different zones. The SPD sets out the principles and guidelines for the look, feel, materiality, scale and building types within each character areas, as well as the associated green and blue infrastructure.

The document follows a number of workshops involving parish councils and district councillors and will be discussed at Cabinet in January and is anticipated to go out for a six week public consultation in February/March.

Wellesbourne Airfield

Plans for the proposed Code2 runway are with the CAA for review and the new runway would have the same operating length as the existing 917m one, which is suitable for small commercial aircraft for business travel. Whilst there has been a concern regarding the loss of a cross runway, the majority of airfields do not have a cross runway and the flying school advised this would not cause any training issues from their perspective.

There is NO HOUSING planned for the development of Wellesbourne Airfield, just improved facilities and development for high-tech and innovative industries.

A press announcement from the bid winning developer is anticipated soon with more details about their plans.

SWLP Consultation

The development of the South Warwickshire Local Plan is making good progress and the Issues and Options consultation is the second stage in its preparation and was launched on 9th January. In view of its complexity and size it is out for public consultation over an eight week period rather than the usual six and is accompanied by a User Guide to help direct parishes and members of the public to areas of specific interest in an easy to find way.

It is important for MMPC to review and submit their views to the Consultation which basically is looking for feedback on where the principle of new housing developments should go from 2025 to fulfil a requirement of 868 houses per annum.

South Warwickshire Economic Strategy

Another major piece of work which is also scheduled for public consultation in February is the development of an Economic Strategy which presents a five-year strategy for the South Warwickshire economy. This has been developed jointly by SDC and WDC which have worked together to draw up a common vision with ambitious plans and actions over the next five years.

This will provide key evidence for economic development in respect of the SW Local Plan and is scheduled to be launched for public consultation in February 2023.

Upper Lighthorne GP Services

A meeting has been scheduled between SDC, the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB), Sir Jeremy Wright, representatives from South Warwickshire Health Matters (representing 19 parish councils) on 20th January 2023 to discuss the provision of GP and other health services, as part of the new Upper Lighthorne development of 3,000 houses.

The provision of GP services for Upper Lighthorne is still not a settled matter, which has caused 19 other neighbouring parish councils and meetings to come together under the name

of South Warwickshire Health Matters (SWHM) with the aim of encouraging the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) to make the vital decisions that will affect future health provision in all of our communities.

All the district and county councillors, together with our MP are totally united and strongly support the view that Upper Lighthorne should have its own GP Practice and health facility, as proposed in the approved planning permission for the GLH development, in order to relieve pressures on all the other medical centres as more houses are built and additional people move into the area.

It is understood that this is also the view of local communities who took part in the survey last month, the findings of which will be presented at this meeting.

Budget 2023/24

The draft budgets for the next five years are currently being finalised as SDC only received notification of the Government's settlement a few days before Christmas. It is inevitable that SDC will need to draw on its general reserves in order to produce a satisfactory Medium Term Financial Plan which has been made possible by prudent management over the last few years. SDC is still awaiting a response from HMG with regard to the need to increase planning fees as at present the current structure does not cover 50% of the planning function's costs. The proposal for the District Council Tax element is for an increase of £5 which is well below inflationary levels. Awaiting details of the proposed increases by WCC and Warwickshire Police which both take a larger share of the council tax pot.

It was resolved the Planning sub committee would meet to formulate a response to the SWLP consultation , before 6th March deadline . The survey would also be promoted in the villager.

6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr O'Donnell

Cllr O'Donnell was not present and sent apologies.

7. Warwickshire College Report

Mr Peter Husband was not present and sent apologies.

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk

- i) Update
- ii) Youth Shelter Update – Clerk

The Clerk had given a list of playing field jobs to Cllr Edwards for the handman prior to the meeting, she had spoken to him and will now go through the details.

The Clerk explained that quotes for the youth shelter would be updated ready for a decision in March.

b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead

- i) Local Plan – next steps

Cllr Parry stated that the wording for the plan was complete, and now an action plan needed to be developed. It was agreed she would arrange a separate meeting .

- c) **Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon lead**
 - i) **Update**

The Clerk confirmed the non-functioning speed sign had been reported to WCC. Cllr Parry confirmed more volunteers for speed gun training would be sought in the spring.

- d) **Village Appearance – All**
 - i) **Update**

Cllr Monks informed the meeting her daughter had been litter picking . All agreed there should be a council led initiative in the spring . The date of 1st April was suggested. *Cllr Monks to publicise*. Cllr Parry also agreed to write to WCC Streetscene to complain about Staple Hill as it has loads of litter.

- e) **Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead**
 - i) **Update**

Cllr Slora explained the clerk has circulated a definitive map for WCC that showed no completed route to Wellesbourne. It was resolved to contact Cllr O'Donnell to see if anything could be done to re-open a route with WCC support.

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

Cllr Edwards explained the Hall Committee were struggling to appoint a surveyor to establish the state of the hall structure. It was resolved this needs to be concluded and Cllr Keavy would speak to the hall committee to offer PC help. *Cllr Keavy to follow up*.

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

No Update.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) **Handyman/ Lengthman jobs**

Cllr Edwards agreed to follow up with handyman including cleaning bus stop. The Clerk to see inf the Lengthman can clean highways signs. *Clerk to follow up*

10. New items

- a) **Local Elections May 4th 2023**
- b) **Coronation**

The Clerk informed the meeting local elections were to be held on 4th May , and voter photo ID was required. It was resolved to help people without ID via the warm hub sessions at the room. The Clerk would bring nomination forms to the next meeting.

It was resolved to hold a street party on Monday 8th May from 12pm to 4pm. *Cllr Edwards to arrange pig roast and Clerk to arrange street closure*.

11. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

None.

c. District Decisions for information

22/02901/FUL Installation of new solar pv panels to 2nd storey flat roof

Treetops Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwickshire CV35 9BT . Permission with Conditions

22/01332/FUL Single storey side extension, new render finish and window to rear, new detached garage to front. The Yews Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwickshire CV35 9BU. Permission with Conditions

12. Finance

a. Approval of payments (to be circulated)

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

1.	Poppy appeal wreath	£25.00 (paid)
2.	Gardening Club grant (E Edwards)	£150.00 (paid)
3.	P Routly Salary inc tax back	£928.24
4.	P Routly Expenses – Nov/Dec	£142.83
5.	BT Hall wifi Dec/Jan (P Routly)	£59.98
6.	Npower Street Lights elec – Nov/ Dec	£42.49
7.	P Gibbins villager	£100.00
8.	Hall rent	£15.00

b. Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1.	Allotment rent	£180.00
2.	CIL payment (Invisible House)	£3228.76

c. Budget Approval 2023/24

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, after discussion Cllr James proposed the budget be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Monks and carried unanimously.

d. Precept Approval 2023/24

Cllr Parry proposed the Precept of £24480 as highlighted in the budget , a 2% increase , this was seconded by Cllr James and carried unanimously . *Clerk to inform SDC*

13. Correspondence – all circulated by email

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.

None.

15. Any other business allowed by Chairman

Cllr Edwards spoke of defibrillator training; it was resolved to ask Dr Duncan. via the Clerk

Cllr Edwards stated she would like to invite the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to speak at the start of the next meeting. She would invite.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 20th March 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.