

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th July 2023

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Slora (Chair), A Parry, R James
B Keavy, D Butler, E Edwards

District Councillor: A Parry

County Councillor:

Clerk : P Routly

2 members of the public

1. Public participation

None.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr J Gordon and Cllr P O'Donnell

3. Governance

a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Parry declared and interested in 8bii) as a neighbour

b) Freedom of Information – report on any new requests

None.

c) Code of Conduct / DPI

All completed at the AGM

d) Election expenses - - have all been returned ?

The Clerk reminded Cllrs these should all have been completed by now, even for NIL expenses. Cllr Keavy, Edwards, James and Slora returned the forms to the Clerk . Cllr Parry confirmed hers had already been submitted. *Cllr Gordon needs to confirm completion. Clerk to post forms*

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 22nd May 2023

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd May were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Edwards, 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 :-

Full Council – 10th July

Matters raised at Full Council:

1. Motions

The following motions were put forward to the Full Council by the Conservative Group:

1.1 Membership of Outside Bodies

Stratford District Council is represented on nearly 40 outside bodies by its elected members and officers attending numerous meetings. It was agreed to undertake a review of all these organisations to assess the importance and relevance of them to the district council. Once finalised these organisations and the relevant appointed council member will be featured on a separate page of the SDC website with further details.

1.2 Capitalising on Military Talent

Military service fosters leadership, organisational skills, resilience and many other unique qualities which would be a great asset to Stratford-on-Avon District Council. The motion to review the merit of SDC signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant will now be reviewed by Cabinet.

1.3 Protecting Local Pubs

This motion was put forward to recognise and give more protection to the district's public houses, especially in rural localities from being changed into residential dwellings. It was agreed that a task and finish group be set up to review measures that can be put in place in the emerging South Warwickshire Plan to consider the best way forward to protect these valuable assets in a balanced way and review the viability criteria that should be put in place prior to a change of use planning application from the owner of a public house being considered.

2. University of Warwick Wellesbourne Campus SPD

As the member for the new Wellesbourne North & Rural Ward, the University of Warwick Campus near Wellesbourne is now on my patch and as the former portfolio holder for Economic Development I have been extensively involved with this initiative over the last few years and in developing relations on behalf of SDC with the University of Warwick. As a district we have a major shortfall of employment land, and economic development is crucial in terms of generating high calibre jobs. The University of Warwick Campus SPD is centred around the concept of creating innovation hubs within different zones and these hubs would be used to promote interaction, synergy and collaboration between different organisations and their specialisms operating throughout the site. It is also focused on creating local jobs for local people and the creation of an innovative centre which aligns Stratford on Avon with a world class university.

Whilst I do have concerns about the villages of Hampton Lucy and Charlecote being used as vehicle rat runs to access the new campus, I am pleased that entry is from the A429 which leads into the Barford By-Pass and to Junction 15 of the M40.

Last week I attended a facility tour of the crop research centre which was extremely interesting and the tour extended to their research centres, glass houses and crop fields etc.

3. Concessionary Parking

The new Cabinet have endorsed the reintroduction of concessionary parking permits for state pensioners at an annual fee of £50 for use at Bridgefoot Car Park for up to four hours, seven days a week. These were withdrawn by the previous administration on the grounds of discrimination and equality issues as the over 66's have access to free bus passes.

Further consultation is being explored and at Full Council the question of fairness in view of the cost of living crisis was raised for concessionary car parking rates, particularly for other residents who are dealing with increased mortgages, rental accommodation, student loans etc to be excluded in this way as they have not benefited from a 10% increase in their income this year as have pensioners.

CAB Moves into SDC

Citizens Advice South Warwickshire has moved into the District Council offices as a new tenant, allowing them to see more clients and reduce appointment waiting times.

Citizens Advice is first and foremost a charity, offering free, confidential and impartial advice to anyone who needs it.

Staff from Citizens Advice South Warwickshire together with a team of volunteers are on hand each weekday, Monday to Friday at Elizabeth House from 10am to 2pm. CAB advisers can meet clients face-to-face in the dedicated booths in the main reception area as well as the option of private meeting rooms.

In addition, a new Citizens Advice County telephone line, funded in part by Warwickshire County Council, launched in April and offers the opportunity for clients to receive telephone advice for any issue they may face. It offers advice across the whole of Warwickshire every day 9am to 5pm on 0808 250 5715 or on Mondays between 5pm and 7pm call 0800 995 6047 (Warwickshire Out of Hours Service).

Upper Lighthorne GP Facility

Local GP practices have been invited to submit an Expression of Interest to the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to be selected to run a new GP facility at Upper Lighthorne. I understand that at least two GP practices have expressed interest on progressing to the next stage which will involve those taking part to submit their comprehensive plans over the next few months. The importance of having a new GP facility at Upper Lighthorne will ensure that capacity for patients in Lighthorne and the surrounding villages is maintained by residents from Upper Lighthorne registering/transferring to a new facility when built.

There are now 24 parish councils as part of this group and can I take it as read that Moreton Morrell PC are content for me to represent the parish's interests within this group?

In addition to the report Cllr Parry confirmed that WCC was exploring joining the West Midlands combined Authority as a constituent member.

6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr O'Donnell

Cllr O'Donnell was not present and no report was sent

7. Warwickshire College Report

Mr Peter Husband was not present and no report was sent

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk

- i) Update – Clerk
- ii) Hedge cutting quote (top hedge)

Cllr Parry confirmed she had a quote of £860 to clear the brambles along the top edge of the playing field that borders the back of the Oak Tree Close houses. After significant discussion about other areas of the village that needed cutting it was resolved unanimously to accept the quote as long as the brambles were cut to ground level and sprayed next spring. *Clerk to inform R.P. Hall and Sons . Cllr Slora to obtain quotes for pub alley and the speed sign*

b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead

- i) Local Plan – next steps
- ii) Marriott Land correspondence - Clerk

Cllr Parry informed the meeting she had met with Cllr Edwards and they were responding to answering questions SDC had asked.

The Clerk confirmed she had responded to Marriott Land with the following :-

Sorry its taken so long the PC members (post elections) had to meet with the current Hall Committee , this was following a survey that was done showing some significant structural issues.

The conclusion of the meeting was that a further more detailed report on the existing hall would be sought . The first report stated the hall was beyond economic repair, but a new survey is to be commissioned to ascertain a more detailed cost estimate .

Where that leaves us is either the existing hall will need in excess of £200k spending on it , or the community will have to consider a new hall which will cost circ £500k

To move things forward the PC have asked me to inform you that in principle that would they be supportive of the development , on the understanding the density would need to be agreed and type of dwelling (to include bungalows) reflects the recent housing needs survey.

In addition the PC would require transfer of the freehold of the playing field , and a financial contribution to the either hall solution.

Perhaps the next steps as suggested previously would be to refine the proposal and organise a public meeting .

c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon lead

- i) Update**
- ii) Road sign not working by school- Clerk**

The Clerk stated she had been in dialogue with WCC as they were refusing to maintain the speed sign as they stated there had been no proof it stopped accidents . However, in negotiations it was agreed if the PC got the hedging cut back they would replace the battery .

d) Village Appearance – All

- i) Update**
- ii) Highway Issues – Clerk**
- iii) Bin by bus stop**

The Clerk confirmed she had sent a list and map to Cllr O'Donnell of all the highway issues, but had not heard back yet on actions or a visit.

The Clerk confirmed she had received correspondence about the bin opposite the bus stop being removed, it was agreed this was vandalism and resolved unanimously to install a new dog bin and a secure post. Location TBC. *Clerk to order bin and post*

Janes Cleeton asked if the horse trough by the school could be repaired, she agreed to give the name of a stone mason.

e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead

- i) Update**
- ii) Pub Alley**
- iii) 3 gates field**

Cllr Slora agreed to seek quotes to cut back pub alley , the Cllr Gordon had emailed to say he had spoken to the college about 3 Gates path being ploughed.

Cllr Keavy reported there were issues with horses attaching walkers on the path from Little Morrell to Ashorne , it was agreed he should get more details before writing to the land owner. He also suggested another litter pick , date TBC

f) Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead

- i) **Update**
- ii) **Hall Survey feedback / next steps**

Cllr Keavy confirmed a meeting had been held on 3rd July , the committee agreed a full structural survey would be sought and also provide the PC with the deed , insurance details and accounts by the September meeting

g) College Update

- i) **Update**

No Update.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

a) Website Update

It was agreed in previous meeting the website needed to be updated to meet all current legislation for councils , and this need to be done by a company that specialises in council websites and they know all the legislation. A new site would also allow all cllrs to upload content if they wished, and feed social media . 3 quotes were presented by the Clerk , and Cllr Parry proposed spending up to the budget provision amount of £2000 (it may be less) engaging the clerk's recommendation of 2commune who do Kinton's site as well as many others , this was seconded by Cllr Edwards and carried unanimously . *Clerk to arrange transition.*

10. New items

a) Anonymous Letter on unsocial behaviour in Oak Tree Close

Cllr Parry had circulated an anonymous letter received about unsocial behaviour of some residents living on Oak Tree Close . After discussion it was resolved it was a matter for the Orbit Housing Association and the Clerk should write.

11. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

23/01529/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for one self-build/custom build dwelling with new vehicular access. Part Of The Garden Old Garden House Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BS . **No Objection sent**

23/01258/COUQ Proposed change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage, together with associated building operations, to form 5no. dwellinghouses .Grange Farm Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BD . **Support sent**

c. District Decisions for information

23/00999/FUL Two storey extension to the rear of the property .1 0 Duffus Hill, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9AX . **Permission with Conditions.**

12. Finance

a. Approval of payments (to be circulated)

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

1.	P Gibbins Village May/June	£100.00
2.	P Routly Salary inc back tax	£1010.00
3.	P Routly Expenses – May/June	£200.93
4.	BT Hall wifi Jun/Jul (P Routly)	£68.60
5.	Npower Street Lights elec – June / July	£67.36
6.	Open space Subs	£45.00
7.	RP Hall and Son mowing May	£421.36
8.	RP Hall and Son mowing June	£329.79
9.	Room hire (1 year)	£216.00
10.	E Edwards Coronation expenses	£19.00

b. Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported the following :-

1.	SDC CIL Grant	£4500.00
2.	MMCT return of grants	£1326.26

13. Correspondence – all circulated by email

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.

It was agreed the defibrillator training would take place at 2pm on 14th October . *Clerk to book The Room*

It was agreed that a correspondence person was needed since Cllr Monks finished. In the mean time it was agreed Cllr Parry would write the brief for the Villager for this month.

15. Any other business allowed by Chairman

None.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 18th September 2023 in The Room

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.