



SDC Cabinet approved the Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation yesterday.

I reported previously that I was a member of a task and finish group to explore how SDC could develop more affordable housing. This has now started work but needs to finish in time for proposals to go to the Council's budget setting process.

I met with James and Highways, and have already made some comments, circulated separately.

I am asking WCC whether the proposals for GLH, included in the Masterplan, include a traffic impact assessment, and if so what estimate on the impact on Moreton Morell and Wellesbourne there might be. At the Cabinet meeting various of us expressed concern that the Masterplan included no consultation with local communities. The decision was deferred until arrangements for consultation can be put in place.

### **Community Forum**

The next meeting of the Forum will take place at Wellesbourne Fire Station on November 27<sup>th</sup> – 6.30 for a 7pm start. A key area of discussion will be police enforcement of traffic matters. On December 4<sup>th</sup> the 'Meet the Leaders' event is taking place at Stratford Racecourse between 6 and 9pm. Leaders of the County Council, the District Council, the Chief Officer of South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the Chief Constable, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and the General Manager of the Ambulance Service will be at an open Q&A session.

Cllr Parry filed and spoke about the following report :-

### **Dog Kennels**

I had a meeting with Ron Goodyer (Enforcement) on 22 October and was accompanied by Mrs Sarah Randall from the village to discuss the situation regarding the construction of the kennels, and in particular the sound proofing insulation installation and the discharging of the conditions. At our meeting Ron Goodyer confirmed that Nick Ellison their noise expert was satisfied with the materials being used and that the sound proofing conditions had been discharged.

Nick Ellison has been absent through sickness and as a result of an administrative error the necessary official processes for discharging the conditions had been delayed, but these have now been rectified.

Ron Goodyer has subsequently confirmed the management plan that would be implemented by the Kennels advises that exercise of the dogs would be in the open countryside twice a day between the hours of 8am and 10am in the morning (9am to 11am Sundays) and 16:00 and 18:00 during the afternoon.

With regard to the fencing provision the exterior exercise areas would be 2m high timber close boarded fencing to remain naturally coloured and at the access this would be 1.2m high post and rail.

He has also provided SDC's definition of a statutory nuisance which is as follows:

### **What constitutes a statutory nuisance?**

The most commonly used law relating to noise nuisance (Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 - see 'further information' at the end of the document), does not define precisely what is or is not a nuisance, i.e. it does not specify noise levels in decibels or set time limits for making a noise. Instead, the concept of nuisance depends on:

- \* how often the noise occurs
- \* how loud it is
- \* the time of day / night
- \* the nature of the area (i.e. rural, residential, city centre etc) and
- \* whether or not the sound has a particularly irritating characteristic (for example a high pitch whine from a factory).

Essentially if the problem is severe enough to be prejudicial to health or it stops you from enjoying a normal routine (e.g. prevents you from watching TV, stops you sleeping, or you are unable to open your windows) then it is likely to be a nuisance in law. (NB: Unfortunately traffic noise cannot be considered a statutory nuisance).

I understand the Kennels hope to be operational by Spring 2015. In the event that villagers experience issues regarding noise the Enforcement Team are to be contacted.

### **Dog Warden**

Lisa Parkes the dog warden has been off sick but is apparently returning to work on Tuesday 11 November.

### **Triangle Field**

SDC issued a delegated refusal in respect of the proposed planning application for 35 units off John Taylor Way. Special thanks to Cllr Routly for his assistance in this matter. The applicant may take the matter to Appeal or resubmit alternative proposals reflecting a less dense scheme.

### **Solar Park**

Green Energy Direct is considering a withdrawal of their application in spite of submitting the Environment Impact Assessment study within the last week. This reflects the pressurised timescales to gain an approval and full installation by April 2015 in view of the Government's reduced tariffs. Once a planning application has been validated and the fee processed there would be no refunds in line with SDC's no refund policy. It is likely to be withdrawn in view of the high application fee which relates to the size and scale of the development.

### **Core Strategy Update**

The Planning Inspectorate has advised the team at SDC of a delayed timescale for the final adoption of the Core Strategy, submitted at the end of September, and this is now scheduled for July 2015. This added delay is very unwelcome, as it will pose increased planning difficulties across the district in respect of proposed new developments.

Whilst I have received notification of the Scoping document for GLH prepared by Nexus Planning and have been able to download this 79 page document, I have not yet had the time to

properly review its content ... however I have scheduled time to review the document prior to the Parish Council meeting on 17 November.

### **Wellesbourne Neighbourhood Plan**

Walton & Wellesbourne Way will be staging a major survey from 17 November to early January amongst local residents, which is also extended to people living in the surrounding villages who use the facilities in Wellesbourne. Leaflets and posters have been printed and I will drop off a supply to the Parish Clerk in time for 17 November.

*Cllr Morgan requested that Cllr Parry write a piece for the Villager on the Wellesbourne Neighbourhood plan*

### **Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum**

The next community forum will be held on 27 November 2014 at 7pm at Wellesbourne Fire Station.

Cllr Parry also mentioned she had been approached by the Real Tennis Club, who would like greater involvement in the community. Cllr Morgan suggested they come to the next meeting.

## **6. County Councillors' Report**

Cllr Kendall was not present but filed the following report :-

### **Proposed changes to County Division Boundaries:**

There are a number of proposed changes being put forward at the moment to Local Government Boundary Commission on the subject of redrawing County Divisions. The preferred options at present would seem to suggest that Moreton Morrell be incorporated into another division, probably Kineton County Division. This is a long and drawn out process and the Parish Council should have been informed about this (via post) to obtain your views for consultation.

Unfortunately it's the Local Government Boundaries Commission that control this process and not the County Council. I've done some further checking and it would seem that WALC was the organisation responsible for informing the parish councils. In March of this year WALC tried to set up a briefing for all parish councils in Warwickshire, in order to brief them on the consultation process and the boundaries commission (this invitation to a briefing would have been received at the beginning of March). According to democratic services at WCC, this invitation only received only one confirmed acceptance to attend. Consequently the briefing did not occur. The process has been a disappointment but I am pleased to note that the PC has now sent a response and it will be considered by the LGBC.

### **Fire Service Changes:**

Plans to change the way Warwickshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service operate have been approved at full Council. The key recommendations approved involved improving initial response to life risk emergencies across the county. This means that the first fire engine will attend life risk emergencies across the County within 10 minutes on 75% of occasions. This was previously 10 minutes in urban areas and 20 minutes in rural areas. Wellesbourne's station will remain a "retained service" with one engine and a crew of five – and will be able to service the surrounding locality including Moreton Morrell.

## **7. Warwickshire College Report**

Mike Bailey reported :-

He introduced Marcus Roberts the Moreton Morrell Centre Director , who was also responsible for Pershore .

The search for a new principle was ongoing.

The oak tree that was planted in the playing field would be replaced , Mrs Mills might have a healthy tree available.

Mike was communicating with Cllr Cleeton about trimming trees in the playing field ans on boundaries.

The blocked culvert had been repaired it just remained for the fence to be re-instated.

A new Farm Manager was being sought.

A number of recent large events had been successful including bonfire night and dressage events.

The playing field lease letter had been received and was being considered .

With the refusal of permission for the David Wilson application to build homes on Triangle Field, the College was now considering its options.

There was nothing further to report on the status of the sale of Moreton Hall . It has not been sold.

Cllrs thanked the College for the Bonfire night and more sensible pricing regime.

## **8. Sub Committee Reports and General Updates**

### **a) Playing Field – Cllr Cleeton**

- i) Update/ New Equipment**
- ii) Annual Inspection – Clerk**
- iii) Lease – Cllr Routly**

Cllr Cleeton was not present, it was resolved to request her to confirm the new equipment agreed at the last meeting ( goal posts and hop scotch )has been ordered. The Clerk reported the playing field was having its annual inspection on 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Routly reported he has written via the Clerk to the Warwickshire College Board of Governors requesting a 99 year lease on the whole playing field but had no response yet.

### **b) Planning – Cllr Routly**

- i) Triangle Field - update**
- ii) Solar Farm - update**
- iii) Planning Committee outcome**
- iv) Core Strategy - update**
- v) Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Routly reported the Triangle field development has been refused due density, lack of open space ( playing field leases not secure ) and lack of S106 agreement. We await David Wilson homes next steps.

Cllr Parry informed the meeting the solar farm application had been validated but thier applicant had requested its progression be stalled .There is now a good chance it will not go ahead as a development of this size is against SDC policy.

Cllr Routly informed the meeting he had attended the East Area Planning Committee in October with Mrs Birks , it was a very late meeting and the dwelling at Galileo farm was approved, as was the shop (retrospectively). Mrs Birks thanked the Council for its support.

The core strategy update was covered in the District Cllrs reports and there was nothing further to report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

**c) Speed awareness**

**i) Speed survey report**

Cllr Gordon was not present but filed the following report :-

Graham gave us a hard copy of the speed survey results which I shall hand to Ross before the meeting in case any councillors wish to review the detailed results.

Graham's advice was predicated on the two surveys carried out near the Church and on Fuller place. Unfortunately he had mislaid the results for Brook Lane, but I have subsequently re-sent these to him. If these results alters his advice substantially he will let us know.

The surveys will form the evidential basis of any requests made to WCC for speed calming measures, and be a prerequisite for funding, (more of which later).

The average speed northbound was found to be in the region of 27 mph for both sites considered by Graham, but significantly the southbound traffic speeds were higher, especially after the Middletown junction and out of the village which of course goes past the school.

This finding was attributed to the parked cars throughout the northbound route through the village.

A number of calming methods for southbound traffic were considered with humps being discounted as creating noise and damage to vehicles.

Graham outlined two options, the first an interactive sign on Duffus Hill and a second such sign before the school that flashes a "30 mph" reminder, and the second a built out "pinch point" to create a one way built out island with southbound traffic being obliged to give way.

The flashing sign system has been found to be initially effective but tends to be less effective once motorists become used to them. The cost of this device if affixed to and powered from an existing lamppost is around £2,100.

The pinch point which would require lighting at entrance and exit points would be around £10,000.

The funding for these measures is complex, but would need to be delegated if this system is re-adopted, or bid for from a central pot. In any event the responsible district councillor would need to lobby WCC on our behalf.

If funding was unavailable or not forthcoming for an unacceptable period of time MMPC could consider meeting the cost of the flashing signs. (Unfortunately temporary signs are not available).

It was noted at the meeting that in parallel to this exercise Pam is investigating the possibilities of 20mph limits for the village. Clearly if this initiative is successful we would need to reconsider any associated speed calming measures.

The recommendation I would propose to the meeting is that we proceed with applying for flashing signs, and if they prove ineffective after say a 3 month period, we push for a pinch point.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Keavy to pursue the flashing sign option and this was seconded by Cllr Routly.

**d) Village Appearance – Cllr Keavy**

- i) Village signs**
- ii) Brook Lane works – Clerk**

Cllr Keavy reported that Matt Cappell at the College had been ill, but he would now follow up. The Clerk read out a letter from WCC confirming that BT cables were in part responsible for blocking the culvert. It was resolved to write again and request action. *Clerk to follow up.* Cllr Routly and Mr Hetherington also report a number of blocked drains in the parish. *Clerk to report.*

**e) Footpaths and Trees – Cllr Morgan**

- i) Jubilee Tree replacement**
- ii) Footpath Survey**

Mike Bailey confirmed the tree would be replaced. Cllr Morgan handed out a form listing all the footpaths, he asked for Cllrs commitment to walk all the footpaths between them and report back to the January meeting. *Cllr Morgan to circulate form by email.*

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

- i) Update**

Mr Hetherington confirmed the Village Hall was planning an AGM in early December and Cllr Cleeton would be invited. He also confirmed new table and chairs had been ordered for the hall.

**9. New items**

**a) Co-option of new Councillor**

No candidates came forward, and as there only 2 meetings before the next election , it was resolved to carry forward.

**b) Proposed WCC Boundary changes**

Cllr Morgan expressed his dismay that the Council had not been consulted and only found out when it was almost too late. He asked for an explanation from the County Council. The Clerk confirmed she had sent a response (agreed by email) as soon as she had found out.

The Clerk sent the following response:-

This email is in response to the draft proposal for Warwickshire County Council boundary commission changes. The Parish Councils of Moreton Morrell and Newbold Pacey Ashorne only became aware of this proposal through its county council member on the 4th of November. Nothing was received by email or post. So although our response is a few days late we wish for it to be taken into serious consideration.

The proposal shows my councils moving from Wellesbourne ward to Kineton ward .

Both my councils are unanimously against this proposal and wish to remain in Wellesbourne for the following reasons:-

## **Identifiable boundaries**

There is always been a natural boundary between Wellesbourne and Kineton , the Fosse way , both my parishes are on the Wellesbourne side of the road.

Wellesbourne is only 2 miles away where as Kineton is 4 to 5 miles

## **Facilities**

Whilst the secondary school some of children attend is in Kineton , all other services are in Wellesbourne. ie Medical, shops, fast food , library, pre school , fire station , recycling station, news agents, petrol station etc.

Local bus services that pass through the villages all go to Wellesbourne – not Kineton

## **Community Groups and Council**

District Council representation is in Wellesbourne ward so we would prefer to remain in the same ward for District and County , this has been very effective for the decade at least , often the District and County Cllr's are the same person , this helps effective communication and makes the task of getting things done much easier.

Virtually all local community groups are based in Wellesbourne.

Both my Parish Councils and constituents they represent feel we should remain in Wellesbourne even if that results in electoral imbalance, we feel actually our representation and effectiveness in serving the community will be better.

Therefore we ask you listen to the voice of the people and leave us in Wellesbourne CC ward.

Finally whatever the outcome my Councils have both declared as we have close synergies ( including the same Clerk ) we wish to stay in the same CC ward , ie dont move one and not the other. We have achieved tax payers saving by acting together on many subjects such as speed reduction.

### **c) Training**

The Clerk reminded the meeting she had circulation notification of future training courses.

## **10. Planning**

### **a. New Applications to consider at this meeting**

14/02908/FUL Joint single storey rear extension and associated works. Manicou And Ballykine Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BU

After discussion it was resolved to send **No Reps** . *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

### **b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information**

14/02506/FUL Proposed rear extension previously approved under application 05/02421/FUL Priest House Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BX. **No Reps sent.**

14/02548/FUL Proposed porch, log store, removal of kitchen front wall and rear wall and replacement with new, including flat green roof and roof lantern. Willow House Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AN. **No Reps sent.**



**c. District Decisions for information**

14/02486/TREE- T1: Beech: 30% crown reduction - T2: Horse Chestnut: remove - T3: Cherry: remove - T4: Crab Apple: remove The Green Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AN . **Deemed consent**

14/00946/FUL Proposed construction of 35 residential dwellings with associated landscaping, drainage attenuation basin, extension to existing LPG compound and additional infrastructure including pedestrian and vehicular accesses. John Taylor Way Moreton Morrell. **Refused**

14/02506/FUL Proposed rear extension previously approved under application 05/02421/FUL Priest House Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BX. **Permission with conditions.**

**11. Finance**

**a) Approval of payments**

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

1. Playground audit	£114.00
2. MFM services – mowing Sept	£166.00
3. MFM services – mowing Oct	£166.00
4. EON Street Lights elec – Sept/Oct	£78.24
5. Village Hall rent Nov Mtg	£15.00
6. The Villager- 2nd instalment grant	£75.00
7. MMPCC- 2nd instalment grant	£500.00
8. MMVHC 2nd instalment grant	£500.00
9. MMCT Community Cafe 2nd instalment grant	£150.00
10. Internal audit donation St Georges Churchyard	£50.00
11. P Routly Salary – via Douglas Tonks	£680.80
12. P Routly Expenses – Sept/ Oct	£51.22

**b) Receipts**

The Clerk reported the following :-

1. Precept	£10400
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**c) Mid Year financial report**

The Clerk had circulated the mid year report, there were no issues. There was a predicted £5000 underspend on the Neighbourhood Plan.

**d) Proposed change of PAYE provider**

The Clerk explained that the current PAYE provider Douglas Tonks was causing problems with late payments and failing to make HMRC returns on time. She requested permission to seek alternatives. This was proposed by Cllr Keavy and seconded by Cllr Morgan and carried unanimously.

**12. Correspondence ( new)**

a) Circulated by email prior to meeting

**13. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items**

Cllr Morgan requested the footpaths be survey by the next meeting.

**14. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent**

None.

**15. Date of next meeting**

The next council meeting will be held in the Moreton Morrell Village Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.