

# MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**PRESENT:**

<b>Councillors:</b>	E Edwards (Chair), A Parry, R James B Keavy, D Butler, J Gordon
<b>District Councillor:</b>	A Parry
<b>County Councillor:</b>	
<b>Clerk :</b>	P Routly

3 members of the public

## 1. Public participation

Jane Cleeton requested the little goal nets be replaced as they have fallen apart. All unanimously agreed. *Clerk to source.*

## 2. Apologies for absence

Cllr G Slora and Cllr P O'Donnell

### 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**  
None.

#### **4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Parry, seconded by Cllr Butler and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

## **5. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Parry filed and read out the following report:-

Apart from the attendance at planning committee meetings, August has been a relatively quiet month, however, September is certainly much busier and I have attended four parish council meetings, dealt with various housing repair matters and of course planning applications, as well as attended various training courses.

## World Cup Licensing Amnesty

All pubs within my ward were contacted personally by myself and notices published on social media platforms to advise that SDC were relaxing licensing procedures before and during the World Cup Final on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Hopefully they all enjoyed a good day's trade in celebrating the Lionesses' efforts during such a successful campaign.

### **Success of 123+ Waste Collection Service**

Changes to Stratford-on-Avon District Council's rubbish and recycling collections introduced a year ago have been a success, with figures showing a reduction in the amount of rubbish being disposed of and residents recycling more than two-thirds of all household waste collected in the District.

In the first year of operation, figures show that 68% of the District's rubbish has been recycled and 26% less residual waste was collected. During the period August 2022 to July 2023, 16,226 tonnes of residual waste was collected, which is 5,635 tonnes less than the same period the previous year.

The introduction of a separate weekly food waste collection service has seen 4,888 tonnes collected between August 2022 and July 2023. The new 123+ waste collection service was introduced on 1 August 2022 to boost recycling rates and reduce the amount of general waste.

One year on, the figures show that the three-weekly refuse collection arrangements have reduced the amount of general rubbish each household puts out and has encouraged residents to recycle more.

Whilst members of the new administration were not in support of the service last year, it is hoped that no changes will be made in view of its success.

### **Shakespeare's England Partners with Destination Coventry**

Shakespeare's England is partnering with Destination Coventry to form the Coventry & Warwickshire Destination Partnership. The new partnership has been formed under the new Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) framework, which was developed and administered by VisitEngland as a result of the government's response to the independent de Bois Review of Destination Management Organisations in England, with the overarching aim of supporting and growing the visitor economy.

It will see both organisations working together strategically with local authorities to ensure that Coventry and Warwickshire's tourism community has a powerful voice at national level regarding future policies.

### **Upper Lighthorne GP Facility**

It is understood that up to four local practices have expressed an interest in tendering for the new Upper Lighthorne GP Facility and they will be expected to respond to a brief from the ICB this year. The chairman of SDC's OSC committee has invited the ICB to a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November when questions regarding the new GP facility and the Ellen Badger Hospital amongst other topics will be raised. I am liaising with Andy Smith to submit questions on behalf of the parishes and also to attend in person at this meeting. I have also been advised that SDC are in discussions with Warwickshire Police to establish their involvement in the proposed new community hub in Upper Lighthorne.

### **Brook House Dental Practice**

The dental practice in Moreton Morrell is sadly closing with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 as it is no longer financially viable to keep the dental practice open. This means that patients will need to find alternative NHS dental care going forward. Other NHS dental providers can be found online using [www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist) and for information purposes Nuvo Dental Warwick (formerly Westgate Dental Practice), 13 West Street, Warwick, CV34 6AB 01926 494300 [www.westgatedentalwarwick.co.uk](http://www.westgatedentalwarwick.co.uk) has contacted me to advise they are welcoming patients from Brook House.

### **Wellesbourne Airfield Consultation**

A public consultation has been held at Wellesbourne Airfield by the developers Gladman and Stoford which I attended, however I have made the conscious decision not to comment at this stage as I prefer to give my views as a member of the planning committee, rather than declaring an interest and not being in a position to debate any proposals that may come

forward to the committee. In a nutshell the new proposals include a scheme to enhance the airfield's operation and facilities which would be funded by the development of B2 and B8 commercial buildings.

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Cllr Parry also confirmed the planning committee unanimously approved the self build dwelling at the Old Garden House, Moreton Paddox.

## **6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr O'Donnell**

Cllr O'Donnell was not present but sent the following report:

I do hope this finds you well as we are still “enjoying“ a late summer.

### **RAAC**

Understandably parents are concerned regarding the safety of school buildings due to the Reinforced Autoclaved aerated concrete.

Please see below the statement from WCC regarding this.

#### **A Warwickshire County Council spokesperson said:**

"Until early afternoon on 5 September, guidance on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) indicated that Warwickshire's only maintained school which the DfE had confirmed had RAAC within its construction - Outwoods Primary in Atherstone - would be able to open as usual, after a series of remedial actions were put in place in recent months as part of a significant investment from the County Council's Capital Maintenance Fund for Schools.

"However, that national guidance has now been changed and so the school has had no choice but to close to some year groups. As a result, Reception, years 1 and 2 will not be able to return to school this week. The County Council is working with the school to carry out whatever additional mitigating action now needs to be undertaken in order to enable the school to safely reopen as soon as possible. While the school and the County Council regret any time that the children miss from school, their safety has to be the foremost priority. A further update on the situation will be provided to parents by Friday 8 September.

"We are also aware of two academies within Warwickshire that have construction involving RAAC. We are in close contact with the schools and providing any support that they need during this difficult time in order to minimise disruption to pupils there."

### **Green Bus Company**

The past week has been increasingly challenging for parents whose children use the Green Bus company to transport them to Alcester Academy, Alcester Grammar School, Stratford Girls' Grammar School and King Edward VI School.

WCC was only notified of the cessation of the service on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August which leaves a very tight window pre returning to school Whilst the officers are working to try to find providers who can provide transport for the 500 children, their priority are the 50 children who receive free transport and are the responsibility of the WCC team.

WCC have been reassured by The Green Bus company that all parents have received a full refund.

For further information regarding transport options please see the link below.  
information here <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/378/journey-planner>.

For all those impacted by the withdrawal of The Green Bus there are now spaces between Stratford and Alcester.

Please continue to follow Riddleys Coaches Limited for updates on new routes and bookings. [https://facebook.com/riddleyscoaches?ref=embed\\_page](https://facebook.com/riddleyscoaches?ref=embed_page)

### **Charging Devices safely.**

I am sure I am not alone in worrying re the safety of charging our devices. Indeed only this morning I disconnected a plug that suddenly felt very hot to touch.. Please see the warning from the Fire and safety team, it may appear obvious but how many of us charge our devices overnight in the bedroom?

In the wake of a recent house fire believed to have been caused by a tablet charger, Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service is urging residents to exercise caution when charging electronic devices.

Moreno Francioso, Fire Prevention and Arson Manager at Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS), said:

“Please don’t ever place devices on charge on your bed or other soft furnishings, and especially not under your pillow. It’s very easy for electronics to overheat in this environment, and then there’s the added risk being surrounded by mattresses and bedding often made of highly flammable materials. What’s more, lots of people charge their phones overnight while sleeping, meaning it takes much longer to become aware if a fire does break out – it’s really a recipe for disaster!

“The safest way to charge devices is during the day with someone around to keep an eye on things, and on a hard surface such as a desk or table. You should also ensure you choose reputable brands that meet safety regulations when purchasing electronics and chargers.

### **Alzheimer’s awareness month**

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There is currently no way to completely prevent dementia, but research suggests a healthy lifestyle may reduce the risk of developing certain types of dementia in the same way that it can reduce the risk of having heart disease or a stroke, this can include:

- Maintaining an active lifestyle
- Eating a healthy, balanced diet
- Limiting your alcohol intake
- Stopping smoking.

For more information about how to reduce the risk of developing dementia, visit <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/reducing-risk-dementia-1>

For more information about dementia and the support available, visit Warwickshire’s [Living Well with Dementia website](#)

### **Finally nobody should live in fear of Domestic Abuse and Coercive behaviour..**

Warwickshire County Council, along with domestic abuse service provider Refuge, has utilised Government funding to offer a new way to provide safe accommodation to anyone who may be affected by domestic abuse.

Warwickshire County Council already commissions Refuge to provide emergency accommodation for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. This new model of dispersed accommodation will build off the already well-established service delivered by Refuge, ensuring victim-survivors who may have previously struggled to access accommodation-based support, now can. Those victim-survivors include male victim-survivors (with and without children), larger families, female victim-survivors with sons over the age of 12, transgender victim-survivors, victim-survivors who have disabilities, victim-survivors with pets and older victim-survivors with mobility needs.

This new accommodation model will offer self-contained properties dispersed across Warwickshire for victim-survivors. Tailored wrap-around support will be available for these individuals through dedicated specialist domestic abuse workers.

The new pilot model of dispersed accommodation will initially run as a pilot for the next two years, with ongoing reviews until 2025.

Anyone worried about domestic abuse for themselves or someone they know can find support at [www.talk2someone.org.uk](http://www.talk2someone.org.uk). Follow #YouAreNotAlone on social media.

To contact Refuge please go to [www.refuge.org.uk](http://www.refuge.org.uk) or call the 24/7 helpline on 0808 2000 247.

Cllrs raised the issue of children being refused a place on the school bus to Alcester . *Cllr Parry agreed to follow up with Cllr O'Donnell*

## **7. Warwickshire College Report**

Mr Peter Husband was not present but sent the following report:-

### **Farm**

A 3 year plan for the farm sheep enterprise was recently agreed with implementation commencing during the summer. The existing flock will be replaced with North Country Mules and Aberfield x Beulahs over the plan's lifetime. In addition two Aberfield tups have been purchased. Over 230 ewes have already been purchased for the coming lambing season with the 400 breeding ewes being replaced over the duration of the plan. The changes are aimed at increasing the health and performance of the flock.

Although the weather this summer was challenging, harvesting the arable crops went fairly well. Yields were down on our estimations, but the quality of the barley and beans were still high. Preparations for next year are already underway, with the Oil Seed Rape already being in the ground and the seed beds being worked down for drilling the wheat.

The beef Approved Finishing Unit continues to maintain high husbandry and welfare standards. The current number of animals on the unit are low, due to external factors, but will be returning to the maximum capacity in the coming weeks.

### **Estates**

As always the summer is a busy period for estates works. We have completed roof repair works to Cotswold Court, Avon Residential building, the Refectory and to staff accommodation properties on Lime Tree Drive. The Gatherum Supported Learning building has benefited from further repairs and redecoration. The Farm office has had its roof replaced along with other much needed building repairs and we have improved car park line markings across the site.

We have carried out repairs to the Suggett Centre external wall and have repaired the estate yard car park and speed bumps across the site to increase safety and help traffic calming measures. We have replaced doors to the Farm Forge building and some Equine areas.

### **Events**

On Thursday 22 June, we welcomed students and their families to the annual Further Education awards celebration at Moreton Morrell College, making 36 awards in total, for commitment to learning, outstanding achievement and each department's student of the year. Liam Dilworth, a carpentry student, was awarded the overall Moreton Morrell College Student of the Year prize this year.

## **Staff and Students**

A tutor who has played a leading role in the development of the animal welfare department has celebrated four decades of working at Moreton Morrell College. Brian Morgan joined the college in September 1983 and still works part time in the animal welfare department. WCG CEO Angela Joyce recognised Brian's service to the college in a celebratory event at the start of term - with staff joining to celebrate his 40 years of service.

Floristry students from Moreton Morrell College came away victorious in the world's premier floristry competition in September. A five-star floristry team of Hannah Beckley, Alexandra Bolton, Susy Randall, Sarah Williams and Heather Marshall won the Student Team Competition at the Interflora World Cup. It follows other competition success for the floristry department, with Katie Weekes qualifying for the WorldSkills UK national finals in July.

Student recruitment has gone well this academic year. Agriculture student numbers continue to grow with our current intake of 84 full time students. This is also mirrored in the equine department with 79 full time students, this is boosted by the introduction of our new level 1 Horse care course which gives us the ability to offer an equine course to a wide range of students with varying requirements and support needs.

Full time and apprentice Carpentry students supported Molly Olly's charity last academic year and raised a grand total of £835 for this very worthwhile charity which was a great achievement. In addition to this, they also constructed five high quality bird boxes which were donated to Wellsbourne Parish council to put up in and around the village.

Liam Dilworth, one of our very talented level 1 carpentry students, not only won the prestigious title of overall student of the year for Moreton Morrell but was also responsible for constructing a bee hive which is now located on campus complete with a colony of bees. Planning is already underway to select a new charity to support this year and we are also exploring constructing some products for Moreton Primary School.

## **Supported Learning**

Supported Learning at Moreton Morrell focuses on Employability skills which are presented through our enterprise work in horticulture and other crafts. These are then sold at our various events including a Winter Wonderland, Spring Art show, and other horticulture related sales events throughout the year; During the process the students utilise Maths and English skills within their project work, whilst delivering customer service. As a result, students develop a number of different skills which builds their confidence.

Cllrs discussed events, such as horse trails, at the college and requested that the village be informed. *Cllr Edwards agreed to follow up*

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

- a) **Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk**
  - i) **Update – Clerk**
  - ii) **Complaint email 15 Oak Tree rear fence**

The Clerk explained the brambles on the top hedge had been removed. There had been a complaint about a fence damaged by a falling tree, but when evidence was requested from Orbit , the complaint went away.

The issues of dogs being allowed to play loose on the playing field was raised, in particular dogs from number 14 Oak Tree Close . *Cllr Parry to investigate SDC bylaws and Clerk to write to residents.*

**b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead**  
**i) Local Plan – next steps**

Cllr Parry informed the meeting the draft plan was complete and had general SDC approval, she is now seeking a graphic designer to lay it out , and a villager consultation would ideally be held by Christmas.

**c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon lead**  
**i) Update**  
**ii) Road sign not working by school- Clerk**

The Clerk stated the hedge had been cut back by the speed sign and WCC had ordered a new battery. The subject of speed gun training was raised , and Cllr Parry agreed to speak to Liam at the police. *Cllr Parry to follow up.*

**d) Village Appearance – All**  
**i) Update**  
**ii) Bin by bus stop**  
**iii) Horse trough repair**

The Clerk informed the meeting she had ordered a new dog bin and post, Cllrs to advise location. The Clerk also stated she was seeking quotes for the horse trough repair.

**e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead**  
**i) Update**  
**ii) WCC Footpath Map grant £250**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Parry has secured £250 for the footpath map, and other funds were in the budget. In conjunction with the footpath committee, Cllr Parry would seek quotes for a design .

Cllr Gordon stated he was dealing with the college about the re-instatement of footpaths at 3 Gates. The footpath committee agreed to look at arranging a working party to tackle a few immediate issues.

**f) Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead**  
**i) Update**  
**ii) Hall Structural Report – next steps All**  
**iii) Hall accounts etc - next steps - All**

Jane Cleeton handed over the hall accounts, insurance and governance docs, she had obtained from the hall committee. She also stated that the structural engineer was not available due to Jury service. It was resolved after discussion to seek the name of the engineer and see if someone else could do the task, and also obtain any documents that the charity commission hold . *Jane Cleeton offered to speak to the charity commission , and also find out the engineer's name and company*

- g) **College Update**
  - i) **Update**
  - ii) **Wedding venue letter**

Cllr Edwards agree to write to Peter Husband.

## **9. Matters arising from previous meetings**

- a) **Website Update**
- b) **Defibrillator training 14th October 2pm**
- c) **Oak Tree Close complaint to Orbit**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the company setting up the new website had started , and they would be in touch in 2 weeks, it was hoped it would be complete by Christmas.

The defibrillator training was set up for the 14<sup>th</sup> October and the Room booked , all to publicise.

The letter about Anti Social Behaviour is with Orbit tenancy management , Cllr Parry gave the clerk a name to follow up. Cllr Parry to discuss with SDC installing a fence to stop cars being driven over the SDC land

## **10. New items**

- a) **None**

## **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**

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 . **Consent Given**

## **12. Finance**

### **a. Approval of payments (to be circulated)**

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

1.	MMPCC – Defibrillator Training	£36.00
2.	2 Commune – new website	£1920.00
3.	RP Hall Mowing July	£266.09
4.	RP Hall Mowing Aug	£376.91
5.	Moore – Ext Audit	£252.00
6.	Kompan – Inspection	£159.00
7.	Stratford DC bins	£319.20
8.	P Gibbins Village July/Aug	£100.00
9.	P Routly Salary inc tax back	£1004.00
10.	P Routly Expenses – Jul/Aug	£238.23



11.	BT Hall wifi Aug/Sept ( P Routly)	£68.60
12.	Npower Street Lights elec – July/Aug	£64.26
13.	Glasdon dog bin and post	£302.63
14.	WCC Allotment rent	£180.00

**b. Receipts (to be circulated)**

The Clerk reported there were no receipts.

**c. External Audit feedback**

The Clerk confirmed the external audit was complete and report received with no issues.

**d. Consent to purchase new printer**

The Clerk has informed the meeting her 10 year old printer/scanner was failing due to jamming carriage and ink was costing about £300 per year . She had requested a new more expensive printer with ink tanks instead of cartridges, this would save over £250 a year on ink. The new printer would be approximately £250-£300 inc VAT . It was proposed by Cllr James it should be purchase , seconded by Cllr Keavy and carried unanimously . *Clerk to purchase.*

**13. Correspondence – all circulated by email**

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

In additional it was agreed unanimously to purchase a remembrance wreath.

Clerk also to write to Severn Trent over broken drain on farm drive

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

The hall.

**15. Any other business allowed by Chairman**

None.

**16. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in The Room

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.