

# MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**PRESENT:** **Councillors:** A Parry (Chair) ,J Cleeton,  
E Greetham, R Morgan  
B Keavy, G Slora  
**District Councillor:** A Parry  
**County Councillor:** D Kendall (until 8.00pm)  
**Clerk :** P Routly

11 members of the public and Angela Joyce and Marcus Roberts from Warwickshire College .

### **1. Public participation**

Mr Greetham raised an objection to the planning application for a dwelling at Bel Ambre, Moreton Paddox. He stated it was not in keeping with the stable yard converted dwellings as it was new infill. It would also have an adverse effect on the neighbour's views.

Alison Gregory stated she had some material from the old Moreton Morrell website and offered it to the Clerk to add to the PC website if appropriate.

Mr Hetherington stated he would like it recorded that his wife had no reply to the letter she sent to the College about the removal of walking access, and neither had other villagers. He thought this was disrespectful. Angela Joyce responded on behalf of the College stating to her knowledge a generic response had been sent to all letters, and apologised.

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Greetham declared an interest in the planning application for Bel Ambre as a neighbour.

### **3. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Gordon due to a family event.

### **4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Cleeton and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

## **5. District Councillors' Report**

Cllr Parry pre filed the following report, and ran through the key points.

### **Core Strategy**

The public hearings involved in the examination of Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Core Strategy started on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at the District Council Offices in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Planning Inspector, Pete Drew BSc (Hons) Dip TP MRTPI will continue the examination into the District Council's Core Strategy.

### **Five Year Housing Supply**

An interim Five Year Housing Land Supply Calculation has been published as of 31 December 2015 which shows the equivalent of 5.2 years' worth of housing land supply. It has been emphasised that the objective is not simply to achieve a five-year supply of housing sites, but rather to maintain a minimum of five years' worth of housing land supply on an on-going basis. The calculation is predicted on a number of assumptions about the deliverability of sites.

The plan period is proposed at 14,480 houses which is divided by 20 years to average 724 per annum plus a 5/7% headroom figure which rounded up is approximately 15,500. The new Five Year Land Supply also does not include a number of sites awarded planning permission from October to December 2015 which are yet to have the completion calculation scrutinized. Further information – [www.stratford.gov.uk/5yearsupply](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/5yearsupply)

### **Spotlight on the Community – SDC Annual Conference 2015**

Attended the above event in December at the University of Warwick campus near Wellesbourne, which provided a good opportunity to network with other parishes and county councillors.

### **Medical Centre**

Working closely with the Parish Council to support the Medical Centre in their efforts to get the NHS to prioritise funding for the Wellesbourne surgery. In liaison with Jeremy Wright QC MP and Nadhim Zahawi MP. An online petition has been created and as many signatures as possible are encouraged:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/116645>

### **West Midlands Combined Authority**

Members of Full Council are being recalled to a new motion to revote on SDC becoming part of the WMCA on Monday 25 January. I voted against joining for a whole range of reasons – a few of which are highlighted below from my perspective:

- Decisions by WMCA would favour Birmingham and Coventry – SDC would be a small fish in a big pond with little influence from the 'Big Brothers'!
- The running costs of the WMCA is likely to require a precept on the Council Tax of residents and businesses

- An extra 2% WMCA Mayoral levy may be put on all businesses in Stratford District and the region-wide elected WMCA mayor is likely to decide on how and where it is spent! Local businesses want to be paying less taxes not more!
- Business rates in SDC may be collected by WMCA and could be spent outside the SDC district
- Birmingham City Council is a failing authority with massive debts, why would SDC want to join them when we have assets and no debts? SDC has no borrowings, whereas Birmingham City Council has debts reportedly in excess of £2 billion – the highest city debt in England!
- Whilst business growth is good for WMCA it brings with it other consequences – more housing, increased traffic – impacting on the health and education services – do the residents in Stratford District want more housing, more traffic and extra pressure on our health and education services? No!
- Residents across Stratford-on-Avon District do not want any more housing and wish to retain their rural identity
- Why would a rural district wish to be dictated to by a failing city centric authority?
- SDC already works closely with the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) which has been instrumental in creating jobs, investment and innovation across the region
- In addition to SDC, Warwick District Council, North Warks Borough Council and Rugby Borough Council all said ‘No’ to WMCA ... we can’t all be wrong. Nadhim Zahawi MP, Jeremy Wright QC MP, Chris White MP, Craig Tracey MP, Marcus Jones MP are **ALL NOT** in favour of WMCA
- Joining the WMCA would provide four tiers of local government in the region, residents want less not more
- WMCA would bring an urban focused governance body to a rural area with very different requirements

The Parish Council’s thoughts are particularly welcomed.

### **SD311 Footpath**

The working party is meeting on 26 November at Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council offices to progress discussions on the way forward and approach to reinstating footpath SD311.

### **John Taylor Way Appeal**

Attending Public Inquiry as a witness as both a Ward Member and Parish Council Chairman at the hearing being held at the Falcon on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

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

The spring meeting of the Wellesbourne & Kineton Community is being held at Compton Verney on Thursday 10 March.

Cllr Parry also added the next community Forum would be at Compton Verney on 10<sup>th</sup> March. She also added that businesses at Wellesbourne airfield had been served notice, and that SDC view the site as an asset and will fight any development plans.

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

Cllr Kendall reported on safe guarding at his school in Alcester as a result of an action from the last meeting. He stated the whole site was not secured, but the inner circle including classrooms was. He said there were many interpretations of the safeguarding requirements, but didn't think securing the whole site was one of them.

He said that the timing of the school flashing signs was delayed due to a person at WCC being off work, but was now chasing a new contact. He agreed to provide details of the location.

## **7. Warwickshire College Report**

Marcus gave a short report, he said he had stopped students walking up the road to Ashorne. There would be an open day on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. Feb half term starts on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Cllr Morgan asked about the process for reporting speeding and discourteous student car. Marcus stated it was the same as before and they should be reported to him. He also said a new residential warden would be appointed soon and would circulate details when available. Cllr Keavy asked if he could collect a mocked up village sign, and was told by Angela Joyce that the college would deliver it. Angela Joyce said there would be a planning application submitted for a new sports hall. She also said she was still open to discussing the access situation and agreed to meet at a future date with Cllr Parry and the council. Cllr Keavy raised the issue of the stiles on the footpath by the farm needing repair and the farm drive footpath being unsafe. Marcus agreed to follow up on the stiles and Angela suggested the farm drive could be discussed at the same meeting as the college access.

Marcus and Angela left at this point.

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

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

- i) Update and repairs**
- ii) Bridge repair quote - Clerk**

Cllr Cleeton said she had not heard from Bob at Playscapes but would chase. The clerk stated she was obtaining a quote for the bridge. *Cllr Cleeton to chase Playscapes and Clerk to chase quote.*

### **a) Planning – Cllr Parry**

- i) Housing needs survey report**
- ii) Triangle Field Appeal – update**
- iii) Core Strategy update**

Cllr Parry referred to the housing needs survey that had been circulated. There had been 75 household responses and it had concluded there was need for 4 dwellings in total, 2x2 bed for rent, 1x2 bed for shared ownership and one 2 bed bungalow for purchase. This supported the objection to the houses on John Taylor Way. It also confirmed that many people thought the village had poor services in particular transport to Wellesbourne.

Cllr Parry stated the planning appeal would start on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan , and it would now also take account of the fact that SDC has a 5 year land supply. SDC had a top barrister representing them.

The Core Strategy hearing was currently being held.

**b) Speed awareness – Cllr Gordon**

**i) Update**

Cllr Gordon was unable to attend, but confirmed by email that the flashing speed sign for the school had been approved.

**c) Village Appearance – Cllr Keavy**

**i) Village signs – new committee update**

Cllr Keavy stated he had an estimate for an oak sign of approx £1000, and would try to obtain the template from the college (if they deliver it). *Cllr Keavy to follow up.*

The clerk was asked to write again to WCC about the lines outside the hall entrance. *Clerk to write.*

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

**i) Footpaths Update inc farm drive**

**ii) Moreton Morrell to Wellesbourne footpath SD311 update – Cllr Parry**

**iii) College Access feedback from meeting on 14th Dec, and next steps – All**

Cllr Morgan was asked by the clerk to forward a list of issues needing attention. Cllr Parry said the Wellesbourne footpath was progressing and a claim had been filed many years ago by the Ramblers association.

Cllr Parry informed the meeting that Cllr Greetham, Cllr Slora and herself had met with the College Principal Angela Joyce and John Vickery to discuss the access situation, but there had been little progress. Cllr Parry informed the meeting the Council was doing all it could and had sought legal advice. Witness statements of usage of paths needed to be gathered and this would be publicised in the villager. A closed session of the council would be held later to discuss next steps.

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

**i) Village Hall Wifi – Cllr Cleeton/ Clerk**

Cllr Cleeton confirmed the hall Committee for the PC to install and fund wifi in the hall. *Clerk to make arrangements.*

**9. Matters arriving from previous meeting**

**a) Welcome Pack Update – Cllr Cleeton**

Ongoing.

**b) Lengthmanship scheme – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Parry informed the meeting she had attended the recent meeting at Wellesbourne and the scheme seemed well organised and was funded by WCC until May 2017. Wellesbourne has employed a contractor and Moreton Morrell would have access for around 5 hours per month. Wellesbourne PC would do all the admin. Jobs could include gulley cleaning, hedge cutting, sign cleaning, pot hole filling etc. The scheme would start soon and the council agreed to start compiling a list of jobs for discussion at the next meeting.

**c) Queens 90th birthday celebrations – Cllr Cleeton**

It was resolved that Anne Smith and Cllr Cleeton would present a budget at the next meeting.

## **10. New items**

### **a) Brook Lane – Cllr Cleeton**

Cllr Cleeton raised the issue of the state of Brook Lane, it was resolved to write to WCC for ideas to improve. *Clerk to write.*

### **b) Lights at Stables – Cllr Gordon**

Cllr Gordon prior to the meeting has raised the issue for light on all night at the Bio-mechanics site on the road to Ashorne. Members of the public present agreed it was annoying. *Cllr Parry agreed to follow up.*

### **c) Street Lights – no longer service mercury lights – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting that WCC had informed her they could no longer service 3 on the street light as they were mercury bulbs . The Clerk stated she had budgeted for LED replacement if required, and WCC are going to advise.

### **d) Website – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Parry asked who ran the website and how it was updated. The Clerk informed the meeting that Steve Routly set it up when he was Cllr and was still happy to update. It was resolved that when there was wifi in the hall all interested Cllrs would be trained to update website.

## **11. Planning**

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

15/04397/FUL Demolition of existing garages and replacement double garage with studio.  
Amendment to previously approved application 15/00531/FUL to re site the garage.  
Orchard House Moreton Morrell CV35 9AR

After discussion it was resolved to send no objections but raise a comment about the old garage having asbestos. *Clerk to reply.*

15/04341/FUL Proposed new 2 bedroom dwelling with associated works.  
Bel Ambre Moreton Paddock Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BU

After discussion it was resolved for the planning committee to review and send a response by the due date.

Info only as neighbouring parish – 15/04200/OUT – 1000 houses Gaydon Lighthorne Heath

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

15/04238/FUL New Dwelling in the grounds of Rose Cottage, Moreton Morrell  
Rose Cottage Moreton Road Moreton Morrell Warwickshire CV35 9AR . **Objection sent.**

The Planning Committee sent the following objection:-

Object for the following planning reasons:-

- Impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area ·
- Back land development which could set a precedent for future development in the village

In the event of this application being granted, the Parish Council wishes to raise its concern regarding construction traffic and requests the inclusion of a planning condition which restricts any building deliveries between 8am – 9.15am and from 2.45pm – 4pm in view of access to site which is opposite Moreton Morrell Primary School in the interests of safeguarding children, pedestrians and to avoid blocking access in and out of the village.

In addition the Parish Council requests a planning condition for a 10 year building warranty to be put in place against any defects to the Village Hall arising from the construction of this development.

15/04361/TREE - T1: Oak: thin crown by 10%, thin larger lateral branches by 20%. - T2: Cherry: reduce crown by 20% and reshape. - T3: Conifer: fell. - T4: Conifer: fell. The Old Stables Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AL. **No Reps sent**

**c. District Decisions for information**

15/03292/FUL Construction of a single dwelling. The Stables Main Drive Moreton Paddox Moreton. **Permission with conditions.**

15/02095/FUL Residential development of 35 dwelling with 35% affordable provision, associated landscaping, drainage attenuation basin, extension to existing LPG Compound and additional infrastructure including pedestrian and vehicular access (Resubmission of previous application 14/00946/FUL) Land Off John Taylor Way Moreton Morrell. **Refused**

**12. Finance**

**a) Approval of payments**

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

1.	EON Street Lightselec – Nov/Dec	£117.75
2.	Village Hall rent Jan Mtg	£15.00
3.	Playing Field Rent	£396.19
4.	P Routly Salary	£664.53
5.	HMRC	£9.20
6.	P Routly Expenses – Nov/ Dec	£112.29
7.	Pinsent Masons Legal	£3926.05

**b) Receipts**

1.	Allotment rent	£360.00
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**c) Approval of 16/17 Budget (circulated )**

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, which included a 2% increase in precept to £21640. After discussion Cllr Keavy proposed the budget be accepted including increase in precept, this was seconded by Cllr Parry and carried unanimously.

**d) Approval of 16/17 Precept of £21640 (2% increase)**

In line with the budget Cllr Keavy proposed the precept be set at £21640, this was seconded by Cllr Parry and carried unanimously. *Clerk to inform SDC.*

### **13. Correspondence ( new)**

The Clerk informed the meeting the following had been circulated by email

- a) Stratford Citizen Advice – funding request

After discussion it was resolved to add to the March agenda.

- b) New Year's Honors – Deadline 4th Feb

Nominations to Clerk if any.

- c) Nominations For Attendance At A Royal Garden Party At Buckingham Palace On Tuesday 24 May 2016

Nominations to Clerk if any.

- d) Clean for the Queen – 90th birthday initiative

After discussion it was resolved to ask for 10 packs and also ask the college to take part.

- e) WCC Pan Equalities Service Survey

After discussion it was resolved to send no response.

- f) WCC Healthier Communities Grant

After discussion it was resolved to send no response.

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

None.

### **15. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent**

None.

### **16. Date of next meeting**

The next council meeting will be held in the Moreton Morrell Village Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

There being no further business the public meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

### **17. Closed session of the council**

A closed session of the council was held to discuss the college access situation.