

# MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**PRESENT: Councillors:** R James, G Slora, A Parry  
E Edwards, B Keavy, J Gordon  
C Monks  
**District Councillor:** A Parry  
**County Councillor:** A Parry  
**Clerk :** P Routly

2 members of the public

Meeting held as Video Conference due to Corvid 19

### **1. Public participation**

None.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

None

### **3. Governance**

#### **a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda**

None.

### **4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Keavy, seconded by Cllr James, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.  
*To be signed at next meeting.*

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

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report:-

#### **Moreton Morrell Parish Council Report**

It's been an exceptionally busy time both as a County and District Councillor involving a significant amount of my time in the need to work with community groups, keep constantly updated with Public Health Warwickshire, WCC and as a cabinet member of SDC. I have also tried to update residents across my ward and division with the communication of important and relevant information most weeks.

#### **County Council**

##### **COVID-19 Update**

As of the submission date of this report (13<sup>th</sup> May) the cumulative cases in the county are now 1319 with confirmed cases in Stratford on Avon District at 348 representing an increase of 72 new cases since the previous week. The expanded testing programme which now

includes a pop-up site at Stratford College has inevitably resulted in more cases being identified.

Out of the 426 SWFT Hospital Beds there are 32 cases of COVID-19 and three cases in intensive care. Sadly, the cumulative deaths across Stratford District as of 11<sup>th</sup> May is 99 with a cumulative total of 369 deaths in Warwickshire due to COVID-19. Over the same period there have been 2074 non COVID-19 related deaths in Warwickshire.

Across the county there were 130 COVID-19 deaths in care homes settings compared to 635 non COVID-19 deaths in care homes over the same period.

In the ONS data which now reports on place and occurrence of death, based on registrations up to 9 May there were 56 COVID-19 deaths which occurred in care homes settings in Stratford District, with all cause deaths over the same period in care homes reported as 250.

(The variance reflects the differences between the Public Health England and ONS data which are reported at slightly different times of the day/week).

The capacity in hospitals remains good with 8% of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients and 15% with suspected COVID-19 patients and two patients in Intensive Care. There are 43% of beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 35% reinforcing that the NHS is very much open for business.

There continues to be a reduction in the number of cases being hospitalised and the Rate of Infection 'R' is below the national rate, but WCC is reinforcing the importance of social distancing and hand hygiene measures being fully adopted as this is not the time for any relaxation because there are still so many unknowns regarding COVID-19.

There has been a total of 525 cases or suspected cases in 61 care homes settings from a total of 160 homes in Warwickshire and WCC is continuing to work closely with all care homes in respect of PPE, testing and training in respect of infection control and hygiene to help bring the number of cases down.

Home testing kits are not yet available to Warwickshire and Public Health Warwickshire (PHE) doesn't know when they will be fully available at this moment in time.

Test, Track and Trace (TTT) is aimed at identifying people with symptoms however mild and will be supported by the NHS COVID19 App, as well as a web-based tool and via telephone calls from the contact tracing teams. PHE will be providing input on a local basis for the workplace, care homes and school settings, as and when required. Test results will be shared with the individuals.

There is positive news on the PPE front in there being sufficient supplies in the system and WCC is liaising closely with all the care homes.

### **Household Recycling**

WCC is opening the larger sites in the first instance on 18<sup>th</sup> May but I'm afraid that the Wellesbourne facility is not included at this time. The sites to open include Burton Farm and the one in Leamington Spa and visits will be controlled by a full booking system to manage the customer flow through the site which is expected to be launched next week. Safety is paramount for staff and customer and PPE will be worn by staff and there will be additional security at those sites opening which will operate seven days a week. It is planned for

Wellesbourne's site to open in the not too distant future, once the initial rush has calmed down. The additional safety and security measures being implemented across the larger sites is costing WCC an additional £20k per week.

### **Schools**

The education team is also working with all schools looking at the scenarios for safe opening and much depends on guidance from the government. Operational arrangements involve looking at selected year groups, with a blend of in school and distance learning. Looking at the challenges of various school settings, classrooms and also issues about managing parents congregating outside school gates are being considered, however, there will be a co-ordinated approach around all Warwickshire schools.

### **Healthwatch Survey**

Healthwatch in Warwickshire and Coventry would like to understand the public's views on health and social care support during the current pandemic. The organisations are launching a [survey](#) to find out how services are working for people and to ensure that high-quality safe services and support are being delivered now, and as the lockdown eases.

They are seeking to find out:

- How the pandemic has affected your experiences of health and social.
- If you have been able to access all the information that you need in order to keep you/your family safe and well.
- Whether your mental health been affected, and if so, what support you have been able to access.

The survey will run throughout May. To tell Healthwatch about your experiences go to: [www.healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk/covid-19/tell-us-your-experience](http://www.healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk/covid-19/tell-us-your-experience)

Visit their website for more information or to get in

touch: [www.healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk)

### **District Council**

#### **Household Waste**

The door to door waste collection service has continued throughout the lockdown period and BIFFA has worked extremely hard and diligently. However, due to the increased tonnage of curb side waste any additional items not placed in the respective bins have been able to be collected.

#### **Fly-Tipping**

There has been a slight increase in fly-tipping but SDC's Street Scene team have managed this well and ensured the collection of all rubbish dumped in a timely manner. There have been two specific instances in the village out on the Newbold Road of fly tipping but these were dealt with swiftly by SDC.

#### **Business Grants**

SDC has now paid out over £27million to businesses and organisations which are registered for business rates and the team have worked exceptionally hard in challenging circumstances to help as many businesses affected by the lockdown. I have also been busy contacting and helping various individuals, businesses and organisations who are potentially eligible to claim for the grant with their application, which has been appreciated.

#### **Community Hubs**

SDC has played a key role in setting up the Community Hub in Stratford Leisure Centre and delivering food packages to vulnerable and shielded residents across the districts. Hundreds of food parcels have been distributed and the team has worked extremely diligently and in liaison with WCC.

## **Full Council Meeting**

Virtual Council meetings are commencing – amongst the first of which will be the Full Council Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May which will then be broadcast via the Council’s website and YouTube channel.

## **Economic Recovery**

SDC has already been identified as the fourth worst district/borough council to be hit financially in the UK due to its reliance on tourism and is set to lose £millions in its collective revenues from car parking, licensing fees, planning and building control fees, leisure fees and business rates. As a consequence there is a major focused effort in terms of developing a strategy to give businesses confidence and to encourage residents and visitors back into the town centres as and when the time is right and appropriate in accordance with Government guidelines.

## **6. Corvid-19 Parish update – All**

Cllr Edwards informed the meeting there were 39 registered volunteers, but little to do, as most people had made local arrangements with relatives and neighbours. Prescription collection was the main activity. There was some discussion on recognition of volunteers, flowers were suggested, this will be discussed further, but was proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Parry and carried unanimously.

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

### **a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead**

Cllr Edwards circulated a report:-

Following our last meeting, the four items of potentially dangerous rotted play equipment have now been removed and the area made good .

The wooden bridge which accesses the play area from the footpath has also been repaired thanks to Steve Routly, although the rest of the bridge will need further work soon as it is rotting in places.

Quotes have been received from two suppliers ,but due to lockdown it has not been possible to get a third supplier to visit , I have been in touch with another company but they have staff furloughed at the moment.

The two we have who have both visited the site are :

### **Sovereign**

In total this was around £47,500 .This is for metal equipment which is easy to relocate and has a longer guarantee broken down as follows :

- a) multi use goal with sides on skateboard area and marked out court for football, basketball and netball ..... £10,500
- b) zip wire .....£12000
- c) basket swing ..... £2,600
- d)Adult multi gym equipment ....£3,900
- e) Fencing around multi court ( optional) .....£13,700
- f) Surfacing .....£1,600
- g) welfare and security on site during construction....£2,500

## **Playdale.**

Total quote £26,000 , but not the same equipment all timber , no fencing included and they do not do adult multi gym equipment .

- a) Timber frame for basket swing .....£1400
- b)Basket swing and chains .....£998
- c) Timber aerial runway (25metre) .....£6659
- d) Basket/Goal end x2 .....£9770
- e) surfacing .....£2365
- f) welfare and security on site .....£950
- g) delivery and installation.....£5756

## **Funding**

Clearly , the Sovereign quote especially if we include fencing off the multicourt exceeds our identified budget of £30,000 and although the Playdale quote is within budget it does not include the adult multigym which was very popular in the survey and is for timber equipment which is harder to relocate.

If we do not have the fencing around the multi court the quotes are fairly similar although the metal zip wire by Sovereign is much dearer .Sovereign do make a timber zip wire which is cheaper which brings both quotes into a similar ball park particularly if you add on the cost of an adult multi gym to the Playdale quote.

I have done some tentative research re possible funding sources , The Severn Trent community fund which looked promising has now stopped all new applications as they are diverting all funds to charities supporting the Coronavirus epidemic.

Re possible lottery funding we will need an agreed costed scheme before making any application.

Way forward and Decisions required :

We need to decide how quickly we want to get on with this and how much we want to spend.

Waiting for a third quote will delay this but we may feel this is essential due to the large costs involved.

Clearly we may not be able to find a firm who can do this work in lockdown although construction work now seems to be able to take place.

Having new equipment in place but not being able to be used may be problematic as at present guidelines still advise playground equipment is off limits, hopefully by the time we get the work done this will have changed.

It would be nice to have the work carried out in time for the summer holidays but not sure how feasible this is.

We had agreed at our last meeting that we should go back to the village with the proposals and plans before we proceed, suggestions on how and when to do this please , again this could delay matters as unless this can be done online any face to face consultations will not be possible during lockdown.

After discussion it was resolved to seek a third quote from Kompan in Milton Keynes (when Covid allows), and to follow up on funding options. *Cllr Edwards to arrange.*

**b) Village Appearance – All**  
**i) Litter bin by bus stop**

Cllr Parry reported that prior to the meeting there had been complaints about the rubbish bin being removed from the bus stop and thrown in the hedge on several occasions. It is thought this is due to dog mess smell. It was agreed to purchase a new bin with a lid and sign it as for litter only, not dog mess. This was proposed by Cllr Keavy, seconded by Cllr James and carried unanimously. It was also agreed that it was un-acceptable for a resident to take matters into their own hands and remove the bin, matters should be taken up with the council . *Clerk to arrange purchase of new bin.*

**8. Planning**

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

20/01055/FUL Erection of rural worker's dwelling and associated external works. Centaur Biomechanics Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BD

After discussion it was unanimously decided to object and send the following response. 'The design of the proposed development as resubmitted has not changed from the original submission and continues to be over-bearing and out of scale in terms the requirement to qualify for an agricultural worker's rural dwelling NPPF P75 as reflected in our comments highlighted earlier this year'. *Clerk to submit objection.*

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

20/00674/FUL Change of use of Moreton Hall to a 23-bed training hotel with associated restaurant; Moreton Hall Moreton Morrell College Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BL.  
**No Objection**

20/00923/LDP Lawful Development Certificate seeking confirmation that planning permission 04/01808/FUL for 'Demolition of existing house and detached garage and construction of new home' has been lawfully implemented. Cedar House Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BT. No Objection

**c. District Decisions for information**

None.

**9. Finance**

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

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

1.	A Parry – Corvid-19 Volunteer Float	£500.00 (paid)
2.	C Gordon Defibrillator Items	£147.16 (paid)
3.	The Villager- 1st instalment grant	£75.00
4.	MMPCC- 1st instalment grant	£500.00
5.	MMVHC 1st instalment grant	£1000.00
6.	MMCT Café 1st instalment grant	£100.00
7.	MMCT 1st instalment Village event grant	£300.00
8.	WALC subs	£235.00
9.	Oriel Glazing Fountain	£185.00
10.	Oriel Glazing playing field	£475.00
11.	R P Hall grass cutting March	£300.00
12.	R P Hall grass cutting April	£390.36
13.	P Routly Salary 2 months	£725.26

14.	P Routly Expenses – Mar/Apr	£183.04
15.	BT Hall wifi Apr/May (P Routly)	£58.77
16.	G.R Thornton Internal audit	£100.00
17.	Came and Company insurance	£659.10
18.	EON	£209.85

After discussion it was decided to hold back the sending of the MMVHC grant based on understanding whether they had applied for and received a £10K Covid grant from SDC.

*Cllr Keavy to follow up.*

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

There were the following receipts:-

1.	Precept	£11500.00
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**10. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent**

Cllr James pre-circulated the following report that covered a few items not on the agenda:-

Nothing specific to report for the speed awareness committee other than due to lower traffic volumes the cars coming through the village seem to be a lot more compliant with speed limit. Increased cyclists generally seem to be careful with certain exceptions as ever.

For the footpath committee I met with Henry the WCG farm manager this week to discuss the double stile on SD 110 below the tennis club adjoining the brook. Henry agreed that the path was dangerous as it is collapsing into the brook and promised to replace the stiles with a gate slightly further away from the brook. The work will be done w/c 26th May.

This is good news as WCC cannot commit to a date for supplying the FOC gates at this time. It also means that walkers can use the footpath from Brook Lane to the road at three gates without having to use any stiles.

**11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will held in the Village Hall, Moreton Morrell on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020.  
(Subject to Coronavirus situation)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.