

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th November 2019

PRESENT: Councillors: G Slora (chair), A Parry
E Edwards, J Gordon
G Slora, C Monks
District Councillor: A Parry
County Councillor: A Parry
Clerk : P Routly

5 members of the public

1. Public participation

None.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr James due to work.

3. Governance

a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

b) Freedom of Information

No new requests.

c) Code of Conduct - DPI

The Clerk confirmed SDC had accepted all the re-submitted forms.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 16th September 2019

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th September were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Keavy, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Housing needs survey – Sarah Brooke-Taylor

Sarah Brooke Taylor from WRCC attended the meeting and explained the organisation had been a charity since 1938 across Warwickshire. It runs a heating oil syndicate, the 'back and forth' minibus service, including special needs to school and organises volunteer drivers for charity groups. Sarah explained she was the Rural Housing Enabler and the last survey in Moreton Morrell was in 2015, so was due for update. She explained the process and the fact it needed to cover the whole parish, and only she would see the personal data.

Cllr Parry spoke of the reasons for survey, including input to SDC should any new planning applications come forward. It was agreed to do in January. Cllr Monks agreed to communicate and advertise beforehand on Facebook etc.

Sarah finished by telling the meeting that as of June 2019 there were 10 households on local authority list. All Cllrs voted unanimously to go ahead in January.

6. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry presented her pre-circulated report:-

Wellesbourne Airfield

Representatives from SDC attended the public meeting at Charlecote Pheasant and as announced at the meeting an aviation expert has been appointed to review the flying functions at the airfield and establish if there has been a breach of the Memorandum of Understanding and its impact on a CPO.

As highlighted at the meeting SDC fulfil a planning role in respect of the airfield and have no control in respect of landlords and tenancy matters. Jeremy Wright QC MP did set up a meeting with the Secretary of State for Aviation to discuss the situation of Wellesbourne Airfield with councillors and officers from SDC on Thursday 13th November at Westminster but this has been postponed in view of Purdah.

Recycling

Full Council approved the decision to invest £5 million in a new Material Recycling Facility (MRF) in conjunction with five other partner councils – Coventry City Council, Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council, Rugby Borough Council, North Warwickshire Borough Council, Solihull Metropolitan Council and Walsall Council.

The current contract runs until 2022 and on expiry the Council would need to make new arrangements for the reprocessing of material. Evidence from recent procurement exercises in both Coventry City Council and neighbouring authorities showed that the upward trend of cost was likely to continue with substantial rises as the private sector continued to move the risk of end market prices and legislation more and more to local authorities.

At the financial close of the build project, the Partner Council's would be jointly required to establish an arms-length company (AssetCo) to enter into contracts and to deliver the recycling solution, funded through loans from Partner Councils.

The project offered an opportunity to use the Council's investment power to reduce the long term cost of a key statutory service whilst potentially improving the quality of the recycling service offered and reduce the impact of climate change.

Garden Waste

Stratford-on-Avon District Council ('the Council') is facing significant financial and environmental pressures in the medium term. There has been a 60% reduction in central government grant funding which means that the Council must consider a number of options to close the budget deficit in future years. One option is to introduce a chargeable garden waste service to help the Council reduce the costs of service provision. This would also result in more environmentally friendly ways of dealing with garden waste, such as home composting.

Stratford-on-Avon District has one of the lowest 'Band D' equivalent Council Tax rates in the wider West Midlands region, as seen below:

Rank	Local Authority	Band 'D' Equivalent	Annual Garden Waste Charge	TOTAL
1	Warwick District Council	£166.86	Nil	£166.86
2	Wychavon District Council	£121.22	£53.00	£174.22
3	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	£139.12	£40.00 (proposed)	£179.12
4	North Warwickshire Borough Council	£207.30	NIL	£207.30
5	Rugby Borough Council	£189.72	£40.00	£229.72
6	Bromsgrove Borough Council	£223.00	£45.00	£268.00
7	Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	£233.66	£40.00	£273.66
8	Redditch Borough Council	£239.15	£40.00	£279.15

From 1 June 2020, the Council proposes to introduce an annual £40 charge per wheeled bin or equivalent sacks for the fortnightly collection of garden waste throughout the year. Additional bins/sacks would be charged at the same rate. A 5% discount in the first year would be offered to those residents who set up an annual Direct Debit for the service. The payment terms would be a single annual subscription fee payable in advance and non-refundable. Without this charge, the Council may have to consider discontinuing the existing garden waste service. The Council is interested in finding out:

- Whether residents would continue to use the garden waste service if it became chargeable;
- If so, how much would they be prepared to pay for the service; and
- If not, how would they dispose of their garden waste?
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Residents can take part in the consultation which expires on 19th November and this can be found on the Stratford District Council website - <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/consultation-performance/Garden-Waste-Service-Consultation.cfm?frmAlias=/GardenWasteConsultation/>

Parish Council Name Change

At the request of Lighthorne Heath Parish Council, it was agreed to change its name to Upper Lighthorne Parish Council to reflect the development of the new GLH settlements.

New Senior Management Structure

SDC has implemented a new senior management structure and David Buckland has been appointed Chief Executive with Tony Perks as Deputy Executive – both new roles reflect internal promotions. The Leader, Cllr Tony Jefferson is returning to office shortly following a hip replacement.

7. County Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry presented her pre-circulated report: -

Highways

A meeting was held with Patch Byrne in October with Eileen Edwards in attendance to discuss the major pothole issue opposite the fountain and Village Hall. WCC has put a works order in place for a chamber to be installed in a bid to divert the water from the spring but this can only be scheduled outside of the school term in view of traffic congestion. It is hoped this may be achieved without the need to close the road. In the meantime, it is being monitored and was last repaired on 8th November when WCC also erected some Ice warning signs.

Community Grants

A meeting is being held on 4th November to review the second round of applications and details of the awards are expected to be announced in December but there were no additional applications from Moreton Morrell PC.

Full Council

The Warwickshire Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan was approved and in terms of its review and achievements and I can confirm that the level of reoffending for our children and young people has continued to fall with a decrease of 44.3% against the previous year. In Warwickshire 27.3% of our service users reoffend and the YJS Partnership continues to strive to improve these figures further.

The number of First Time Entrance in the Youth Justice system has declined by 31.2% in 2018/19 compared to the previous year. Numerically the number of young people from Warwickshire who serve a custodial sentence is numerically very low with just five custodial sentences imposed on four children during 2019/19.

MP Surgery

For information, Jeremy Wright QC MP is giving a surgery at Kineton Village Hall on Tuesday 26th November at 7pm and interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

8. Warwickshire College Report

WCC submitted the following report, which was read by Cllr Slora:-

Farm

It's been a difficult couple of months on the farm due to the persistent wet weather, the winter crops that were due to be planted (barley and wheat), haven't been planted yet and it's now looking like the arable land will be all Spring cropped.

There's currently over 430 cattle on farm with 30 more calves being delivered this week. A further shed was converted in October to accommodate the calves hence enabling the increase in cattle numbers. The viewing platform, in the old parlour building, is currently being refurbished to provide a farm-based lecture room for the students and a facility to host external guests.

The rams were put out with the ewes on the 15th October so should start lambing in early March. The lambing weekend is planned for the 21st and 22nd of March 2020.

Estates

Estates have been very busy since September completing planned works and undertaking unscheduled maintenance activities. The street lighting upgrade between the Upper and Lower Campus is now complete, with the remaining 4no lights being replaced for low energy LED. There have been some issues with the heating pipework for Arden residential block and with ongoing work to repair 3no underground leaks. A new path has been installed outside the refectory and low energy LED lighting to the front of the building, both to improve safety. Various roof leaks to Cotswold Court have been repaired in recent weeks and a full condition survey of the rest of the roof has just been carried out. As part of our planned works, a staff kitchen and a fire escape in Cotswold Court were refurbished during half term. We are also in the process of an office utilisation survey to maximise the office space in Cotswold Court with a view to moving staff around to put academic areas together and use the office space more efficiently. The facilities manager is currently looking at Long Term Maintenance works and the 5-year plan to identify future works across the Moreton Morrell campus.

Moreton Hall

WCG recently concluded a series of stakeholder engagement events to share the ambitious plan to launch a national training hotel as part of a larger expansion of its education programmes within the newly formed Centre for Hospitality, Heritage and Tourism Skills based in Moreton Hall. In excess of 100 stakeholders attended the events which included input from the CEO, governors and industry representatives and an opportunity to tour the ground floor of the hall.

Staff and Students

Leamington FC and WCG have announced the renewal of their partnership and football academy following a successful first season. Launched in September 2018, the innovative collaboration sees WCG's football academy students train during the week at its Moreton Morrell College, with the team playing matches at Brakes' 3,000 capacity Phillips 66 Community Stadium.

Moreton Morrell Floristry Department continues to be successful with the Floristry students winning the college cup for the best stand at last weekend's British Floristry Association FleurEx trade event.

Supported Intern Students from Moreton Morrell College have secured work placements within Pets at Home in Coventry, Bistro at Leamington Spa College, Hatton Country World, Midcounties Co-Operative, Warwickshire County Council and the National Grid.

Saturday 19th October saw the first of four fun-filled Saturdays for just under 300 JLR employees. The college opened its doors at 3 sites, including Moreton Morrell, to deliver a wide range of 30 different subjects, ranging from Cake Decorating to Plumbing. It was a great success with excellent feedback from both participants and lecturers. We have another JLR day on the 16th November and so far, numbers are also looking healthy for this day.

After the report the subject of the Moreton Hall stakeholder meeting was discussed. Cllrs were disappointed that the Parish Council we're not invited as stakeholder, neither the Ward Member nor County Cllr. It was resolved the clerk would write to WCG and express the disappointment and request more involvement in future.

Clerk to write.

9. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

- a) **Playing Field – Cllr Slora lead**
 - i) **Safety repairs / playground inspection – Committee**
 - ii) **New equipment - Committee**
 - iii) **Fence installation – Cllr Parry**

iv) Dog fouling signs and farm drive posts - Clerk

Cllr Slora apologised for being too busy and requested to stand down as chair of the playing field sub- committee. Cllr Edwards offered to take over and this was agreed unanimously .

Cllr Edwards stated she met with Cllr Monks and a rep from Playdale. They quoted £150 for a new playing field safety inspection report. This was proposed by Cllr Keavy and seconded by Cllr Gordon and carried unanimously. The outcome of the report would enable the committee to decide on priorities for replacement. A wish list would also be generated from a survey. Cllr Monks stated she had already held small focus group on Kineton bus, and an open meeting was also suggested.

The clerk informed the meeting the fence had been completed, and now Steve Routly would install the dog fouling signs.

Clerk to arrange inspection and committee to ascertain equipment required and funding routes.

Finally, Cllr Parry suggest obtaining a dog fouling info pack from SDC. *Clerk to arrange.*

b) Planning – Cllr Parry
i) Update

Cllr Parry updated the meeting on recent applications (covered in the planning section of the minutes).

c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon
i) Update

Cllr Parry informed the meeting the some new 30mph signs and dragons' teeth were coming. She also said two volunteers had come forward to train for using the speed camera, it was agreed to publicise again as six were needed to run the training. *Cllr Monks to publicise.*

d) Village Appearance – All
i) School water trough repointing - Clerk
ii) Road drain by fountain – WCC plans – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry showed a picture of Wilcox Leys neighbours clearing their close and the brook, a great community initiative.

The clerk stated she had a quote for pointing the fountain of £185. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slora, seconded by Cllr Edwards and carried unanimously. It was agreed to do in the spring after the frost , and pothole works. *Clerk to order.*

The pothole was covered in the County Council report.

e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead
i) Update
ii) Rights of Way ‘restoring the record’ – Cllr Parry

Cllr Slora made the following report:-

Councillors Gordon has spoken to Mid Warwickshire College with regards putting new gates to replace the stiles into the field below the White House and opposite Galileo Farm.

Chris Hall has quoted £250 + VAT to clear the path between Brook Lane and Middletown style. He is also going to put a step in from the pavement at Brook Lane.

The gates to replace the stiles between Little Morrell and Brook Lane are still to be agreed with Jim Yarrow.

Cllr Slora proposed acceptance of the £250, Cllr Gordon seconded, and it was carried unanimously . *Committee to inform C Hall.*

It was also resolved to set aside a footpath budget for next year.

f) Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead
i) Update

It was reported the roof had still not been repaired . The meeting was informed Diane Coleman was not well, sympathies were expressed. *Clerk to write again*

Cllr Slora said the remembrance service went well. The clerk had received a thank you letter. Cllr Slora also stated the poppy was away being engraved.

g) College - Committee
i) Moreton Hall Hotel plans

Cllr Edwards explained further the Moreton Hall hotel plans. She stated there was a village communication session planned for the 18th December, but she had asked for a new date due to proximity to Christmas.

10. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) Communication strategy – Cllr Monks**
- b) VE day 75th (8/5/20) – Discussion**
- c) Defibrillator training - Clerk**

Cllr Monks explained some new communications measures, and it was agreed to hold an open public meeting prior to the next PC meeting on 20th January.

All agreed there should be a street party on 8/5/20, an would discuss further at the next meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting the Dr Gordon had agreed to undertake more defibrillator training in January and would supply dates . *Clerk to arrange.*

11. New items

- a) None.**

12 . Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

19/02600/FUL Erection of stable building with garage, tack room, washroom and barns; siting of horse walker; widening of access from Fosse Way and laying of hardstanding for access track and parking. Pipers Bath Farm, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9AF

After discussion it was resolved to send no reps, as in neighbouring parish . *Clerk to respond.*

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

19/02709/FUL Construction of an extension to the existing house, replacement of existing sections of timber cladding with Cotswold stone, and engineering works to re-design the terraces around the house. Mcgovern House Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell CV35 9BT.

No Objection sent

19/02784/TREE -T1 tulip tree - Remove lowest branch on roadside, remove large branch extending over garden wall and Arbutus tree. -T2 walnut - Reduce height by up to 2metres, pruning back to growth points. Prune lateral growth to shape and provide 1.5-2metres clearance of garage roof.

Orchard Cottage Middletown Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AU **No objection sent**

c. District Decisions for information

19/02172/FUL Two storey front extension and single storey rear and side extension and new garden wall to front. Fenestration changes and addition of timber cladding and render.

Treetops Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell CV35 9BT . **Permission with Conditions.**

19/00301/FUL Single storey side extension, installation of a new rooflight in existing roof.

Manor Stables Main Street Moreton Morrell CV35 9AL **Permission with Conditions**

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Orchard Cottage Middletown Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AU **Tree works approved**

19/01383/LDE Commercial storage yard .Abbotscroft Fosse Way Moreton Morrell CV35 9DF **Existing Lawful Development - Permitted**

13. Finance

a) Approval of payments (to be circulated)

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

1.	Walton Stone uk ltd	£96.00
2.	PKF External audit	£240.00
3.	EON Street Lightselec – Sept/Oct	£213.30
4.	P Gibbins villager September	£100.00
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	£1000.00
9.	MMCT Café 2 nd instalment grant	£150.00
10.	MMCT Village events grant	£300.00
11.	R P Hall grass cutting Sept	£94.37
12.	UBUS transport donation	£250.00
13.	Oriel glazing – fencing playing field	£650.00
14.	P Routly Salary	£708.03
15.	P Routly Expenses – Sept/Oct	£59.40
16.	BT Hall wifi Sept/Oct (P Routly)	£57.98

b) Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported the following receipts: -

1.	WCC Grant	£1000.00
2.	Precept	£11275.00

c) Mid Year budget update - Clerk

The Clerk had pre-circulated the mid-year report. Finances were healthy and no issues were raised.

14. Correspondence (most circulated by email but these particular items require short discussion)

a) Remembrance Sunday

Clerk read out a thank you letter from John Moverley, thanking the PC for their support.

15. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

It was resolved to add litter picking to the next agenda.

16. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent

None.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will held in the Village Hall, Moreton Morrell on Monday 20th January 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.