

# MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**PRESENT: Councillors:** A Parry(Chair), J Cleeton,  
J Gordon, J Ford, G Slora,  
**District Councillor:** A Parry  
**County Councillor:** A Parry  
**Clerk :** P Routly

7 members of the public

### **1. Public participation**

None.

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

Cllr Ford and Cllr Cleeton declared a personal interest in item 11a

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

Cllr Keavy, Cllr Greetham

### **4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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

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

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report:-

#### **Wellesbourne East District Councillor Report**

Nothing of any merit to report as it has been the holiday period, however construction of the Medical Centre is reported to be starting at the end of this month.

#### **Council Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### **6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report:-

#### **WCC Grants**

WCC has launched its annual grant scheme to help communities address local flooding issues. Applications for these grants are invited from Parish Councils. There is a limit of up to £5000 per location per annum. Further details and guidance documents are available from:  
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants#floodsgrant>

As a reminder the Community Grant scheme has been launched together with the Members Delegated Transport Budget and the closing date for applications is in October 2017. It would be helpful if any proposals or initiatives are raised with me in the first instance.

### **Dementia Friends**

Warwickshire County Council and partners are encouraging Warwickshire residents to become a Dementia Friend to pledge their support to people with dementia, and taking the number of Dementia Friends across the county to 30,000.

In Warwickshire, according to latest estimates, there are 7,500 people living with dementia and this is likely to rise to over 11,000 people in the next ten years. The fact is that most people in Warwickshire will be affected in some way by dementia during their lifetimes.

Dementia Friends is a national initiative led by the Alzheimer's Society based on the principle that people with dementia can live well with a little help from other people. Becoming a Dementia Friend is about understanding a bit more about dementia and the small things that can help people with the condition. You don't need to already know someone with dementia to become a Dementia Friend.

Become a Dementia Friend in the following ways:

Watch a short video to become a dementia friend [dementiafriends.org.uk](http://dementiafriends.org.uk)

Go along to a Dementia Friends session in your local area – you can find the nearest sessions on the Dementia Friends website: [dementiafriends.org.uk](http://dementiafriends.org.uk)

### **Home to School Transport Consultation**

Warwickshire County Council is considering a number of changes to the current Home to School Transport Policy. Parents/carers, children and young people, professionals and other members of the public are asked to comment on the proposals. To take part in the consultation visit <https://askwarks.wordpress.com/>

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

The next community forum is to be held on Thursday 21st September at St. Peter's Church Hall.

It was resolved to apply for a grant for ma table tennis table. *Clerk to copy Cllr Parry last years application.*

### **7. Warwickshire College Report**

No one from the College was present and no report was filed.

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

- a) **Playing Field – Cllr Cleeton**
  - i) **Lease Update– All**

Cllr Parry informed the meeting there was a meeting at college Chief Exec on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September to discuss the lease, and we are also seeking legal advice. We have issued a section

26 notice. Members of public raised concerns about equipment should college take possession. Cllr Cleeton confirmed all items were insured.

**b) Planning – Cllr Parry**  
**i) General Update / News**

Nothing new to report.

**c) Speed awareness – Cllr Gordon**  
**i) General Update / News**

Nothing new to report.

**d) Village Appearance – Cllr Keavy**  
**i) Highways issues - Verge damage/ Flooding – Cllr Slora / Cllr Parry**

Cllr Gordon, said a new bin was required outside pub, and a grit bin on Brook Lane. It was resolved unanimously for the clerk to order. *Clerk to order.*

Cllr Slora mentioned the response the Clerk had received on white lines and drains from Patch at WCC. It was also resolved to drop Patch Bryne a note about road signs by around village that haven't been picked up by contractors after work completion. *Clerk to follow up.*

**e) Footpaths and Trees – All**  
**i) Update- All**

Nothing new to report.

**f) Village Hall, Church and College – Cllr Cleeton / All**  
**i) College Update Report – Cllr Greetham**

Cllr Greetham had filed the following report :-

Since the last meeting Councillors have met five times informally to allow matters to progress regarding the Playing Field lease:

1. Immediately after the 17 July 2017 MMPC meeting in closed session - decision taken to consider legal action, arrange public meeting, leaflet all households and prepare press campaign. Attended by those at PC meeting.
2. Monday 24 July 2017 - to review plans for public meeting, press release etc. and consider legal advice - see separate minute by AP. Attended by AP, JG, BK, GS, JC
3. In closed session following the public meeting on Monday 31 July 2017 - to agree to proceed with issue of legal notices. Attended by AP, JC, JG, GS, EG.
4. Thursday 24 August 2017. Attended by EG, AP and GS to review request for a meeting
5. Monday 4 September 2017. Attended by AP, JC, JG, BK, GS, JF, EG to review progress and WCG legal response and discuss forthcoming meeting with WCG

Key matters and action covered at these meetings include:

- We received a response to our letter to WCG suggesting ToRs acceptable to us. WCG rejected our suggestions to widen the ToR in order to break the direct link between the PF lease and our agreement to support housing on Triangle Field. This meant that discussions could not proceed as we have not established and shared ToRs.
- This letter also made it clear that unless we accept the proposed 1-year extension (which our lawyers advise against) WCG would take possession of the PF from 1 October 2017.
- We therefore sought further advice from Pinsent Masons about now issuing a Section 26 Notice in order to establish our statutory rights in relation to the lease. We were advised to issue this and a further Section 40 notice seeking confirmation of ownership which were duly issued following a decision at our meeting on 31 July 2017.

- We **agreed** to issue the notices and a budget of £500 plus VAT
- We held a public meeting on 31 July to gauge villager reaction to the PF situation and to check that villagers believed we were pursuing the correct strategy – see Anne Parry papers re. this meeting for further detail. This meeting was well attended and we received strong support, a separate minute was prepared by Anne Parry.
- We **agreed** a press release which was issued widely on 1 August 2017. There has been subsequent press coverage of our [#savemoretomorrellplayingfield](#) campaign, and a letter from WCG Chair appeared in Stratford Herald the following week. There was also a separate article about WCG plans for Moreton Hall, and subsequent articles about the dispute.
- We distributed 2 notices to every home in the village – one inviting people to the public meeting and the second an update on action being taken by MMPC. A letter from AJ, Principal of WCG was also delivered to all homes by WCG.
- We **agreed** a small budget for materials to promote our Playing Field campaign, these have been printed and distributed and achieved strong interest and support from villagers.
- WCG appointed lawyers and responded to our Section 26 and Section 40 notices.
- Their first response invited us to continue dialogue rather than pursue the legal route.
- Their second response confirmed Warwickshire College as the owner of the PF, and rejected our claim as a Business Lease. Nonetheless they sought, without prejudice, to set out the objections they would use if the Section 26 action proceeds.
- We **agreed** to respond to WCG suggestion of a meeting to see if this can be resolved amicably. AP JG and EG will meet with AJ and others from WCG on 21 September to see if this can be progressed.
- We **agreed** a further budget of circa £800 plus VAT to seek further legal guidance on the detail of their response and our current position especially regarding the approaching end date of the current lease, and for further guidance if needed. We have also sought to ensure that we are achieving best value from Pinsent Mason and are content that this is so.
- We **agreed** to seek a clear agenda from WCG for the 21 September meeting. This has been agreed.

#### Other College Matters

- A letter has been sent to MM College about traffic and tannoy noise in advance of the forthcoming Horse Trials on 22/23 September 2017.

#### Next steps

- We await responses to our legal queries following the WCG response to our Section 26 notice
- Meeting with WCG on 21 September

Cllr Parry asked to record a note of thanks to Cllr Greetham for all her work.

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

#### **a) Lengthmanship scheme – Cllr Cleeton**

Cllr Cleeton stated she had asked the Wellesbourne clerk for an update, as we have several jobs, she responded that he had resigned, and they were seeking a new one, and try to negotiate an extension of funding.

#### **b) Defibrillator installation – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Parry reported the electrician intends to install this week. It will be unlocked. She expressed thanks to the Dr's Gordon for holding training sessions. She would also look at signage when installed.

**c) Village twinning- Cllr Gordon**

Cllr Gordon said there was no update on twinning.

**d) Oak Tree close White Lines – Cllr Cleeton / Clerk**

Cllr Cleeton said the White lines were not viable via lengthman as specialist equipment was required. It was resolved for the Clerk to follow up with Orbit. *Clerk to follow up.*

**e) WCC Grant application - Cllr Parry / Cllr Ford**

As discussed earlier it was resolved to submit an application for a table tennis table.

**10. New items**

**a) Road safety initiatives – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Parry mentioned she has a WCC allocation and was looking at measures in Newbold Pacey, but would also consider Moreton Morrell, in particular a new flashing speed sign on Duffus Hill, all agreed a new sign would be welcome.

**b) 100th Anniversary or Great War - Beacon Lighting Ceremony 7pm on 11th November 2018 - Clerk**

It was reported that we were waiting for school to get back to Cllr Greetham.

Cllr Parry stated she was been approached by John Moverley who asked whether more should be done at Remembrance Day this year. The general view was there were other events. Therefore, it was resolved to leave to next year. *Cllr Parry agreed to respond.*

**11 . Planning**

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

17/02479/FUL Two storey front extension; single storey side and rear extension .12 Oaktree Close Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell CV35 9BB

Cllr Parry stated that after personal considerations were taken into account the council was not quorate on this matter. She gave members of public opportunity to speak, the applicants said they had taken on board previous comments. It was resolved to decide on a response with other Council members not present and respond by email.

The outcome was no representation, and the clerk responded

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

17/01503/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of side and rear one and half storey extensions.The Green Middletown Moreton Morrell CV35 9AU . **No Objection**

**c. District Decisions for information**

17/01207/FUL Self Contained Annex Building. East Lodge Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 . **Application Withdrawn.**

**12. Finance**

**a) Approval of payments**

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

1.	CJ Carpentry(Cleeton Prichard) installation of village signs	£400.00
2.	SDC Dog bin emptying	£253.80
3.	EON Street Lightselec – July/ Aug	£152.00
4.	Village Hall rent Sept + 5 other meetings	£90.00
5.	R.P Hall and Sons Grass cutting July	£456.00
6.	WCC allotment rent	£180.00
7.	D Gordon Def batteries	£53.08
8.	Prinsent Mason legal costs	£626.88
9.	P Routly Salary	£680.45
10.	P Routly Expenses – July / Aug	£117.89
11.	PATA payroll services	£12.50
12.	BT Hall wifi Aug/ Sept (cheque P Routly)	£93.48
13.	Campaign banners – A Parry	£486.00

**b) Receipts**

None.

**13. Correspondence ( new)**

The Clerk informed the meeting all correspondence had been pre-circulated by email.

- a) **WCC Flood grant**
- b) **WALC events and training 2018**
- c) **SDC code of conduct**
- d) **WCC cancer champion**
- e) **Litter strategy**
- f) **WALC area mtg 20/9**
- g) **Big lottery fund**
- h) **WCC Community Computer Scheme 2017**
- i) **Home to School Transport Consultation**

**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 meeting will be held in the Village Hall or Church Room, Moreton Morrell on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

There being no further business the public meeting closed at 8.30 pm.