

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th March 2018

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

4 members of the public

1. Public participation

Simon Hetherington asked about the status of the planning permission for the new sheds at Galileo Farm. Cllr Parry confirmed permission had been granted a few years ago.

2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Keavy due to work commitments.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 15th January 2018

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th January were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Cleeton, seconded by Cllr Slora, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report:-

Council Tax

Stratford on Avon District Council is increasing its element of the council tax by 1%, Warwickshire County Council by 4.99%, Police and Crime Commission by 6.25% which means the rate for a Band D property in Moreton Morrell will be £1773.07 which is similar to other smaller settlements. The element of Council Tax which goes to Stratford District Council is £137.07 per annum for a Band D property.

The 6.25% increase by the PCC follows an extensive consultation with residents throughout Warwickshire and equates to an extra £1 per month and means the force can retain around 33 police officer posts that might otherwise have been lost.

Stratford-upon-Avon Area Transport Strategy

Cabinet agreed to bring the draft plan for the Stratford-upon-Avon Area Transport Strategy to the next Full Council Meeting for debate and discussion. Personally, I feel that it lacks detailed

evidence for the proposals which also includes plans for an Eastern Relief Road, although there is no funding for such a scheme and my concerns are that it would necessitate huge swathes of development to support its development further increasing traffic measures throughout all the villages including Moreton Morrell. But in particular, it would have a major impact on Wellesbourne.

6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report:-

Council Tax

WCC voted in favour of a 4.99% increase in Council Tax of which a 2% increase has been ring-fenced to help fund the increased pressures on Adult Social Care and Childrens' Services. This will represent an increase of £1.25p per week on a Band D property.

Due to the success of Warwickshire's growing economy and its prudent management of finances, the county is on a sound footing to protect important front line services and in particular the most vulnerable people. The following additional investment was also agreed at the Budget Meeting in February:

- Invest £300,000 over two years in Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol services.
- Invest £200,000 to attract £12million into digital fibre optic hubs in 20 schools. This will allow the Schools and surrounding communities to benefit from a broadband experience at new superfast Gigabit speed.
- Invest £330,000 into dedicated provision for school based Special Education needs. A local approach to keep vulnerable children in their own school community.
- Invest £108,000 to maintain Sunday opening in WCC's main Libraries and support the volunteers and community groups that operate from these libraries. WCC will also invest £100,000 in digitalisation of its heritage collection, linking the villages and town of Warwickshire, the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1 and Coventry City of Culture – this will enable the county to keep a record and cherish the memories of Warwickshire folk.
- Last year WCC created the Capital Investment Fund. In 12 months WCC has been able to invest up to £30m extra in projects and this investment fund will be continued.

The next full council meeting is being held on Tuesday 20th March 2018.

7. Warwickshire College Report

Angela Joyce sent the follow report, which was read out:-

Farm

It has been a busy few months at Nethermoreton Farm. Lambing is now in full swing with the first lambs being born on the 23rd of February and they have come thick and fast since then. Currently 220 sheep have lambed with 330 left to go. Lambing weekend is planned for the 17th and 18th March. Aimed at families with 4-7 year old children we will be showcasing our new

lambs, offering a welly walk, a chance to sit on a tractor and a tour of our exotic animals too. We look forward to hopefully, seeing you at the lambing weekend where there will be the opportunity to see the new farming system that has been implemented over the last 18 months.

The farm has also continued to stock its new beef system and has just commenced some trials to look at feed conversion efficiencies in beef cattle. There has been continued investment in drainage around the farm to improve productivity and the track at Newbold has been reinstated to improve access for machinery and for walkers on the footpath.

Feed conversion trials are currently underway on the farm (GENUS funded all systems) and we can access all data and manage the day to day husbandry.

Moreton Morrell is hosting the Regional Young Farmers Rally on the 14th May 2018. Over 400 regional young farmers will be visiting the site to compete against one another in a variety of farming, horticultural, countryside and fun activities.

Estate

The new sports hall is now getting regular bookings from local clubs and teams including Wellesbourne cricket club, Leamington netball club, Aylseford basketball club, and Warwickshire Hawkes (basketball). We are actively seeking ideas to further extend this.

We are also waiting to hear about our planning application to put in a new rugby pitch, an all-weather pitch and a multi-use games area next to the sports hall to further enhance the facilities we can offer.

Community

Gatherum centre students are all now starting work placements internally and in the community.

Staff and Students

Moreton Morrell hosted the Farriery England Trials in January 2018.

Successful pheasant shoot over the Christmas period.

The Equine Centre hosted an extremely successful Area 5 Riding Club Points Show Jumping Teams and Individuals competition in January with record number of entries and excellent feedback from the competitors.

The Students Union hosted a Blue Monday event, tea and cake event with the local vicar, well attended.

Open event Saturday 27th January – 10-1pm.

Parents evening Tuesday 30th January, 4.30-7.30pm.

HE open event on the 10th February & Mad Dash & Equine event.

Applicant event on 13th February 5-7.30pm.

Young Farmer Rally to go ahead on the 19th May to be hosted on the farm.

Lambing weekend 17/18th March, 26th Feb is the residential rota.

HE Zone

In January, our students from the Gatherum Centre embarked on the first of our community work experience projects at Redwings Equine Centre at Oxhill, working on the outside planters and tubs around the site. Our students together with members of staff were driven in a college mini bus to Redwings Equine Centre, armed with plants and tools, all dressed in their PPE. The mission was to tidy up plants in the wooden half barrel planters, replenish old plants and replant with stock grown at the Gatherum Centre.

Open Events

Moreton Morrell College hosted their Open Event in January and despite the inclement weather, the feedback we received from prospective students and their families expressed how much they enjoyed seeing the campus and fantastic facilities on offer even in the rain!

We welcomed 123 prospective students - once again beating our target. Our next open event is on Wednesday 28th March 5.30-8pm.

The Moreton Morrell College annual Affiliated Horse Trials will take place on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd of May and the unaffiliated Horse Trials on Sunday 6th May.

Courses / Curriculum

The new Raccoon Dog enclosure is now complete at the Animal Welfare Centre and following the inclusion of exciting enrichment for the animals by the students.

The college has just had our annual 'Get Set' week across all of our colleges which is designed to help students through the often confusing maze of choices - so their careers can 'Get Set' in the right direction. The week focuses on the following 3 key themes:

1. 'Get Set' for further study
2. 'Get Set' for work
3. 'Get Set' for starting a business

The college hosted the Approved Training Farrier (ATF) day 9th March 2018. 71 ATF's from all over the country attended the training regarding the Worshipful Company of Farriers Diploma Examination. The training was split into four sections to bring all training Farriers up to speed on technical aspects on several topics to improve the future of horse shoeing. The feedback received has been very positive and the day was enjoyed by all.

Our students studying in the Gatherum Centre continue to do Community Work Experience at Redwings. The mission was to tidy up plants in the wooden half barrel planters, replenish old plants and replant with stock grown at the Gatherum Centre. Our students really enjoyed this wonderful work experience opportunity, which will continue throughout the academic year.

Moreton Morrells Animal Welfare students have just enjoyed an education trip to Crufts.

Cllrs thanked the College for complimentary tickets for lambing event - all were used.

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Cleeton

- i) College damage and Culvert – Clerk / Cllr Cleeton**
- ii) Repairs, quote update – Cllr Cleeton**

Cllr Cleeton said 3 quotes were reviewed for repairs by the committee. They had concluded that CJ Carpentry at around £550 to repair the boards on skate park and reset the picnic bench should be awarded the work. All agree unanimously to go ahead.

Cllr Cleeton stated the college attempt at fencing on the playing field was unsatisfactory, and some already fallen down. Cllr Parry confirmed she would raise with the college next week.

Cllr Parry had stated she had communication from a villager offering to fund raise for the playing field. She had confirmed the offer was very welcome, but the lease status needed to be resolved first.

b) Planning – Cllr Parry

- i) Public Exhibition - Villager Consultation on Development Proposals for Moreton Morrell**

Cllr Parry talked about approaches from 2 developers. One (the College) proposing a development on triangle field and part of playing field, the other from Spitfire homes on Brook Lane for 27 homes inc playing field (gifted). Due to SDC planning policy, any development must have village support. The PC resolved to seek villagers input, so were proposing an exhibition 19th April and 21st April, both in village hall.

Developers would present their proposal, and the PC would confirm its role. Villagers would be asked to vote on preferences, one, the other, or none at all. A communication would go out, and it would be publicised in the villager. An A3 leaflet would also be circulated. The PC agreed to cover the printing, hall and refreshments to a cost of £300. This was proposed by Cllr Slora, seconded by Cllr Cleeton and carried unanimously.

c) Speed awareness – Cllr Gordon

- i) College Traffic speeding issues – All**

Several Cllrs raised the issue of college students speeding, Cllr Gordon said the previous strategy was to take number plates and report to the College. Katrina Keavy reported that two cars were driving dangerously on farm drive and she had to jump out of the way as one overtook the other. Cllr Parry asked the clerk to report incident and asked Katrina to write. Cllr Parry said she would also mention on Monday at college meeting. *Clerk to write.*

d) Village Appearance – Cllr Keavy

- i) Grit bins – all**

Cllr Cleeton stated she was due to meet Patch from WCC to agree location of the grit bin opposite the school, but he was busy due to snow. Cllr Cleeton said she would follow up again. All Cllrs thanked the Clerk for sorting the white lines at the hall entrance.

- e) **Footpaths and Trees – All**
 - i) **Stile – Yarrow land – Clerk**
 - ii) **Footpaths – Wiggins land – All**
 - iii) **Rights of Way ‘restoring the record’ – Cllr Parry**

The Clerk confirmed Mr Yarrow had dealt with his fence. A letter was read out from Ed and Sam Wiggins explaining that they had done their best to sort the footpaths at the old stables, but it was possibly not the best solution. Cllrs recorded thanks and agreed to make contact to see if a better solution. *Cllr Slora to follow up.*

Cllr Parry stated she had started work on the ‘restoring the record project’. Files had been reviewed and two types of OS maps had been ordered. The plan is to concentrate on a few specific paths, pub alley across box field to the wood. Wellington drive to farm drive, Newbold Pacey Road to Wellesbourne, add playing field to Ashorne. No help is required currently.

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

Cllr Greetham read out report on college and meetings.

Councillors Gordon, Parry and Greetham attended a Working Group meeting with WCG on 29 January, at which an initial potential development plan for Triangle Field and Playing Field were discussed. This was refined following substantial comments from Councillors, and further refined when more comments were submitted by e-mail.

The resulting draft plan was then presented to an informal meeting of all councillors attended by Roger Bevan of WCG and their architect, Richard Hardy, on 26 February.

At this time, Councillors agreed that this proposal and a further proposal from another developer for a different site should be presented to Villagers for comment and identified dates – 19th and 21st April.

A further Working Group meeting is booked for 26 March at 6.30pm.

Cllr Cleeton pointed out some new pictures the village hall.

Cllr Parry talked about the hall heating, and asked the hall committee members present to set up a meeting.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) **Code of Conduct declarations – Clerk**

The Clerk asked Cllrs to complete and return declarations after recent approval of the new code of conduct.

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

Cllr Greetham stated she was leading the working group, they were joining up with school and church inc bell ringing.

10. New items

a) Lengthmanship scheme – Cllr Cleeton

Cllr Cleeton stated a new lengthman had been appointed, and there was a meeting but she could not attend. There would be a new time arranged to suit. Jobs being proposed include painting the fence coming into the village, and cleaning the Bus stop.

11 . Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

18/00172/FUL Garage conversion with dormers front and rear (Resubmission of 17/02646/FUL). East Lodge Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BX. **Objection sent**
17/03056/VARY Variation of condition no. 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission reference 15/00375/FUL dated 7th April 2015, to amend the approved plans to allow for changes to the materials, design and footprint of the dwellings. Original description of development: Erection of three detached dwelling house with ancillary garaging, formation of new access and drives serving each property and other related works. Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian. Brookside Fosse Way Moreton Morrell CV35 9DF. **No Repts sent.**

18/00593/TREE -T1 cedar - Remove 2no. lower limbs overhanging LPG storage tank and remove storm damaged limbs. -T2 walnut - Reduce by up to 20% to shape. -T3 larch - Fell. The Old Vicarage Brook Lane Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AT. **No objection sent.**

c. District Decisions for information

None.

12. Finance

a) Approval of payments

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

1.	WCC Street light repair	£71.92(paid)
2.	WCC Annual Street Light maintenance	£122.88
3.	EON Street Lightselec – Jan/Feb	£144.65
4.	R.P hall farm drive cutting	£756.00
5.	Village Hall rent march + feb extra	£30.00
6.	P Routly Salary	£686.10
7.	P Routly Expenses – Jan/Feb	£155.72
8.	PATA payroll services	£17.50
9.	HMRC	£1.20
10.	BT Hall wifi (cheque P Routly)	£91.85

b) Receipts

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1.	Allotment rent (sept)	£180.00
2.	Grant WCC District	£1000.00
3.	Allotment rent (march)	£180.00

4. VAT return £996.03

It was agreed all would look as table tennis costs to spend the WCC grant.

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

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

a) Planning training – 12/4

Cllr Greetham said she was planning to attend and would register

b) WALC events 2018

c) Bus Shelter – M Howarth

A letter was read out from Mr Howarth stating the bus stop was a mess. It was resolved to look and report back at the next meeting.

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 and AGM will be held in the Village Hall, Moreton Morrell on Monday 21st May 2018.

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