

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20th March 2017

PRESENT: Councillors: A Parry (Chair), J Cleeton, J Gordon,
B Keavy (from 8.00pm), J Ford,
E Greetham
District Councillor: A Parry
County Councillor: D Kendall (until 8.30pm)
Clerk : P Routly

4 members of the public

1. Public participation

Mrs Mousley raised the subject of Leylandi trees that had been planted by the entrance to the playing field. Cllr Cleeton explained it was with permission of SDC to stop dog disturbance at a nearby property and to protect a drain cover from damage. Mrs Mousley said she was concerned about the possible height, Cllr Cleeton said the height was limited to 1m or 1.5m and would confirm, she would also ask Mr Hall that the posts at each end are the same height. There was also a concern over some wire; Cllr Parry said she would check with Cllr Cleeton. Mr Hetherington asked for an update on Village / College affairs. Cllr Parry and Cllr Greetham explained little had changed wrt access, but the PC was still follow up. There is a meeting planned with WCG on 28th March to discuss the playing field. Mr Hetherington asked about previous minutes from years ago as they may support villager's case, the Clerk responded these available and she would liaise with him. He also asked about access the new sports gym at the college, Cllrs replied they thought it was part of the conditions to allow some community access but the property was not finished yet. Finally, the formation of a villager led college access group was discussed.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Cleeton and Cllr Ford declared an interest in possible 13 Oak tree development.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Slora, Alison Gregory (The Villager)

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 23rd January 2017

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd January were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Cleeton, seconded by Cllr Ford, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry pre-filed the following report and went through the main details :-

Council Tax

The Council Tax rates were agreed and approved at Full Council on 27th February and the Band D household rate for Moreton Morrell will be £1,694.32 per annum. The increase reflects a 2% SDC Council Tax increase for which the contribution per Band D Household is £135.71; with the Parish precept up to £67.75. The police precept for Warwickshire is £191.98 and the main proportion of the Council Tax is in respect of the County Council which includes funding of adult social care, education, transport and highways, fire and rescue, libraries, public health, waste disposal etc. In addition, the Budget was approved providing adequacy of reserves over the next five years.

New Transport Strategy for Stratford

Stratford District Council is working with Warwickshire County Council to develop a new Transport Strategy for Stratford. It proposes a range of approaches to ease congestion, reduce traffic in central areas, improve air quality, protect the historic core of the town and improve the opportunities for travel by public transport, by cycle and on foot.

The public consultation was launched at a fourth Stratford Traffic Summit hosted by Nadhim Zahawi MP on February 9th 2017 at the Stratford Arts House on Rother Street. The consultation will run until 23rd March 2017.

Previous traffic summits have explored the key transport issues in Stratford-upon-Avon and identified the need to relieve traffic congestion on the Birmingham Road and explore opportunities for a relief road / third river crossing as priorities for action.

Approaches proposed in the strategy include: supporting the delivery of relief roads to the south and west of Stratford to link the A46 at Wildmoor with the B439 Evesham Road; a new relief road to the east of the town to route through traffic away from Clopton Bridge; revising town centre streets to reduce traffic and improve the environment for pedestrians; focusing long stay parking on out of centre areas and developing the provision of Park and Ride; improving facilities for walking and cycling; improving rail and road connections with key locations, such as supporting the proposals to upgrade the A46 between the M40 and M5 and improving connectivity between Stratford and the proposed HS2 interchange and wider UK Central area.

Stratford District Council is holding this public consultation to share its proposed improvement ideas for Stratford-upon-Avon and to ask people's views. The shared vision is for Stratford to be a better place to live, work and visit.

Whilst I acknowledge Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council need to put future infrastructure plans in place to ease traffic congestion in and around Stratford-upon-Avon, I am opposed to the specific proposals being put forward for an Eastern Relief Road, which would dissect open countryside to join the A429 at Wellesbourne. Whilst the proposal for an Eastern Relief Road is a conceptual idea, as funding is totally prohibitive and could only be funded by regional or national grants, I believe it is important to voice our concerns now as the harm it would cause, particularly to Wellesbourne and Charlecote, far outweighs any benefits:

- The number of vehicles including HGV's travelling through the surrounding villages would significantly increase, adding to the existing rat runs caused by Jaguar Land Rover commuters and by the impact of the GLH development.
- The provision of an Eastern Relief Road would inevitably attract more housing in a bid to help fund its construction.

- An Eastern Relief Road would urbanise the south of Stratford-upon-Avon and result in losing swathes of valuable countryside, which would be lost forever.

It will still be important for the parish council to take part in the consultation process even though the parish is not directly impacted by the proposals.

<https://askwarks.wordpress.com/2017/02/10/stratford-upon-avon-area-transport-strategy-consultation/>

Community Forum

The Wellesbourne and Kineton Community Forum was held at Ashorne Village Hall on Thursday 2 March when guest speakers included Jo Edwards, WCC Principal Road Safety Engineer and Chloe McCart, WCC School Organisation Planning Manager. Andrew Marshall, Chairman of NPAPC also gave an inciteful presentation on the hazardous road issues in respect of Newbold Road.

In a nutshell WCC advised that a lack of funding meant it was difficult to address speed reduction measures on the road due to higher priorities elsewhere in the county, but were now far better informed of the issues due to Andrew's excellent presentation.

Chloe McCart advised on the impact of new developments on the local primary schools in Wellesbourne, Moreton Morrell and Kineton as well as Kineton High School and Moreton Morrell College. She talked about the anticipated number of pupils per year group for new housing numbers and whilst there was capacity in some of the schools many places were being filled as a result of preferences from parents living both in and outside the local area. Priority on application would be given to children from the immediate area.

It was resolved to complete the SDC Transport survey with the following concerns:-

- 1) The provision of an Eastern Relief Road will increase the number of vehicles including HGV's travelling through the surrounding villages, adding to the existing rat runs fuelled by JLR and later by the impact of GLH.
- 2) The provision of an Easter Relief Road is likely to attract more housing between Wellesbourne and Tiddington in a bid to help fund its construction! (There would be no funding from SDC, WCC for a road of this scale – so it would have to come from government, LEP, West Midlands Combined Authority if at all)
- 3) An Eastern Relief Road would urbanise the south of Stratford-upon-Avon – in particular Tiddington and Wellesbourne - and result in losing swathes of valuable countryside, which will be lost forever.

Cllrs to complete the complete survey.

6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr Kendall

Cllr Kendall stated the Wellesbourne's Council view on the Eastern by-pass proposal was also one of rejection. The precept increase from WCC is 4% (inc 2% for social care). Addition 30mph speed signage is being investigated. Cllr Kendall also agreed to follow up on highways actions including white lining.

7. Warwickshire College Report

No one was present from WCG , but the following report was received:-

Partnership with Blue Cross Cattery is now in place to support the rehoming of cats.

Beef and Sheep Farm Developments have enabled investment in the farm and has improved the agricultural students' practical experience. The arable farming is still underway and we are working with a local farmer.

Pilot BHS new examination system has been completed and Moreton Morrell hosted the Fellowship of the British Horse Society exam this month, the highest level within the BHS.

New HE Agriculture Provision is in place for September and will focus of the technological aspects of the industry.

Partnership with Lands Eventing, based locally, to support the Horse Trials and other events. Horse Trials dates are 3rd and 4th May and an unaffiliated event on 7th May.

We continue to experience problems with trespassers on the site. We would welcome support from the Parish Council to address this as these individuals continue to disregard the College's safeguarding requirements and often respond inappropriately to College staff who need to uphold the legislative duties of the College.

We are pleased the Parish Council has now agreed to meet us and this will take place on 28th March 2017.

Cllrs did not agree with the trespass aspect of the college report.

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Cleeton

i) Lease / WCG meeting 28th March – All

The lease is to be discussed with WCG on 28th March. A mandate was agreed for the discussions , including the reference to the prior John Taylor Way development.

ii) Skate park repairs – Cllr Cleeton

Cllr Cleeton stated a skate park user had reported a few minor repair issues and she would seek quotes.

Cllr Cleeton stated there was also a request from Mr Hill to move the dog bins away from his premises, to the fence, this was agreed unanimously. *Cllr Cleeton to arrange.*

b) Planning – Cllr Parry

i) 13 Oak Tree Close Appeal - debate

The planning committee agreed to send the following response:-

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application based on the following planning reasons: Overdevelopment of the site for two dwellings on a site which would normally accommodate just one property.

Out of character with other two storey homes in Oaktree Close – which are all three bedroom properties

The parking survey was conducted during the school holidays and therefore reflected times when families were away and consequently more parking spaces were visible at this time. At the Planning East Committee, Cllr Chris Kettle highlighted that he had been unable to park his car in Oak Tree Close at a site visit he undertook at 5.30pm due to lack of parking provision, which is reflected by the following:

There are just 28 parking bays for more than 40 properties in Oak Tree Close. Whilst there is some street parking, this is limited as on street parking restricts the use of some of the parking bays and vice versa. The white lines denoting parking spaces are no longer visible in many places and this is further fuelled at weekends by inconsiderate parking by other villagers and visitors using the Recreation Ground with their children taking more spaces. The addition of four extra cars is therefore a major concern to ALL the residents, particularly those living close to 13 Oaktree Close being adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

The problem is further exacerbated with cuts to the bus services meaning local residents are more reliant on their cars than ever – there are just three buses a day through Moreton Morrell and the X18 to Wellesbourne from Newbold Pacey was stopped in June 2016. With an average of two cars per household in the close, ie 80 cars, parking is a major issue.

This application was amended several times and we welcomed the removal of the dormer windows. The Parish Council has been happy to meet with the applicants during the planning process and continue to state that we have no objection to one three bedroom detached or attached dwelling which is in line with the Housing Needs Survey undertaken in December 2015. This identified the need for just one open market house, but strongly believe two properties sandwiched into the close adjacent to No. 13 brings added chaos to existing parking issues and is out of character with the rest of the developments.

At the time of this submission there are currently three Orbit Housing properties on the Home Choice Plus website in Moreton Morrell including a property in Oak Tree Close which have been advertised for months, as the existing tenants are trying to move to Wellesbourne, which offers public transport, shops, medical services, post office and a bank.

There is no public transport to Wellesbourne which is 3.5 miles away and there are no pedestrian footways to get to the village. Moreton Morrell is no longer a sustainable village and Stratford District Council has now fulfilled its LSV quota.

Clerk to send response.

c) Speed awareness – Cllr Gordon

i) Update

Cllr Gordon reiterated Cllr Kendall's report, in that they were investing another 30mph flashing sign. He also attended the Community Forum and spoke to PC Catherine Morgan about use of the speed gun, she stated this not encourage as people were being abused.

d) Village Appearance – Cllr Keavy

i) Village signs / planter removal

ii) Highways issues - Verge damage/ Flooding – Cllr Kendall / Cllr Slora

Cllr Keavy said he had made a start on the planters, but help was needed. Cllr Ford said she had a quote of £275 to remove the planters, relocating the soil and plants to the church. This was proposed by Cllr Parry, seconded by Cllr Greetham, and carried unanimously. Once the planters are removed the new signs will be installed. *Cllr Keavy to follow up.*

No follow up on highways as Cllr Slora was not present and Cllr Kendall had left.

- e) **Footpaths and Trees – All**
i) **Footpaths Update inc farm drive - All**
ii) **College Access Update – Cllr Parry**

The clerk informed the meeting a definitive map from WCC had been circulated and was also posted on the website.

College access was covered in public participation.

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

The church warden filed the following report:-

- We are currently busily preparing for Easter. We will be having our annual Good Friday lunch in the new room and have a 9.45am Service on Easter Day. All very welcome.
- Barn Service. We are also mid planning our 3rd Annual Barn service on 18th June. This year it will be held at Chesterton Fields farm just off the Fosse. The Service has been very popular even for those who do not normally attend Church. This year it is being held as part of the 'Bringing Communities Together' weekend set up by the widow of Jo Cox MP. Bishop Christopher of Coventry has confirmed his attendance. More details to follow in the magazine.
- The new Room. The very good news is that we seem to have overcome all the problems that we have encountered including the damp problems (although time will of course tell) and this week have accepted Practical completion of the building from the contractors. We are now putting the finishing touches to the room include fitting of the new kitchen. The room will then be able to be used for a multitude of activities for the community to complement the village hall.
- On the 8th April at 9.30am we are having our Spring spruce up of the Church and Churchyard. All help gratefully received. Tea and cakes to all who attend!

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

- i) **Lengthmanship scheme – Cllr Cleeton**

Cllr Cleeton said she was following up with Wellesbourne.

- ii) **Phone box adoption / Defibrillator – Cllr Parry**

Cllr parry reported she had bene successful in the grant application with BHF , and had been awarded a defibrillator and training aids . The Duncan's, who are doctors from 1 John Taylor Way would look after until installation could be arranged in the phone box. They would also arrange appropriate training.

The Clerk informed the meeting she had the contract for phone box adoption, and had circulated. Cllr Parry proposed signature, Cllr Gordon seconded and it was carried unanimously.

- iii) **Village twinning- Cllr Gordon**

Cllr Gordon informed the meeting the community of Millwood, Virginia where the Randolph's settled after leaving Moreton Morrell were going to make a proposal .

10. New items

- i) Garden House pavement damage – Cllr Cleeton**
- ii) Street lights - Clerk**

It was resolved to write to the owner of Garden House to ask them to arrange re-instatement of the pavement after damage by their builders. *Clerk to write.*

The Clerk informed the meeting she had arrange for the temporary repair of the lamp on John Taylor Way, she would check with WCC if it could be left this way, if not a new post and lamp is approx. £1000. She also confirmed the new lamp colour on Oak Tree was the standard for Warwickshire. *Clerk to follow up.*

11. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

17/00426/FUL Proposed two storey extension to front and rear elevation .12 Oaktree Close Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell CV35 9BB. **Objection**

17/00491/TPO -T1 Turkey oak: remove deadwood, epicormic growth. Reduce/cut back canopy over house to create 2metre clearance. Rebalance crown if required. -T2 small oak: Fell.

Warwick House Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AR . **No Reps.**

c. District Decisions for information

16/03957/FUL Proposed replacement of existing conservatory. Three Gates House Fosse Way Three Gates Moreton Morrell CV35 9DE. **Permission with conditions**

d. Other

B4100 GLH feedback , next meeting 13th March.

Minutes to be circulated.

12. Finance

a) Approval of payments

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

1.	WCC Street light replacement	£363.20
2.	WCC Annual Street Light maintenance	£127.63
3.	EON Street Lightselec – Jan/Feb	£132.25
4.	WCG playing field rent	£406.05
5.	Village Hall rent march	£15.00
6.	BT phonebox adoption	£1.00
7.	P Routly Salary	£680.45
8.	P Routly Expenses – Jan/Feb	£154.77
9.	PATA payroll services	£17.50
10.	BT Hall wifi (cheque P Routly)	£77.69
11.	WALC training	£50.00

b) Receipts

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| 1. | Alloment rent | £180.00 |
| 2. | Grant Transparency fund | £766.00 |

c) Transparency Fund grant

The Clerk informed the meeting that a grant for £766 had been applied for via WALC to cover IT and staff costs in support of meeting the Transparency Act requirement.

13. Correspondence (new)

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

- a) **WCC Rural Growth plan survey**
- b) **WCC Preparing for an Emergency - info**
- c) **How to keep it local –info**
- d) **Devo+ - info**
- e) **Stratford Time bank**
- f) **WALC Events Programme 2017**
- g) **3 Tier Councillor Training**

Cllrs to inform clerk if they wish to attend training

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

Cllr Cleeton stated it was planned to go ahead with the community ‘ Use it or loose it ‘ event on the playing field on 1st May. Cllr Parry proposed a fund of £250 from the PC , this was seconded by Cllr Keavy and carried unanimously.

Cllr Greetham asked for an agenda item on Neighbourhood plans to be on the next agenda.

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 Moreton Morrell Village Hall on Monday 15th May 2017

There being no further business the public meeting closed at 9.25 pm.