

# MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** G Slora (Chair), J Gordon  
A Parry, C Monks, B Keavy

**District Councillor:** A Parry

**County Councillor:**

**Clerk :** P Routly

6 members of the public

## **1. Presentation by Marrons Planning – Triangle Field**

Peter Marriot and Gary Stephens from Marrons Planning were present, and explained they were representing Warwickshire College to promote the development of Triangle Field on John Taylor Way. They acknowledged that the land was currently not in the SDC plan but has been put forward for the new plan 2031-2050. They showed a scheme of 35 houses and suggested the college would offer the playing field as a transfer to the PC and there would also be a CIL payment. A number of the members of the public and Cllrs asked questions. It was agreed the PC would write to the developers explain that the land was not in the current SDC development boundary and would only stand a chance of being approved in the short to medium term with the parish consent.

## 2. Public participation

Jane Cleeton explained she had some volunteers to take on the planters and she would arrange to water, but plants would need to be funded. Cllr Slora proposed £150, Cllr Parry seconded and it was carried unanimously . *Clerk to arrange payment.*

Lisa Burton raised the issue of flooding on the first bend out of the village towards Little Morrell. Cllrs explained this had already been highlighted with highways, but they would do so again. *Clerk to write.*

Cllr Slora announced work would soon start on the refurbishment of the Black Horse and was expected to take 10 weeks. It would then open subject to finding staff etc.

### 3. Apologies for absence

Cllr O'Donnell and Cllr James

## 4. Governance

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

None.

**b) Freedom of Information – report on any new requests**

None.

### c) Code of Conduct / DPI

Cllr Parry declared she had a sum on the payment schedule.

## **5. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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

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

Cllr Parry filed, and took the meeting through the following report:-

### **Council Tax**

At Full Council on 21 February, the Budget was approved to increase the Council Tax by £5, which would make the council tax bill for a Band D property be £154.12 per annum, which represents 7.4% of the total council tax bill. The parish precept element for Moreton Morrell Band D property in total will be £63.12.

Increases by WCC will be £57.42 and Warwickshire Police will be £9.75 for Band D properties.

In preparing the 2022/23 Base Budget, the over-riding principle is to budget for the continuation of services at the existing level. In terms of garden-waste the charge is proposed to increase to £42 for 2022/23 and then by £2 per annum. Car parking changes are planned to remain unchanged.

### **Garden Waste Collection Services**

To renew your subscription for the garden waste collection service please visit:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-service.cfm>

Or call 01789 260628

### **New 123 Waste Collection service**

From August 2022 you bin collections will be changing as follows:

Food waste will be collected weekly and new food waste bins will be delivered in April.

Recycling (blue bins) and Garden Waste (green bins via subscription) will be collected every two weeks.

Waste (grey bins) will be collected every three weeks. This new service is being introduced:

1. To reduce waste and increase recycling, save money by reducing the cost of treatment and disposal of refuse
2. To make services more efficient using new vehicles and combining collection rounds
3. To protect the environment and help tackle climate change.

### **Wellesbourne Campus/Airfield**

SDC is working with the University of Warwick, CWLEP and WMCA on the development of Wellesbourne Campus and Lotus is looking to expand its current presence generating up to 300 new jobs. The flying functions at Wellesbourne Airfield are continuing to be protected by Stratford District Council with the development of opportunities which will complement the Wellesbourne Campus and boost local business and job opportunities.

### **South Warwickshire District Council**

Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council awaiting feedback from the Secretary of State in respect of the submission document on the proposed merger. In the meantime, an extensive amount of work is being undertaken across the two councils with a joined up approach to services.

## **Volunteering**

Filling vacancies in the voluntary sector is never easy – If you can distribute the latest Stratford District Volunteering Bulletin amongst your Parishes and networks it would be very much appreciated. Please find below the link : <https://mailchi.mp/wcava/vol-bulletin-issue-sd032022>

They are also on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/StratfordVolunteering>

## **Help for Residents on Increased Energy Prices**

Following the recent announcement that the price cap increase on energy charges will impact millions of households, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are continuing to work with local charity Act On Energy to promote the grants, advice and support available to residents in South Warwickshire.

Act On Energy can offer advice on local funds such as the Household Support Fund, provide energy saving tips to reduce household energy usage and assist those in fuel debt to work directly with their supplier. The charity can also assist the most vulnerable households with free low-cost energy installations such as energy efficient light bulbs and draught proofing measures. Act On Energy can be contacted on 0800 988 2881 with a range of advice on their website <https://actonenergy.org.uk/>

Both Councils will also be administering the £150 Council Tax rebate for properties rated band A-D, which will be issued to eligible households in April.

## **7. County Councillors' Report – Cllr O'Donnell**

Cllr O'Donnell could not be present due to Covid but filed the following report:-

### **Covid19**

**INFECTION RATES INCREASING SHARPLY AFTER FALLING STEADILY as I know only too well currently being off myself due to Covid.**

The rate of infections across the district has increased SHARPLY to 771/100,000 from 462, the over 60's rate has increased to 598/100,000 (388 last week) with 254 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 498/100,000, North Warwickshire 505/100,000, Warwick 707/100,000 and Rugby 556/100,000. Warwickshire overall has 624/100,000. England 617/100,000.

There have been several further Covid related deaths since my last report across Stratford District (total now 289 from the start of this second wave (28<sup>th</sup> August 2020) 63 occurring in care homes, 195 in hospital, two in a hospice and 25 at home and four in a communal establishment, out of a total of 3,064 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased since my last report to 961 with a total of 9,329 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 457 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,562 (13,813 total deaths).

The Booster programme for the over 75s is starting to roll out in the district next week and those eligible will receive an invitation from their GP.

### **WCC Paper Free meetings**

At its meeting on Tuesday 15 March, Council passed a resolution which supported the operation of future meetings without printed papers. A significant amount of paper and packaging will no longer be needed, nor postage and savings of £15k can be used for other vital services.

### **Young Green Shoots Winners**

The winners and runners up of Warwickshire and Coventry's climate change competition, Young Green Shoots, have received their coveted prizes following a fierce race for the climate prize.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2811/young-environmentalists-win-prize-to-help-their-schools-become-more-climate-conscious>

### **Tree planting at Kingsbury Water Park**

WCC's Country Park Rangers were joined by local residents and Councillors on Sunday 13 March, who came along to Kingsbury Water Park to help finish off this season's planned tree planting.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2818/marking-the-end-of-a-successful-season-of-tree-planting-at-kingsbury-water-park>

### **Grammar School 11+ Test**

Children currently in Year 5 in Warwickshire schools who want to apply to one of the county's six grammar schools in September 2023 will now take an 11+ exam from GL Assessment.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2808/warwickshire-grammar-school-applicants-for-2023-entry-will-take-the-11-test-from-a-new-exam-provider->

### **Warwickshire welcome for those fleeing conflict**

**We have been truly shocked by the war in Ukraine and the response by the people of Warwickshire has been compassionate and generous.**

Warwickshire residents have pulled together in recent weeks to support Ukrainian people and those affected by the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2817/warm-warwickshire-welcome-for-those-fleeing-conflict>

### **Save lives by regularly checking smoke alarms**

Warwickshire residents are encouraged to make fire safety a priority by ensuring they have enough smoke alarms in their homes and that they are in working order.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2816/warwickshire-residents-can-save-lives-by-regularly-checking-their-smoke-alarms>

### **Safer Streets Warwickshire**

Agencies across Warwickshire have secured £249K in funding from the Home Office's Safer Streets fund to increase safety on Warwickshire's streets.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2810/new-government-funded-project-looks-to-make-streets-safer-for-residents-of-warwickshire>

### **A happier and healthier workforce**

It's not too late for Coventry and Warwickshire employers to book a place at an inspiring and educational free event taking place later this month to help nurture happier and healthier employees.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2809/do-you-want-a-happier-and-healthier-workforce->

### **Child Exploitation in Warwickshire**

Child exploitation is child abuse and although a child may not realise they are being abused, it puts the young victim at huge risk of damage to their physical, emotional and psychological health.

Know how to spot the signs: <http://somethingsnotright.co.uk>

## **Queen's Green Canopy**

Have you planted a tree yet to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? I joined the wonderful team at Snitterfield for tree planting a few weekends ago.

Remember to add your tree to the QGC map, which will be presented to Her Majesty the Queen as part of the #PlatinumJubilee celebrations, at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>  
#PlantATreeForTheJubilee

## **SEND Webinar**

**Don't miss out on this informative webinar. It was oversubscribed last time**

Warwickshire County Council is hosting another special educational needs and disabilities webinar and this time it is on the topic of educational transitions.

Please register to attend here: <https://bit.ly/SendWebinarMar>

## **Financial hardship**

We know that sudden unexpected costs can create real challenges for people experiencing financial hardship. If this is you or anyone you know, help is available.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

If you are self-isolating or at higher risk to COVID-19, you can access help from the council and partners.

For practical and wellbeing support go call the hotline 0800 408 1447 or go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusvulnerable](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusvulnerable)

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme supports the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. The scheme provides basic and essential help for food and energy in the form of emergency food parcels or credit for energy. Call 0800 408 1448.

If you're finding it hard to feed your family help and advice is online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsupport](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsupport) and [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodbanks](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodbanks)

If you don't know where to turn and are in need of financial or emotional support visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship) or call 01926 410410.

Keeping warm is a vital part of keeping well this winter particularly for older people, the young and those with chronic illness.

Check-in on those living alone, heat your home to at least 18 Celsius, and keep up-to-date with the weather forecast.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/keepwarm](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/keepwarm)

For people struggling to afford heating bills, Act on Energy provides free advice on energy efficiency and grants and projects available in your area to help keep you warm this winter.

Find out more at <https://actonenergy.org.uk/>

You can help others in your community by donating food via supermarket collection points or clothes and toys to charity shops.

## **Highway Verge Management Policy**

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is responsible for maintaining around 25 million square metres of highway verge. It is one of the most valuable natural resources that the authority is responsible for managing. The Council has a duty to maintain the highway network so that it is safe to use and free from obstructions. WCC carries out grass-cutting on verges to ensure that vegetation does not restrict visibility for highway users and to provide a safe refuge for pedestrians.

The release of the good verge guidance document by Plantlife and the national discussions around climate change have brought the topic of sustainable verge maintenance into focus. Authorities are being encouraged to do more to consider the wider issues of biodiversity, environmental impact and sustainability when managing highway verges and therefore

officers from the council's highways team have been reviewing how they maintain these assets.

A draft Highway Verge Management Policy has been developed to raise the awareness of the biodiversity value of roadside verges in Warwickshire. It sets out how verges can be managed to maintain their high value, whilst recognising the overriding importance of road safety. There has been a strong level of public interest surrounding the sustainable management of grass verges and in response to this the policy looks to introduce a Community Engagement scheme. This scheme will allow local groups to explore the possibility of adjusting and reducing the number of cuts to enable the existing flora and fauna to flourish or to plant wildflower areas. The draft policy also sets out how WCC intend to encourage biodiversity and create wildlife corridors by cutting selected rural roadside verges in a different manner

Good news – business support and job creation – WCC cabinet approved the development of the Holywell Business Park (where the Fire Training Centre was proposed to be) Southam for small and medium sized units – there is a shortage on those units in the county . It is anticipated between 70-80 jobs will be created in a sustainable location.

### **Gritting & grit bins**

There was a comment on FB that You can't grit paths etc it is classed as an act of god if anyone puts salt or grit down and anything happens then that person is legally responsible

This has cropped up a few times and the advice I received was, if someone has taken reasonable action to ensure the path is clear and cleared snow etc they will not be liable, however if they clear their drive or path outside of their property, pile up the snow and someone falls over it, then possibly there is a case to answer.

If they apply salt, it melts the ice and the footway is in a safe and usable condition, I doubt it would ever get to court. It is all about being reasonable and responsible. There would be the task of proving who actually salted the path etc.

Missed bins - I'm still getting details of the odd 1 or 2 that has not been collected. Contacts are [streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or Telephone: 01789 260616

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3vkf03zQgXUsEHH04ODEqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

Reporting out of hours highways issues can be challenging, the best number for that is 01926 415000.

[streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk) or 01926 412515 (not all are currently owned by WCC – some owned by town or parish council.)

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Warwickshire>

It is worth noting for future reference that anything immediately dangerous on the highway should be reported direct to the Police on 999, which is the same process for any pressing issue Out of Hours.

During normal office hours - 8:30am to 4:30pm, WCC call centre is best on 01926 412515

## **8. Warwickshire College Report**

There was no report submitted. Cllr Parry however mentioned how great the recent lambing event was and wanted to express thanks for the 10 complementary tickets that were donated to villagers. *Clerk to write.*

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

- a) **Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk**
  - i) **Latest inspection feedback – Clerk**

The Clerk has circulated the latest annual inspection report, all issues except two were rated low risk or very low risk. The two items that were classed as moderate risk were the multiplay and large swings and it related to the rotting of posts in the ground. The clerk explained the equipment still appeared very robust and had been treated with preservative and no current action was required. Cllr's agreed. It was also agreed Mr Routly would review the report and advise of any remedial work required.

**b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead**

**i) Local Plan survey – next steps**

Cllr Parry and Edwards presented the finding of the recent survey. 117 questionnaires were completed. Key issues were public transport, lack of parking, few village activities especially for teenagers and speeding traffic. The findings will be published in full on the website and form the basis of a Local plan with actions. *Cllr's Parry and Edwards will lead.*

**c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon lead**

**i) Update**

Cllr Parry reported six names had been forwarded to the police for speed gun training.

**d) Village Appearance – All**

**i) Update**

It was reported the speed sign at the approach to the village by the new Oak village sign was wonky. *Clerk to report to WCC.*

**e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead**

**i) Update**

Several minor issues were discussed, in particular footpath signage. Jane Cleeton said she had some spare signs and would drop off to Cllr Gordon. It was also agreed to walk the footpath to Staple Hill when the weather improves to survey.

**f) Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead**

**i) Hall Meeting feedback**

Cllr Keavy informed the meeting there had been a hall committee meeting recently and a few people had come forward to bolster the committee. The next meeting would be 3<sup>rd</sup> May. There was £34k in the village hall funds, and they would look at hall improvements including new furniture.

**g) College Update**

**i) Update**

No update other than section 8.

**10. Matters arising from previous meetings**

**a) Bank move update- Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Unity bank was up and running, but HSBC were difficult on the transfer, this would be progressed though. The Clerk also requested that they now move to electronic banking were possible and requested two more signatories. Cllrs Monks and Keavy volunteered. They were proposed by Cllr Parry, seconded by Cllr Slora and carried unanimously. *Clerk to action.*

**b) Queens Jubilee plans**

Cllr Edwards had informed the meeting she had booked the pig roast, and Jill Slora had booked the band stage, and bands.

## **11. New items**

None.

## **12. Planning**

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

None.

It was agreed not to comment further on the Appeal to the application 20/02853/FUL, Moreton House.

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

22/00146/TREE -Tree 0RX0 Liquidamber styraciflua: Crown lift to 3metres a.g.l. all round. -Tree 0RX1 Acer negundo: Crown lift to 3metres a.g.l. all round. -Tree 0RX2 Prunus spp.: Crown lift to 2metres a.g.l. -Tree 0RX4 Prunus domestica: Crown lift to 2metres a.g.l. all round. -Tree 0RW5 Salix spp.: Prune to clear telephone lines. -Tree 0RVX Betula pendula: Crown lift to 3metres a.g.l. all round. Moreton Morrell C Of E Junior And Infant School Main Street Moreton Morrell CV35 – **No Objection sent**

22/00531/FUL Construction of vehicle access .10 Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AX **Support sent .**

22/00003/FUL Proposal Installation of solar farm and associated development. Land At Elms Farm Newbold Road Newbold Pacey . **Objection sent**

21/04068/FUL Replacement roof with new pitched roof dormer windows on the front roofslope, new pitched roof porch, replacement single storey rear extension and alterations to the rear fenestration and balcony enclosure. Willow House Main Street Moreton Morrell CV35 9AN **Support sent**

### **c. District Decisions for information**

22/00146/TREE -Tree 0RX0 Liquidamber styraciflua: Crown lift to 3metres a.g.l. all round. -Tree 0RX1 Acer negundo: Crown lift to 3metres a.g.l. all round. -Tree 0RX2 Prunus spp.: Crown lift to 2metres a.g.l. -Tree 0RX4 Prunus domestica: Crown lift to 2metres a.g.l. all round. -Tree 0RW5 Salix spp.: Prune to clear telephone lines. -Tree 0RVX Betula pendula: Crown lift to 3metres a.g.l. all round. Moreton Morrell C Of E Junior And Infant School Main Street Moreton Morrell CV35 – **Tree works approved**

## **13. Finance**

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

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

1.	Unity Trust bank (transfer from HSBC)	£5000.00 (paid)
2.	WCG Playfield rent	£500.00 (paid)
3.	Pig Roast deposit – Jubilee	£50.00 (paid)
4.	Unity Trust bank (transfer from HSBC)	£10000.00 (paid)
5.	P Routly salary – 2 months	£743.36
6.	P Routly Expenses Jan/Feb	£84.50
7.	BT Hall wifi Feb / Mar (P Routly)	£60.32
8.	PATA payroll	£18.40
9.	Moreton Morrell Hall Rent inc 2 pop ups	£45.00
10.	WCC Allotment rent	£180.00
11.	Kompan annual inspection	£212.40
12.	Street Light annual maintenance	£33.60
13.	P Gibbins Villager Jan 22	£100.00



14.	Friends of Hasting House (reissue as lost)	£200.00
15.	A Parry Smart Survey exp	£48.60
16.	HSBC bank charges( no Cheque)	£19.00

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

The Clerk reported there were no receipts.

**c. Clerks Salary**

The Clerks salary review was due in April 2021, but the LGA had failed to agree a reward, this was now resolved. Cllr Parry proposed a salary scale of SCP22 from April 2021, this was seconded by Keavy and carried unanimously.

**14. Correspondence – all circulated by email**

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

**15. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.**

None.

**16. Any other business allowed by Chairman**

None.

**17. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting and AGM will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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