

# MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**District Councillor:**

**County Councillor:**

**Clerk :** P Routly

5 members of the public

## 1. Public participation

None.

## 2. Apologies for absence

Cllr P O'Donnell, Cllr E Edwards, Cllr A Parry and Cllr R James

### 3. 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

The Clerk requested all outstanding forms are returned. Cllr Keavy returned his. Cllr James forms are outstanding.

#### **4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Monks, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

## 5. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry filed the following report :-

## SW Local Plan

Work is continuing at a pace on the development of the SW Local Plan which is on schedule for adoption circa 2025 and in response to much speculation about the airfield, this is identified as an employment site with NO HOUSING. Any future housing across the Wellesbourne East ward, which includes Moreton Morrell reflects sites identified in SDC's Site Allocation Plan and Wellesbourne's Neighbourhood Development Plan. For Moreton Morrell this includes sites off John Taylor Way and Brook Lane. Timescales for the SW Local Plan to be adopted are circa 2025.

### **Dementia Café**

Am working closely with Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell and the Dementia Café team in Wellesbourne to establish what additional help can be provided to carers and their loved ones with the support of WCC and Sir Jeremy Wright KC, MP. This is a marvellous facility providing some respite to carers and their loved ones and open to anyone looking for additional support.

### **GP Facilities – Upper Lighthorne**

Wearing both my councillor hats I am in close liaison with neighbouring parishes regarding the provision of new GP facilities for Upper Lighthorne, as without a new, standalone medical facility this will impact on the existing high pressures of nearby GP services that residents in Moreton Morrell currently use. Whilst there is Section 106 monies to build a new health centre in Upper Lighthorne, in accordance with the development of GLH, the ICB (formerly CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group) appear to be dragging their feet in terms of a strategy to provide doctors and support staff and are continuing to look at all the possible options and involvement of neighbouring practices. SDC and WCC are in support of a new health centre at Upper Lighthorne.

### **Wellesbourne Campus**

Attended a pre-consultation workshop about the University of Warwick's early stage vision for the development of the campus, which was both interesting and informative and provided attendees, including representatives from Charlecote PC to have a say and make comments on its future vision. The Wellesbourne Campus is identified for employment development and SDC is in the process of drafting an Economic Strategy which will be brought forward to Cabinet early 2023 prior to going out to consultation.

### **Cabinet Responsibilities**

I am now the portfolio holder for economic development, inward investment and strategic partnerships, as well as tourism, transformation, ICT and communications. I am also a member of the Planning Committee.

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

Cllr O'Donnell filed the following report a few weeks prior to the meeting:-

### **Dead Birds.**

A few residents have contacted me regarding dead swans and large birds. This is so sad and distressing for the residents who discover the birds. Below is the contact number for DEFRA. As it is advised to call them directly.

The public is encouraged to report dead wild birds to the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) helpline, telephone 03459 33 55 77

### **Councillor Surgery**

November Cllr Surgery Cllrs O'Donnell Parry and Kendell  
The Garden Shed Wellesbourne 10-11 am  
Saturday 26th November 2022

Do drop into see us to raise any queries we hope to help you with.

Cllrs Parry Kendall and I held our first joint Cllr Surgery in Wellesbourne in October. We were thrilled at the local engagement.

### **October Wellesbourne Chairs Zoom Meeting**

Earlier in the month I held my Wellesbourne Chairs Meeting. The topic was the opening hours and booking system at the Wellesbourne and Shipston recycling plants with the officer Andrew Pau and Portfolio Holder Cllr Heather Timms taking questions.

One persistent concern is access to the booking system for those not online or computer users. We were advised that the easiest way for these residents is to book through the WCC Customer Services Team on 01926 410410

### **Ukraine update:**

More host families are still needed.

For those planning to extend the 6 month stay there are :

Thank you payments to Ukraine host families

WCC have increased the payments for months 7-12 by £150 to £500 a month.

They are also providing a one off winter payment of £200.

For those looking for private accommodation:

### **Corporate Guarantor**

A guarantee scheme to enable access to private tenancies has been approved. By application, and where appropriate, the local authority would act as a guarantor when a set criterion is met. This will include guests having saved enough money to pay the deposit and first month's rent and undertaken a financial assessment. Further details of this scheme will follow.

### **Travel**

In terms of travel, the Job Centre are offering discounts on travel to job seekers and there are various other schemes which provide support around commuting.

WCC are also offering host families a 24 hr helpline for trauma support to support the mental health of host families. This is in addition to 6 online 1:1 online counselling sessions. For the Ukrainian guests there is additional mental health support through a referral system separate to our NHS system.

There is a regular weekly Ukrainian get together in Snitterfield and all are welcome.

### **Green Business Grants Supporting the green business sector.**

"Energy costs are a major concern so the Warwickshire Business Support Green Recovery Grants scheme is there to help SMEs reduce their costs and make their premises greener as quickly as possible"

Businesses can benefit from a new Warwickshire County Council grant scheme offering up to £20,000 towards the cost of installing energy efficiency measures.

The Warwickshire Business Support Green Recovery Grants scheme is designed to support small businesses in the retail, tourism, leisure and hospitality sectors, as well as other sectors impacted by the pandemic.

It has been developed in response to the rising energy costs that are having a significant impact on businesses and the post-COVID-19 economic recovery across the county.

The scheme will complement the Energy Bill Relief Scheme recently announced by the Government and the existing Coventry & Warwickshire Green Business Programme (CWGBP) which provides grants for energy efficiency and other measures to SMEs.

Businesses can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £20,000. Each grant will fund up to 40% of the costs of installing energy efficiency measures or investing in equipment that will lead to cost and carbon savings, such as Energy Efficient windows and doors and LED lighting upgrades.

The scheme also includes a free energy audit, supported by the European Regional Development Fund, under the CWGBP which is managed and delivered by Coventry City

Council. The county council will also support businesses in other sectors to access the grants available via the CWGBP.

email Business@warwickshire.gov.uk if it is of interest.

### **Investment Zone**

Good News for Wellesbourne Innovation Campus potentially as it is shortlisted re being a potential “Investment Zone“

Investment zones are a new initiative which aim to attract investment and unlock development and economic activity. It is hoped that these zones will accelerate economic growth through public and private investment and deliver tens of thousands of new homes and jobs and support key industries to decarbonise supply chains.

It follows a Government announcement that it was in discussion with 38 local and mayor combined authorities, including Warwickshire, on Investment Zones in specific sites within their area.

Izzie Seccombe WCC leader acknowledged the balance to be struck between innovation investment and the Environment.

“At this stage, we are making Expressions of Interest so there is a lot that remains to be done. Early indications are that we can work alongside partners to ensure that we maximise the many really exciting opportunities offered to the county in terms of growth, jobs, inward investment, bringing outstanding talent to the county and, as importantly, keeping it here. But we will seek the creation of Investment Zones without compromising our commitment to the environment and driving the county towards net zero emissions by 2035.”

### **Dementia Café**

Following on from our meeting with the Dementia Café group and Rt Hon Jeremy Wright MP I arranged a meeting with WCC Portfolio Holder Cllr Margaret Bell.

Cllr Parry and I had a really productive and enlightening meeting with Cllr Margaret Bell and the Social Care team responsible for Dementia Care and outreach. We are looking at how to increase awareness around services already available, link services together for a more joined up approach, ensure medical and clinical teams are aware of patients and regularly check up face to face and also relieve some of the pressure on Heather and Paul who are picking up far more than a voluntary post should ask. They are a wealth of information and a great example of best practice for other areas looking to set up similar cafes and support groups.

Do please let me know if you have any matters I can be of help with.

I hope to see many of you on the 26th November for a coffee and catch up at our Cllr Surgery at The Garden Shed.

## **7. Warwickshire College Report**

The following report was filed by Peter Husband, who was also present:-

### **Farm**

We have recently appointed a new Farm Manager, Daniel Hale who started with us at the start of this academic year. He replaces Henry Dingle and will be continuing with management of the farm, research projects and supporting the Agriculture students with their studies.

### **Estates**

A vital project to help minimise the impact of flooding on people living in Wellesbourne has been completed by a local voluntary organisation. Wellesbourne and Walton Flood Action

Group (WWFAG) has been working with Moreton Morrell College to help slow the flow of Newbold Brook, which runs through the north of Wellesbourne.

Work continues to develop the Canine Hydrotherapy building and facility on lower campus to support Higher Education students. The Railtrack training facility on the lower campus is now complete and is being used to train adults to enable them to work 'trackside' in the rail industry. The Groundwork Construction facility on the upper campus is nearing completion and will shortly be used to train young people and adults in skills to support the domestic and commercial construction industry.

### **Events**

We held our first Open Event this month, the college welcomed over 700 people, to explore and experience the variety of courses we offer at Moreton Morrell College. The next events are due to take place on Saturday 4 February and Saturday 22 April 2023.

In October we welcomed a new event at Moreton Morrell College, The Association of Fencing Industries and the Agricultural Fencers Association Best Practice Day. This was free to attend and welcomed a full capacity of 120 attendees.

During the October half term we held a two day Kennel Club Open Dog Agility show with competitors coming from all over the country to take part. We have also benefited from a visit from the British Hanoverian Society who came to Moreton Morrell to inspect 8 young stallions as part of their Stallion Inspection day and on October 30th we welcomed Warwickshire Hunt Pony Club who held their annual show jumping show at the college.

As the darker nights, colder, damper days are here the College Equine centre continues to welcome local riders making the most of our fantastic indoor facilities for training and competition in dressage and show jumping in the evenings and weekends.

### **Staff and Students**

Agriculture students have been busy on the farm helping the farm staff ready the sheep flock to ensure the Ewes are ready for going to the Tup at the correct time. This allows lambing to be timed correctly for our lambing weekend on the 25th and 26th March 2023. You may see the Ewes have some different colours on their backs this indicates that they have been in contact with the Tup who has had paint applied to his chest, that way the farm and students can see how effective each Tup has been and helps to plan when the lambs are due.

WCG has announced the first recipient of a new scholarship and bursary scheme launched in memory of a major supporter of the college. Tom Horn, 20 from Coalville in Leicestershire, has been named the inaugural recipient of The Looi Trust scholarship for this academic year. Tom is in his second year studying for a degree in Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation at Moreton Morrell College, which is part of college group WCG, and will receive an award of £500 under the scheme.

Moreton Morrell College graduates have been celebrating their achievements at a ceremony in Warwick. More than 160 graduates from Warwickshire College and University Centre (WCUC) attended a trio of ceremonies at St Mary's Church in Warwick.

A leading figure in the equestrian industry and former chief executive of The Pony Club has been presented with a fellowship from the college she has supported for more than 40 years. Judy Edwards, who led The Pony Club for 10 years, has been named a fellow of Warwickshire College and University Centre (WCUC). The award is in recognition of her significant contribution to the equestrian provision at Moreton Morrell College, which is

part of WCUC, and the leading role she played in the development of the wider equestrian industry.

A Moreton Morrell College tutor has been shortlisted for a major award from a leading industry organisation. Jane Benefield has been named as a finalist for Tutor of the Year at the British Floristry Association Industry Awards. Jane, who leads the floristry department at the college, is one of 10 finalists from across the country and the sole representative on the list from the Midlands.

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

### **a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk**

- i) Update**
- ii) Inspection feedback – Clerk**

The Clerk pre-circulated the November inspection report, the risk rating was low with a few minor issues. It was agreed the Cllr Edwards would go through the report with the handyman. It was also resolved for the clerk to get new quotes for a youth shelter. *Action Cllr Edwards and Clerk.*

### **b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead**

- i) Local Plan – next steps**

Cllr Parry was not present due to a home emergency, item to be discussed in January.

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

- i) Update**
- ii) John Taylor way issues**

The Clerk reported she had received feedback on the speeding and noise issue on JTW that a student at MM College had been spoken to by the police and was apologetic. Cllr Gordon stated the speed sign above the school was non functional. *Clerk to report the issue WCC.*

### **d) Village Appearance – All**

- i) Update**

The Clerk reported she had received a letter of thanks from Mr Moverley for the resurfacing to Brook lane. All agreed it was a big improvement..

### **e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead**

- i) Update**

Cllr Gordon stated the stile at the bottom of Middle Street needed attention. To be passed to handyman.

The footpath to Wellesbourne was discussed , there seemed to be a landowner challenge to the right of way. *Clerk was asked to contact WCC.*

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

- i) Update**
- ii) Hall Survey**

Jane Cleeton sent apologies and a report stating a number of Structural Engineers had been contacted to review the state of the hall, but none had showed up , another was due this week.

### **g) College Update**

- i) Update**

Cllr Edwards was not present.

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

- a) Farm Driver Ownership/ hedge/verge cutting**
- b) Handyman/ Lengthman jobs**
- c) Communication improvements**

The Clerk informed the meeting she had a quote from C Hall and Sons to cut the farm drive back for £300 . This was proposed by Cllr Slora , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Monks and carried unanimously .*Clerk to arrange.*

The Clerk raised the issue that the only person who had come forward as handyman did not have access to a computer to read playing reports or order parts, however, prior the meeting Cllr Edwards had sent an email offering to liaise with the handyman, so it was agreed to give it a try. Cllrs were requested to forward handyman items from their sub-committees.

Communication was raised as an issue in the recent village survey. Prior to the meeting the Clerk has circulated an email showing the weekly newsletter in Ilmington circulated by email, however, to replicate this would need ownership as its not run by the council . The website was discussed , but Steve Routly who updates stated that loading news was not an issue and anyone could be trained to do so , but content generation was a bigger issue , it was though an email would be more effective. To be discussed again.

## **10. New items**

- a) Gardening Club Grant request**

The Clerk has received a request for Cllr Edwards asking for a grant of a £150 for a new gardening club to be formed, this was proposed by Cllr Keavy, seconded by Cllr Monks and carried unanimously.

## **11. Planning**

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

None.

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

22/02901/FUL Installation of new solar PV panels to 2<sup>nd</sup> storey roof. Treetops , Moreton Paddox, CV35 9BT. **No Representations sent.**

- c. District Decisions for information**

None.

## **12. Finance**

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

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

1.	P Routly Salary inc tax back	£963.64
2.	P Routly Expenses – Sept/Oct	£128.90
3.	BT Hall wifi Oct/Nov ( P Routly)	£59.98
4.	PATA Payroll	£12.95
5.	Npower Street Lights elec – Sept/Oct	£70.94
6.	Kompan inspection	£150.00

7.	R P hall mowing	£1085.42
8.	WWFAG Grant - Wellesbourne flood	£1000.00
9.	P Gibbins villager	£100.00
10.	Hall rent	£15.00
11.	MMPCC Grant – churchyard	£500.00
12.	Villager Grant	£75.00
13.	A Parry expenses	£34.95

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

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1.	Allotment rent	£180.00
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**c. Mid year finance update**

The Clerk had pre-circulated the mid-year report. Finances were healthy and no issues were raised. Cllr's were asked to come forward with projects.

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

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

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

Local Plan and actions.

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

The Wellesbourne flood action group representatives presented the actions plans , and thanked the PC for the support given.

**16. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.