

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21st January 2019

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

2 members of the public

1. Public participation

None.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Ford.

3. Governance

a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Cleeton item 11b (Furlongs) , as a relative of applicant.

b) Freedom of Information

No new requests.

c) Code of Conduct

All documents complete and filed with SDC. No changes declared.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 19th November 2018

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19th November were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Parry, seconded by Cllr Keavy, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report:-

Black Horse, Moreton Morrell

SDC has confirmed that the Black Horse will be included on the list of assets of community value established under the Localism Act 2011. For clarity this extends to the element of the building used as a public house and not the residential part of the building.

Medical Centre

The new medical centre in Wellesbourne will be operational from 18th February 2019 and will house a new enlarged pharmacy.

Council Tax

SDC has prepared its Budget for 2019/20 and is proposing a 1.5% increase on its Council Tax which for a Band D property would be £139.12. Whilst there have been more houses built in the district, this increase is still essential to maintain service levels and take into account the impact of the pay award for staff and increased pension contributions; increase in waste and recycling contracts, cost of district elections etc.

The budget proposals include:

Wellesbourne Airfield

£1,125,000 as a one off sum for the Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Council is committed to the continuance of aviation at Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield and has approved policies within the Core Strategy to achieve this aim and to help preserve industrial land in the district, of which there is a shortage.

Elizabeth House

£750,000 one off sum for improvements to the District Council offices, enabling further sub-letting of Elizabeth House with a proposed rental income in the region of £80,000 recurring from 2020/21.

Homelessness Prevention Tools

£70,000 a year to continue to reduce the use of bed and breakfast accommodation using a number of initiatives (including £1.3m to buy up to six properties for temporary accommodation) and help households gain access to private rented accommodation, replacing the Council's Rent Express Scheme.

UBUS

£86,000 one off sum to continue to support the dial a ride community transport scheme where residents of any age wherever they live in Stratford-on-Avon who are stuck for transport can use the service.

Shakespeare's England

£75,000 for 3 years to continue the funding of the Destination Management Organisation that supports the tourism industry (the second biggest industry in the district) and local economy within South Warwickshire.

The budget will be voted on at Full Council on Monday 25th February 2019.

6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry pre-circulated her report: -

Moreton Morrell Bus Stop

The bus stop has been installed – whilst I did request a wooden one ... they have replaced like for like but at least it has not cost the PC anything!

Policing in Warwickshire

The Police and Crime Commissioner has begun consulting the public on the Police Precept, as he begins the process of setting the 2019/20 budget for Warwickshire Police. In his proposals he sets out the case for increasing the number of police officers, community support officers and police staff investigators in the county by up to 100, in order to meet rising levels of demand and to provide a better service to local communities. This builds on the Police Precept he set last year, which has allowed for the investment in 50 frontline police officer posts in Warwickshire. These are now in the active stages of recruitment and will be ready to police our streets over the course of the coming months.

The Precept consultation follows the Government's annual funding settlement announcement for policing on 13th December 2018, which has given PCCs flexibility to raise their precept by up to £2 per month on a Band D property for 2019/20. Options for smaller increases of £1.50 per month and £1 per month (at Band D) are also being consulted upon, but these would see fewer new officers posts created and no new PCSOs or police investigators appointed.

The opinions gathered by the consultation survey will help influence his final decision on this year's budget, which will be set in early February. You can give your feedback online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WarksPrecept19-20 the consultation will be open until Tuesday, January 24, 2019.

Council Budget

The County Council will be increasing the Council Tax for 2019/20 and it is likely to be around the 4.99% mark again to incorporate an additional 2% increase for Adult Social Care. More information will be available over the next few weeks as Council will be debating this on Thursday 7th February.

7. Warwickshire College Report

WCC submitted the following report:-

Farm

Beef Unit The beef enterprise is now at full capacity and is currently housing 318 cattle through the bed and breakfast scheme. We have converted the parlour building which is going well despite a delayed start, the shed was complete and ready for cattle in December. Plans are in place to further invest in the parlour building to improve the viewing platform to make this a more suitable area to host talks and lectures.

Arable The farm currently has 194 tonnes Spring Barley and 204 tonnes of Oil Seed Rape in store and current cropping this year consists of Winter Wheat and Winter Barley.

Other Farm News The Agriculture team have had extremely positive meetings with the Agriculture Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) in order to become a strategic farm for beef and sheep production.

Estate

We are in the final stages of planning details for the construction of our new all-weather sports pitches to enhance the delivery of our sports offer and the new Football Academy which is in partnership with Leamington Football Club.

A staged process of works is currently being undertaken to replace much of the livestock fencing around the estate in order to improve the existing fencing. The Equine Centre are also looking at improving the access to the fields around the estate to improve the access for livestock and vehicles.

Staff and Students

During our Employability Week, year one and two of our Level three Agriculture attended Farmers Weekly Agriculture Careers Live which gave our students the opportunity to come face to face with future employers within the agricultural industry as well as higher education providers. The event also gave the students the chance to attend seminars on a number of career-based topics such as graduate schemes, apprenticeships and choosing the right career path.

It is great to find out that our local Barn owl populations are doing well. Over the past couple of years, our Level 3 Wildlife and Countryside Management students have been creating habitats for Barn owls. A recent survey has discovered that despite a very cold winter followed by a very dry summer, the local Barn owls are doing well. Licenced Barn Owl handlers performed health checks on a pair of adult Barn owls found roosting at one of the created habitats. The birds were weighed, had their wing span measured, and were both found to be in excellent health. They also both carried identification tags on their legs. The numbers on the identification tags enabled the Barn owl handlers to find out the age of the birds, and also to find out how far they had travelled. Amazingly, one of the owls had last been recorded in Shropshire! This individual had flown 93km to get to Moreton Morrell! A big well done to our Level 3 Wildlife and Countryside Management students for their excellent work creating such appealing habitats for Barn owls!

Our Level 2 Countryside and Environment students have been very busy undertaking some pond restoration work as part of their studies into Conservation of British Habitats. The students have been removing areas of overgrown brambles and clearing excess leaf litter from the pond. The pond provides an excellent habitat for wildlife, and the work that has been undertaken will greatly benefit a wide variety of species. A big well done to our Countryside and Environment students!

Events

Moreton Morrell hosted its first open event on Saturday 17th November and was delighted to welcome over two hundred potential students interested in applying for one of our land-based courses. Our next open event is scheduled for the 26th January 2019.

Following the success of the Moreton Morrell Lambing event last year (despite adverse weather) the event will be happening again this year on 23rd & 24th March, please do book tickets through our WCG events page. We aim to have 505 ewes put into lamb this year and Lambing is due to start in early March. We have purchased 4 new rams and have 377 lambs left to sell, 150 are being fed with the rest finished on the stubble turnips after Christmas.

The Level 3 second year Horse Management students are running a charity event on Sunday 20th January 'High Teas for Gee Gees' in aid of the Brooke organisation.

Courses / Curriculum

Our Level 1 Land Based students have been on a festive trip to the Cotswold Farm Park. As part of their studies into Animal accommodation, feeding and watering, the students observed the different types of housing, feed containers and water drinkers. Additionally the students handled lots of different animals, bottle fed the young stock, and even enjoyed a festive tractor ride to see the rare breed farm livestock.

Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care students took part in a Dressage Show before the Christmas holiday. For some, this was their first ever experience of riding a dressage test so a fantastic achievement! Rosettes were awarded to the top 10 riders and there were special prizes for the most "Christmassy" turned out horse and rider-this was won by Claire Bartrip on Dexter. Claire also cares for Dexter as part of our Loan A Horse scheme.

As part of their Plant Science lessons, our Level 3 Wildlife and Countryside Management, and Level 3 Agriculture students have been exploring plant processes in the lab. The students conducted experiments to develop their knowledge and understanding of photosynthesis, transpiration, osmosis and diffusion. We have some budding plant scientists in the group!

Our Level 3 Wildlife and Countryside Management students have been on a trip to a local Solar Farm today. The students were given a tour of the solar farm and learned about how electricity is generated. They were shown the variety of wildlife habitats that have been created at the solar farm and found out about how energy generation can go hand in hand with wildlife conservation. During the visit several different species of wildlife were spotted on the site including Rabbits, Hares, and Roe deer. The students were also shown the site's bee hives where the solar farm's local honey is produced. A very interesting and educational afternoon was had by all. A big thank you to the Foresight Group for leading the tour.

Cllr Parry mentioned the lambing weekend. It was resolved to ask the college for family tickets for villagers as last year. It was agreed to ask at the college meeting next week.

Cllr Greetham also raised two college issues: -

The fact the pedestrian signs on John Taylor Way had been pulled down. She stated she had informed Roger Bevan, who agreed to investigate.

Cllr Parry raised issue of speeding cars of college students racing to and from the college with windows down and music blaring, and litter in Little Morrell. It was resolved to raise with college. *Clerk to write to Roger Bevan.*

The second matter Cllr Greetham raised, was with respect to an email she received from Roger Bevan. Before she could continue Cllr Keavy interrupted and stated it was not a council matter and should not be disclosed. There was heated discussion that concluded in Cllr Keavy threatening to involve Cllr Greetham in any legal action he may take. Cllr Greetham did not read out the email, and on direction from the Clerk it was decided to seek advice from the monitoring officer at SDC.

Cllr Greetham requested that it be minuted 'that it's not for any individual Cllr to tell the Chair what to read out or not'.

Cllr Keavy made proposal to spend funds on legal advice for College access, Cllr Cleeton seconded. *Clerk to add to next meeting agenda for discussion.*

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

- a) Playing Field – Cllr Cleeton**
 - i) Lease Update - Cllr Greetham**
 - ii) Safety Audit outcome - Clerk**

Cllr Cleeton reported on a meeting with Sovereign in November, they reported on equipment they can supply, but gave no prices. She had also been in contact with Marmax. She also reported the annual inspection took place and the report had been circulated by the Clerk. The report had a risk assessment that showed some issues were minor and some medium, the medium should be addressed in a 3 to 6 months' time frame. The trim trail is in a poor state, and the skate park has a several issues, again low/ medium. Cllr Parry stated we have money in budget and suggested the issues are addressed. This was seconded by Cllr Greetham, and carried unanimously. It was also agreed that new equipment should be purchased as soon as the lease is secured. *Playing field committee to get quotes for immediate repairs.*

Cllr Greetham said the next college meeting was due on 29th Jan to discuss the playing field lease.

- b) Planning – Cllr Parry**
 - i) Update**
 - ii) Neighbourhood Plan Review and MMPC strategy – Cllr Greetham**

Cllr Parry raised the application for Sperrall Lodge (item 11a later in agenda). All Cllrs agreed unanimously to reply with no objection. *Clerk to respond to SDC*

Cllr Cleeton raised the subject of a Neighbourhood plan, she reminded the meeting the council declined to pursue a few years ago. She had had a conversation with John Crosling at WALC, his view being all villages should have one. Cllr Parry advised it's a full time job to generate for a long period, and as Moreton Morrell is classed as a level 4 service in the SDC core strategy with a defined village boundary, no large development was allowed in any case unless it was community led. Therefore, she felt a plan was not required. It was also confirmed the old 'village plan' was also out of date. It was agreed the matter is closed as the SDC plan affords the required protection.

- c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon**
 - i) Update**

Cllr Gordon said there was nothing new to report on speed awareness.

For information Cllr Greetham said she spoken to British cycling, about speeding cyclists and they were not to helpful, and wouldn't even give a list of clubs, despite being on their website.

- d) Village Appearance – Cllr Cleeton**
 - i) Visibility fence**
 - ii) Verge Moreton Morrell to Moreton paddocks -**
 - iii) Commemorative Oak Tree**

Cllr Greetham stated the fence now has reflective tape, all agreed it was very effective, and all thanked Cllr Greetham and her husband for organising

Cllr Cleeton raised the possibility of a Moreton Paddox to Moreton Morrell footpath down the verge, she said it just needed to cross a gully. It was agreed it was highways land and Cllr Gordon agreed to follow up with Richard Bernard in the first instance. *Cllr Gordon to follow up.*

Cllr Cleeton said she had no responses on the type plaque for the tree. It was resolved that she would make a choice. *Cllr Cleeton to follow up.*

The Clerk stated CJ Carpentry had requested a £1000 advance to buy the wood for the two village signs ordered. After discussion it was resolved to order 3 signs, therefore the advance would be £1500. It was agreed unanimously to advance £1500. *Clerk to follow up.*

e) Footpaths and Trees – All

- i) Footpaths report – Cllr Slora**
- ii) Rights of Way ‘restoring the record’ – Cllr Parry**

Cllr Slora had pre circulated the following report:-

James Gordon, Bernard Keavy and Gerry Slora had a footpath subcommittee meeting on 16th January 2019.

Footpath SD110

We discussed the option of replacing the stiles with livestock proof gates. Councilor Gordon is speaking to Richard Barnard at Stratford District Council to see what we needed to do in order to make this happen. There will be a requirement to speak to Jilly Lavin who owns the field between the two stiles. This should enable more people to access this part of the village.

There was some concern about the state of the path that runs into the field at the back of the Real Tennis court. There is a fallen down tree and the path falls away towards a stream. It was suggested we speak to the relevant person to clear the tree and make the path safe.

Councilor Keavy raised an issue of a bare wire along the electric fence to the path to Little Morrell. Councilor Slora will speak to Mr. Wiggins to get this made safe.

It was also mentioned that the step up from Brook Lane to the new path is uneven. The suggestion was to make some steps to ensure this is not a hazard.

Next Meeting to happen March 2019.

Cllr Gordon said he had spoke to Richard Bernard at WCC about the stiles from Darky Ditch to Three Gates, changing them to metal ones. The advice was to get land owners permission and advise them they will have to maintain. He said its 3 stiles in total and WCC will provide but not erect. Volunteers would be needed to help or hire contractors. Cllr Keavy proposed we ask for the stiles and for the committee to get an installation quote, Cllr Parry seconded, and it was approved unanimously. It was also resolved to get a quote for a step on the path from Brook Lane. *Committee to follow up.*

Cllr Parry said she had been walking footpaths with Cllr Ford. They had been looking at SD311, and had also discovered old stiles and bridges. They would continue to progress routes to claim under rights of way.

Cllr Greatham said that a parishioner had informed her the tree trimming on the old farm drive had not been done. *Clerk agreed to follow up again.*

- f) Village Hall, Church and College – Cllr Cleeton / All**
 - i) College Update Report – Cllr Greatham**
 - ii) Village Hall new windows update - Cllr Keavy**

Cllr Greatham stated the next meeting with the College is on 29th January when the playing field lease would be discussed.

The Clerk confirmed she had informed the Hall Committee the replacement windows and doors had been agreed.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) Lengthmanship scheme – Cllr Parry**
- b) Table Tennis Club update and funding – Cllr Ford**
- c) May Elections / Prospective Cllr meeting– Clerk**
- d) New Grants – Clerk**
- e) Circuit Training funding confirmation – Clerk**

Cllr Parry stated she had talked with Cllr Cleeton about farm drive entrance to playing field, and the possibility of the lengthman tidying up. The request had been sent to the clerk at Wellesbourne who organises his work, but there had been no response yet.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Ford had emailed about the tennis club. There had been session run, and it had been well supported. The proposal was run a club on 2nd Thursday of the month. Cllr Greatham thought the club organisers should be DBS check for these running activities with children. Cllr Slora agreed to follow up with Cllr Ford. It was resolved unanimously for the council to fund the hall hire at least until the end of April.

The Clerk said there was an information session for prospective Cllr's on 11/2 at SDC. It was agreed to advertise on next door, facebook etc, and put election poster on website.

The Clerk informed the meeting she now had the grants from WCC for a bench and gazebo. Cllrs agreed to take away and look at products.

The Clerk asked for confirmation on funding of the circuit training. It was resolved unanimously to fund until the end of April.

10. New items

- a) None.**

11 . Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

18/03790/FUL New detached garages and conversion of existing into a gymnasium. Spennall Lodge Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BU . See section 8bi

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

18/03458/FUL Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension. Middlemarch Brook Lane Moreton Morrell CV35 9AT . **No Objection.**

18/03289/FUL Replacement dwelling. Furlongs Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AX **Support.**

18/02720/FUL Change of use of land to residential garden serving plots 2 and 3 granted under application 16/02951/VARY. Orchard Stables Brook Lane Moreton Morrell . **No Objection with comments requesting permitted dev right removed.**

c. District Decisions for information

18/03289/FUL Replacement dwelling. Furlongs Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AX . **Approved with conditions.**

12. Finance

a) Approval of payments (to be circulated)

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

1.	Pinsent Masons legal work	£1962.00 (paid)
2.	EON Street Lightselec – Nov / Dec	£169.96
3.	Village Hall rent inc table tennis	£30.00
4.	WCG poppy	£150.00
5.	Play Ground supplies inspection	£194.40
6.	P Routly Salary	£708.03
7.	P Routly Expenses – Nov / Dec	£76.04
8.	BT Hall wifi Nov Dec (P Routly)	£94.98
9.	PATA Payroll	£12.50

b) Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1.	WCC Grant £300 x 2	£600
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c) 2019/20 Budget approval (circulated)

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, which included £2000 grant for the Village hall. Reserves were healthy but all agreed they were protecting the potential playing field requirement. After discussion Cllr Greetham proposed the budget be accepted including a carry over precept, this was seconded by Cllr Parry and carried unanimously.

d) 2019/20 Precept approval – No increase proposed

In line with the budget Cllr Greetham proposed the precept has no increase and be set at £22550, this was seconded by Cllr Parry, and carried unanimously. *Clerk to inform SDC.*

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

- a) Royal Garden party nominations- done
- b) Broadband funding

The Clerk informed the meeting she had completed the Royal Garden party nomination.

It was resolved the parish did not need to be included in the broadband funding application.

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

None.

15. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent

Cllr Slora said that MMCT had funds and proposed more community events.

Cllr Cleeton raised the subject of neighbourhood watch, it was agreed to invite organisers to the next meeting .

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall, Moreton Morrell on Monday 18th March 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.