

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22nd May 2023

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Slora (Chair), J Gordon , R James
B Keavy, A Parry, E Edwards, D Butler

District Councillor: A Parry

County Councillor: P O'Donnell

Clerk : P Routly

6 members of the public

1. Public participation

None.

2. Apologies for absence

None..

3. Governance

a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

b) Freedom of Information – report on any new requests

None.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 20th March 2023

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th March were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Parry and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. To fill the one Cllr Vacancy by Co -Option

The Clerk invited candidates from the audience. Mr David Butler presented himself and told the council a little about himself. No other candidates came forward. Cllrs voted unanimously to invite Mr Butler to join the council. The Clerk invited Cllr Butler to complete the acceptance of office and declaration financial interest forms. Cllrs welcomed Cllr Butler and he joined them. *Clerk to return forms to SDC*

6. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk

- i) Youth Shelter - Clerk
- ii) Latest report and actions – Clerk

The Clerk confirmed the youth shelter was complete and was being used.

The Clerk had pre circulated the latest inspection report for the playing field and the risk rating was low. There is nothing that requires immediate attention.

- b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead**
 - i) Local Plan – next steps**
 - ii) Marriott Land correspondence - Clerk**

Cllr Parry informed the meeting she had submitted a draft Local plan to SDC for review. The initial feedback was the action plan requires a bit more work, so she will set a meeting up with Cllr Edwards to discuss and try and complete by the next meeting.

The Clerk informed the council she'd sent a holding letter e-mail to Marriott land explaining that the village hall situation needed to be discussed. It was resolved to hold a separate meeting.

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

Cllr Gordon stated there was little to report. The Clerk confirmed that the speed sign had been reported to WCC but not yet been fixed. This led to a wider discussion on highway issues and Cllr O'Donnell agreed to request highways visit. All agreed councillors to furnish the Clerk with highway issues so she can send to Cllr O'Donnell .

- d) Village Appearance – All**
 - i) Update**

Cllr Keavy had no issues to report.

- e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead**
 - i) Update**
 - ii) Stile at Middletown – Handyman update**

Cllr Gordon stated that Darky ditch path need some attention, and Jane Cleeton said there were issues at the bottom of Pub Alley . Cllrs to take a look and decide action at the next meeting. See 7a) on handyman.

- f) Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead**
 - i) Update**
 - ii) Hall Survey next steps**

Cllr Keavy stated a separate meeting needed to be held to discuss the hall survey, and a home needed to be found of the items belonging to the Parish Council. *Cllr Keavy to arrange a meeting .*

- g) College Update**
 - i) Update**

No Update.

7. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) Handyman**
- b) Coronation Street Party feedback- Cllr Edwards**
- c) Defibrillator training**

Cllr Slora indicated he may have found a handyman and would contact him with a list of jobs including the stile at Middletown.

Cllr Edwards gave some feedback on the Coronation street party, and thank all those that helped. There were about 150 people in attendance and the food was excellent. The total spend was £1801 pounds. She proposed wine for Alan West, flowers to Jane Cleeton and Cider for Ron Cleeton who helped clear up, this was agreed unanimously. *Cllr Edwards to arrange.*

Clerk to contact the doctors to arrange defibrillator training ideally on a Saturday morning and to include CPR. *Clerk to action.*

8. New items

a) Risk Assessment update – approval

The Clerk had pre circulated the latest risk assessment for approval. This was proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr James and carried unanimously.

9. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

23/00999/FUL Two storey extension to the rear of the property .10 Duffus Hill, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9AX . The application was discussed , and all agreed to submit a response of support as it improved the property, and the immediate neighbours had no issue . *Clerk to respond .*

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

None.

c. District Decisions for information

21/00003/OUT Erection of a single storey, three bedroom, local needs dwelling (outline). Old Garden House Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BS . **Outline permitted.**

23/00499/TREE -T1 Large oak - Reduce low limbs to growth points where possible, as highlighted in submitted photograph, to clear garage and reduce risk of branch failure, removing approximately 50% of branch length, which is 6-8metres. -G1, conifers x2no. - Fell to ground. The Old Stables Main Street Moreton Morrell Warwickshire CV35 9AL – **Tree works approved**

10. Finance

a. Approval of payments (to be circulated)

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

1.	P Routly (Coronation bunting/plates etc)	£248.39 (paid)
2.	PATA Payroll (Jan to Apr)	£19.90 (paid)
3.	P Gibbins Village Mar/Apr	£100.00
4.	P Routly Salary inc 1 year backpay	£1356.24
5.	PATA Payroll (1 year ahead to save cost)	£67.80
6.	P Routly Expenses – Mar/Apr	£184.02
7.	BT Hall wifi Apr/May (P Routly)	£69.30
8.	Kompan inspection	£159.00

9.	Npower Street Lights elec – Apr / May	£66.56
10.	The Villager- 1st instalment grant	£75.00
11.	MMPCC- 1st instalment grant	£500.00
12.	WALC Subs	£249.00
13.	G.R Thornton Internal Audit	£100.00
14.	Gallagher insurance	£1112.54
15.	RP Hall and Son mowing	£366.89
16.	Caloo Youth Shelter	£13409.10
17.	Fabulous Food (Coronation)	£775.86
18.	E Edwards expenses (Coronation)	£237.59
19.	D Edwards expenses (Bird boxes)	£500.00
20.	J Cleeton expenses (Coronation)	£38.00
21.	Hall hire	£15.00

b. Receipts (to be circulated)

The following receipts were reported :-

1.	Precept	£12240.00
2.	VAT return	£2416.84

c. Approval of Asset Register

The Clerk presented an up to date asset register for approval. Acceptance of the register was proposed by Cllr Slora , seconded by Cllr James, and carried unanimously.

d. Internal Audit feedback

The Clerk informed the meeting that Jim Thornton had completed and extensive internal audit and there were no issues to report other than updating the risk assessment with the right insurers name.

e. Approval of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

The Clerk requested the accounts, and accounting statements be approved. This was proposed by Cllr Keavy, seconded by Cllr Gordon and carried unanimously.

f. Annual Return - Statement of Assurance

The Clerk pre circulated the document, which was proposed for approval by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Keavy and carried unanimously.

g. Annual Return – Approval

The Clerk requested the annual return be approved. This was proposed by Cllr Slora, seconded by Cllr James and carried unanimously. *Clerk to make return.*

h. Opening a savings account

Given the PC has significant funds on account the Clerk had completed the forms to open a savings account with Unity after suggestion by Cllr Parry. It was resolved unanimously to open a savings account. The forms were signed by Cllr Slora and Cllr Parry. *Clerk to open account*

11. Correspondence – all circulated by email

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

12. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.

Although Cllr O'Donnell had made an annual report in the previous meeting , she also had a regular County report :-

I do hope you are enjoying the superb weather.

Cllr Grant Funding

The 1st round of the Cllrs Grant Fund launched on 18 of April. The deadline is Sunday 29 May, 5pm. All applications should aim to build community capacity and improve the health & wellbeing of people living in Warwickshire in both urban & rural areas.

👉 <http://ow.ly/JhKi50IUvHw>

Please work with Dominika at WCC to check applications meets the criteria.

dominikastockham@warwickshire.gov.uk

Develop Warwickshire Success

A Warwickshire joint venture which will see £2.5 billion of developments completed over the next three decades has won a major national property award.

The creation of landmark joint venture Develop Warwickshire has been named 'Deal of the Year – Residential' at the RESI Awards, organised by leading business-to-business magazine Property Week.

Develop Warwickshire will see Warwickshire Property & Development Group (WPDG), Warwickshire County Council and Countryside Partnerships bring sites forward for housing across the county for the next 30 years, creating thousands of homes and new jobs for local people.

The joint venture is ground-breaking in its scale and longevity and in the next 12 months is set to start to bring forward 1,800 new homes.

SEND Investment

To unlock a child's potential access to the right education placement for them is essential.

The allocation of over £2.7m for a new SEND facility in Nuneaton and an important step towards ensuring the Council's adult community learning service's delivery is in line with local priorities were discussed at the May WCC Cabinet meeting.

Post-16 provision at Oak Wood School (Twitter and Facebook)

A further 50 places for young people with SEND will be available at Oak Wood Secondary School following approval for a further £2.7m to enhance the provision.

Sustainability podcast WCC

Warwickshire children and young people are one of the groups who will be most affected by the impact of climate change on our planet, even though they bear little or no responsibility for it.

This is the subject for discussion in the latest episode of [Warwickshire County Council's Sustainable Warwickshire podcast](#). It's a new series of conversations with people from around the County who are all taking action to reduce carbon emissions, support biodiversity and promote economic growth.

Children's Services in Warwickshire Ofsted

Ofsted's recent visit to Warwickshire County Council's Children's Services highlighted highly effective practices.

Become a Supported Lodging Host

Local communities are encouraged to offer support to unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people by becoming supported lodging Hosts. To learn more about becoming a supported lodgings host and make a difference in a young person's life, contact Barnardo's

Supported Lodgings Service by phone: 0800 0272 118 or by email: BSLmidlands@barnardos.org.uk.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Anxiety is something that many people experience at some point during their lives, but for those who are struggling with it, there is help available. Anyone who is struggling with their mental health can access help through their GP or the Coventry and Warwickshire Mental Health Access Hubs helpline: 08081 966798. If you have seriously harmed yourself or are considering this, call 999 or ask someone to call 999 for you. For information about a range of local mental health and wellbeing services, please visit: warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth, coventry.gov.uk/mentalhealth or covwarkpt.nhs.uk.

Foster Care Fortnight: Fostering in Warwickshire

Foster carers provide a safe and stable home to children and young people when they are unable to live with their families. Find out more about becoming a foster carer in Warwickshire:

For more information about fostering with Warwickshire County Council:

Visit – warwickshire.gov.uk/fostering Call – 0800 408 1556 Follow - www.facebook.com/warwickshirefostering

Existing foster carers and people looking to find out more about fostering can get involved in events throughout Foster Care Fortnight:

Facebook Live – 23 May, 12.30pm

The fostering team is hosting a Facebook Live event on 23 May at 12.30pm. This is an opportunity to talk about fostering in Warwickshire, the support and training provided, and the different ways people can foster. Catch up any time by watching the recording on our Facebook page.

Foster Walk - 25 May - Ryton Pools, 10.30am-12pm

Foster carers and their four-legged friends are invited to join the fostering team for a get together at Ryton Pools for a coffee and a walk. This is an opportunity to get together and for anyone interested in fostering to meet the team and find out more.

Hoarding

For many the annual Spring Clean and de-cluttering projects are really challenging. In some cases hoarding can delay an individual's discharge from hospital as their living environment is not considered safe. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is warning residents of the potential dangers that hoarding causes in the home.

It is estimated that hoarding affects between two and five per cent of the population.

Excessive hoarding can contribute to health and safety issues, as well as underlying mental health issues, but it also increases the risk of fire in the home and the blocking of escape.

Hoarding is a recognised mental disorder, defined as collecting items and the inability to discard items, even though they appear to others as having little to no value.

If you have a friend or family member who you believe could benefit from a safe and well check, visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fire-safety/apply-safe-well-visit/1>.

For further fire safety tips and advice, visit our website at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/firesafety>.

If you are looking to clear household rubbish you can visit one of our Waste and Recycling Centres, head to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/waste-recycling> to make a booking. It's a great way of getting rid of unwanted rubbish and keeping the home free of clutter.

Bus Fare Pilot

- £2 Bus Fare Pilot
- It's great news for residents as the government announce that adult single bus fares will continue to be capped at £2 until the end of October, making it cheaper for residents to travel by bus.

Although Cllr Parry had made an annual report in the previous meeting , she also had a regular District report :-

Local Elections

I would just like to put on record my thanks to everyone who supported me in the Local Elections and will certainly provide all the guidance and help that is needed for residents. For information the turnout for the new Wellesbourne North and Rural Ward was 42.48% and whilst one person in the ward turned up without Voter ID, they returned later with it, so no one in the ward went without voting who wanted to and the turnout was a slight increase from 2019 for the parish areas with a total of 1255 votes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Danny Kendall for all his help and guidance over the last 9 years and in particular the work we did together to deliver the new Hastings House Medical Centre in Wellesbourne

SDC Annual Council

This is taking place on 24th May and I have been appointed to the planning and employment committees.

Upper Lighthorne GP Facility

I am working closely with Lighthorne and Kineton Parish Councils together with the Cllr Chris Mills and SDC on putting pressure on the ICB to progress the development of a permanent GP facility at Upper Lighthorne and thereby reduce patient pressures on our medical facilities in Wellesbourne, Kineton and the surrounding areas. A meeting with Tony Perks, Deputy Chief Executive has been arranged on 1st June to move this project forward with the objective of securing a temporary facility prior to 2027.

Recycling Update

Between August 2022 and March 2023 there have been 6744 tonnes of food waste collected and recycled across Stratford-on Avon and Warwick districts. The equivalent weight of approximately 562 double decker buses! I really do hope the new administration continue with this policy as the LibDems voted against the introduction of the 123+ waste collection last year.

The new Multi Recycling Facility in Coventry is scheduled to be operational late summer which has seen significant investment in its development by SDC.

Funding Boost to Support Rural Businesses

SDC submitted an addendum to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to get an allocation of the Rural England Prosperity Fund which supports businesses and creates jobs in rural areas.

It has now been confirmed that SDC is to receive £1,015,179 of capital funding for the next two years; 25% is to be allocated this year with the remaining 75% in 2024/25.

A call for projects will be announced shortly and the Council welcome submissions of projects that could be considered under the following areas:

- Capital grant funding for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas.
- Capital grant funding for investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities.
- Capital grant funding for rural circular economy projects.

More information on this fund can be found on the Council's website -

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/people-communities/rural-england-prosperity-fund.cfm>

13. Any other business allowed by Chairman

Jane Cleeton raised the issues of College students using the play equipment and intimidating local children. Cllr Edwards agreed to write to the College.

Several residents of Oak Tree Close raised the issues of nuisance neighbours on the estate and were getting little help from Orbit. Cllrs asked the neighbours to put their concerns in writing

All Councillors not standing at the future election were given a vote of thanks.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in The Room at 7.30pm on 17th July 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.