

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22nd November 2021

PRESENT:

Councillors: R James (Chair)
J Gordon, E Edwards, G Slora
A Parry, C Monks

District Councillor: A Parry

County Councillor: P A O'Donnell- (from 8.15pm)

Clerk : P Routly

Three members of the public

1. Public participation

Lisa Burton raised a question about a footpath to Wellesbourne. Cllr Parry explained the situation and offered to explore together in February.

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.

c) Code of Conduct / DPI

No updates declared.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 20th Sept 2021

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th Sept 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 filed the following report:-

Avian Flu

Cases of Avian Flu have now reached Walton in addition to Stratford and Bidford and therefore we all need to be extremely vigilant and in particular residents who keep poultry or have wild birds attracted to ponds etc.

What is the risk to Animal Health?

- The H5N1 strain is highly pathogenic to other birds.

- As a result, the national Prevention Zone declaration declared across Great Britain effective from 5pm on 3 November 2021 requires all bird keepers in Great Britain (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) are required by law to take a range of biosecurity precautions. Namely:
 - o keep free-ranging birds in fenced areas to minimise contact with wild birds, neighbouring poultry, or captive birds
 - o inspect outdoor areas, removing wild bird contaminants like faeces, feathers, and wild bird carcasses
 - o fence off or put netting over areas of standing water or ponds
 - o provide feed and water undercover, so wild birds can't access it
 - o make your premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils, or streamers
 - o keep ducks and geese separate from other poultry
 - o store bedding under cover to reduce the risk of contamination
 - o clean and disinfect footwear before and after tending to your birds. If you own more than 50 birds, place foot dips containing government approved disinfectant at all entry and exit points
 - o clean and disinfect hard surfaces regularly
 - o clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles to avoid disease spread between premises
 - o minimise the movement of people, vehicles, and equipment to and from bird areas and keep records of movements
 - o keep records of poultry, captive bird, and egg movements
 - o maintain buildings that house birds to prevent water ingress
 - o ensure pest control is effective

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/975119/birdflu-protect-birds-leaflet.pdf

What is the risk to Human Health?

- The risk to human health is considered very low.
- It is vital that people do not touch sick live birds or bird carcasses, and infection control measures may be necessary if they do.
- In areas where the infection has been confirmed or is suspected, anyone who has been in contact with sick or dead birds or their droppings, while not wearing the correct PPE, should make sure any footwear is properly cleaned and thoroughly wash their hands in soap and water. They should then notify the UK Health Security Agency's West Midlands Health Protection Team on 0344 225 3560 so that public health experts can determine if antiviral medication and active surveillance of their condition is necessary.
- The UKHSA has made it clear that the risk of the disease transferring from birds to humans is considered to be very low. To ensure this situation remains, the advice we have received is that members of the public should not touch or go near sick or dying birds. In the event of finding a sick bird members of the public should call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999 and in the event of finding dead birds contact SDC on 01789 267575 in ours and 01926 339 577 out of hours.
- The Food Standards Agency has said that on the basis of the current scientific evidence, avian influenza poses a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

South Warwickshire District Council

The extensive public consultation in respect of the proposed merger has now closed and the outcomes will now be analysed in order for members of council to make a decision at Full Council on 13th December 2021. As well as the public consultation, discussion groups are being undertaken by the research agency (Opinion Research Services) with businesses, the voluntary/community sector and town/parish councils. They are also conducting 600

telephone interviews with a sample of residents matched to the profile of the districts, plus undertaking focus groups again with residents matched to the profile.

Change to the Scheme of Delegations in relation to Planning Decisions

Full Council approved the recommendation to a change to the Scheme of Delegations in respect of Planning Decisions. This means that where a parish council or ward member changes their consultee's response of objection or support with the result that the application no longer satisfies the committee trigger, it will now be authorized to be determined under delegated powers – subject to consultation by the Head of Development and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

As the reasons for the application being referred to committee will have fallen away, this will avoid the preparation of a presentation and attendance of officers at planning committee, enabling them to spend more of their time on live applications.

Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople SPD

This paper, referred to as Part W (Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople) was adopted as a Part of the Development Requirements Supplementary Planning Document at Full Council in October.

Local Enforcement Plan

The new Local Enforcement is available to view on the website Search | Stratford-on-Avon District Council where you will also find comments from the consultation undertaken.

This is also to advise that to date 185 (38%) of 491 cases closed in 2021 were closed due to 'No Breach', the second most popular reason to close reflected the negotiation of cases – 57 (11.6%) out of 491 and in third place reflected a planning application granted – 56 (11.4%) out of 491. 'No Breach' continues to be the highest reason year on year why cases are closed but still involves a considerable amount of officer time.

State of the District

Full Council was presented with a report which summarized the state of Stratford-on-Avon District which is considered as part of the budget-making process for 2022/23. Key findings reported:

- Population of SoA District was estimated to be 132,402 in mid 2020 – an increase of 2304 or 1.77% on mid 2019
- Over 65s make up just over 25% with 58% aged between 18-64 years and 17% under 18 years
- The male to female ratio is roughly equal, with slightly more woman aged 65 years and over than men
- There are 62,705 households and the median house price is £325,000. Owner occupied is 72.9% and the average household size is 2.3
- 1342 dwellings were added to the total number of dwellings in the district to the year ending March 2020. Main rural centres and local service villages have seen the majority of new house building over the last four years
- SoA District has the lowest crime rate across Warwickshire at 6726 incidents reported - a rate of 52 crimes per 1000 people. This reflects a slight fall on the last two years
- In July 2021 there were 2440 claiming unemployment benefits of these 54% were men, 46% women. Compare to the West Midlands, SoA District remains comparatively low in terms of the proportion of working age adults claiming benefits
- Manufacturing accounts for the largest number of jobs at 13,000; second highest was wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles with 10,000 jobs. In third place were tourism-related jobs at 8963
- 13.6% of households in the District were in fuel poverty according to latest data for 2019 compared to 14.5% in Warwickshire and 17.5% in the West Midlands. Wellesbourne South (West) has the lowest variation at 4%

- SoA has experienced one of the highest furlough rates of all district authorities - which reflects the impact on the tourism and hospitality sector

Revised Arrangements for Processing of Domestic Dry Recycling

SDC has negotiated a revised recycling service from 1 November 2021 to 31 July 2022 with Biffa following the fire which caused the total loss of the Pure recycling plant at Ettington in July 2021, together with the financial arrangements needed to support this service.

6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr O'Donnell

Cllr O'Donnell filed the following report:-

As “Stir Up Sunday” reminds us that Christmas is not that far away... and our first frosty Monday Morning greeted us today there are messages around our overall health during this festive season.

Covid19

The rate of infections across the district has increased sharply to 463/100,000 from 366 last week, the over 60's rate has decreased to 132/100,000 (188 last week) with 56 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 423/100,000, North Warwickshire 357/100,000, Warwick 320/100,000 and Rugby 397/100,000. Warwickshire overall has increase from 365/100,000 to 394/100,000. England 385/100,000.

WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT and utilizing the simple advice of masks in crowded spaces, social distancing and washing hands regularly will help to reduce Covid rates along with reducing the transmission of colds and respiratory viruses.

There have been no further Covid related death this week across Stratford District (total now 152 from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 102 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,641 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 12 this week (772) with a total of 7,091 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 320 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,372 (11,475 total deaths).

As we approach the festive season it's time to consider our “Festive Cheers” and ...Reflect on your relationship with alcohol

A third of adults in Warwickshire drink more than the recommended 14 units a week*, and this Alcohol Awareness Week (15th to 21st November) is a great time to reflect on your own drinking.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2570/reflect-on-your-relationship-with-alcohol->

Award success for Warwickshire care leaver

Liss Phillips from Warwickshire has won two awards at the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum for Best Public Speaker and Champion of The Year.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2569/double-award-success-for-warwickshire-care-leaver>

New Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has welcomed Rob Allen as a new Assistant Chief Fire Officer.

Find out more about Rob: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2571/new-assistant-chief-fire-officer-welcomed-to-warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service>

Keep antibiotics working

Local Authority and NHS partners across Coventry and Warwickshire are working together to help tackle the problem of antibiotic resistance.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2572/do-your-bit-to-keep-antibiotics-working>

I am Cabinet Support for SEND and am thrilled to see the introduction of SEND partnership which is set to make a difference

A local partnership agreement has recognised Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice as the area's strategic voice for parent and carers of children with special educational needs and or disabilities (SEND).

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2573/send-partnership-set-to-make-a-difference->

COP-26

#COP26 may have come to an end but that doesn't mean the fight against the climate emergency does. Keep updated with the latest events in Warwickshire and find useful ways you can still do your bit: <http://ow.ly/SN0I50GPVb9>

Leader of the Council reflects on COP-26 (Twitter and Facebook)

Councillor Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council, has been reflecting on her visit to the UN Climate Change Conference - more commonly known as COP26 - in Glasgow.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2576/cllr-izzi-seccombe-reflects-on-her-time-at-cop26>

Green Shoots Fund – Priory Park Tree Planting (Twitter and Facebook)

Part of the historic Priory Park in Warwick is to undergo a tree re-planting programme thanks to Warwickshire County Council's Green Shoots Fund.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2564/green-shoots-community-climate-change-fund-tree-planting-in-priory-park-warwick>

Winter Wellbeing

Wellbeing for Life and health and care colleagues across Coventry and Warwickshire have created an interactive life map to encourage residents to think about their wellbeing milestones.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2568/staying-well-this-winter-with-wellbeing-for-life>

Warwickshire Family Safeguarding

Warwickshire Family Safeguarding will offer better support for families facing issues of domestic abuse, substance misuse and adult mental health.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2563/more-support-for-warwickshire-families-to-address-mental-health-and-related-issues>

Childcare Survey

Do you have children aged between 0-14 years who are accessing childcare?

If you answered yes, Warwickshire County Council would like to hear from you about your experience with finding and using childcare in your area:

<https://forms.office.com/r/udRBVnYr7t>

Special Guardians Virtual Events

Warwickshire County Council is holding a series of virtual events for Special Guardians Join to ask any questions & network with other SGs.

Next session: 7th Dec, 7.30 – 8.30pm: How to keep children safe online

Register now:

Email: sgo@warwickshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01926 74 2228

Correct use of A&E.

West Midlands Ambulance Service attended Adult Overview and Scrutiny last week. They highlighted the increased waiting time for ambulances outside hospitals waiting to admit patients to A&E is not helped by the backlog of people who using A&E as their first point of access re medical advice. This medical advice could be accessed via their GP practice or 111. They have emphasised that you should only attend A&E if it is an actual emergency.

Defibrillators

The WM Ambulance service also asked us to flag up the importance of easily accessible (kept outside a venue not indoors due to out of hours emergencies) fully serviced defibrillators across our districts and villages. There should be more than one in a village and all villagers should know where to locate them. Whilst this might not be practical in some locations they advised that the distance most people will run in an emergency to locate equipment is 400 m and that ideally that should be the distance between Defibrillator locations. It is important that this information is shared regularly with residents perhaps through newsletters and on social media regarding defibrillator locations and when teams are running defibrillator training and CPR training. It is vital this training is kept up to date. As it really could make that vital difference to saving a resident's life one day.

NHS 111 Service

When you need the NHS, just go to 111 online first. They'll get you the help you need. Visit www.111.nhs.uk

On-Call Firefighters

Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to consider gaining new skills by becoming on-call firefighters.

Find out more if you have what it takes:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2544/warwickshire-residents-encouraged-to-gain-new-skills-as-on-call-firefighters>

Severn Trent

Please note that if you are medically vulnerable you can register with Severn Trent to be on their register

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-a-medical-condition-or-disability>

Dog mess – now we've got the darker nights (clocks go back soon) there seems to be more dog mess on the paths and grassed areas. Please pick it up.

This week there has been the usual work on items such as housing, broadband and utility issues, pot holes, speeding traffic, planning etc ,

ASB (fire), Homelessness etc – PLEASE REPORT ANY ASB , however trivial it may seem. Small incidents can lead to bigger one, so better to nip in the bud. Also, the more calls/incidents the Police have, the sooner they will realise there is a problem in a certain area.

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 or Telephone: 01789 260616

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3vfkf03zQgXUsEHH04ODEqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

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

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

7. Warwickshire College Report

The following report was submitted.

Farm

The crops and livestock are all doing well. The rams have been in with the ewes since the 18th of October and hence we will be due to start lambing the 2nd week in March.

We continue to make improvements around the yard and are currently refurbishing the old viewing platform so it can be used as a lecture room and a place to host external visitors.

With the advent of Brexit the Common Agricultural Policy has been replaced with a Land Management Scheme. The farm is part of the mid-tier environmental scheme with the new 5 year agreement starting on the 1st of December. The new scheme will introduce more areas of wild flowers and also wild bird mixes into our planting, to feed the farmland birds over the winter. The scheme will also improve the grass margins, hedgerow management and supplementary feeding of the farm's birds over the winter.

We have also applied for a woodland management grant and licence to remove any ash trees out of the woodland and replace them with native species. This will improve the woodland around the farm and also prevent any of the ash trees which may be affected by ash dieback becoming dangerous.

Estates

We have recently submitted a Stage 2 DfE Further Education Condition Transformation Fund bid for a new building to replace 4 existing poor condition buildings. The new building would offer improved student communal space and Refectory together with classroom space. We will hear if we are successful in Spring 2023.

We have been successful in securing Office for Students funding to create a canine spa therapy unit next to our Animal Welfare provision on lower campus, which is expected to be ready for use in Summer 2022. The facility will include a canine treadmill and a canine therapy pool. The facility will enhance the learning opportunities for our FE and HE students.

Following a recent visit from Wellesbourne and Walton Flood Action Group we can advise that they will be returning in December with experts to identify potential areas for 'leaky dam' solutions whilst providing independent expert impact assessments.

Staff and Students

A trio of floristry students from Moreton Morrell College took on the country's best in a major national final. Emily Wykes, Jane Sked-Connop and Charlotte Coates represented the college in the WorldSkills UK floristry final, which was held on November 13 and 14. Last month we held our annual HE Graduation event in Warwick, where students from Moreton Morrell took the stage at St Mary's Church, to receive their degrees.

This month our marketing team, again opened the doors to prospective students, following the return of our face to face open events. It was well received; therefore we will be running our next event in January 2022.

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk

- i) Repairs feedback**
- ii) Youth Shelter update**
- iii) Lower fence**
- iv) Old Farm drive manhole and flooding**

Cllr Edwards reported Mr Routly had completed all the repairs agreed.

The Clerk had circulated a report on all the quotes she had obtained for a youth meeting shelter, they ranged from £8k to £12k, mainly due to high steel costs . It was resolved to deferred until next spring.

The Clerk reported the fence had been repaired, and WCC was addressing the drain.

b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead

i) Update

Cllr Parry handed out the proposed Local Plan survey for comment before distribution after Christmas. She also highlighted that SDC had a backlog of planning applications due to staff vacancies.

c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon lead

i) Update

Cllr Parry informed the meeting two more candidates had come forward for speed gun training, so it could now be organised. *Cllr Parry to speak to Police.*

d) Village Appearance – All

i) Update

Cllr Parry raised the issue of dog mess on old farm drive , Cllr Monks agreed to highlight again in communications.

e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead

i) Update

Cllr Gordon was thanked for organising the new kissing gates to Little Morrell and Three Gates.

f) Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead

i) Letter to Committee feedback – Clerk

The Clerk had circulated the letter she wrote to the hall committee and the reply received . Cllrs had raised the issue of lack of Committee meetings and therefore lack of activity to improve hall use. Mike Harwood was in attendance, he committed to organising a meeting open to the public and give a date to Cllr Keavy by Friday 26th November. This would then be publicised. *Cllr Keavy to follow up.*

g) College Update

i) Future meeting – Cllr Edwards

Cllr Edwards confirmed a virtual meeting had been organised for 30th November at 5pm.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

a) Bank Move – Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting she had made the online application and required the account signatories to sign the application forms. *Clerk to progress.*

10. New items

b) Queens Jubilee plans / canopy (tree planting)

c) Our living landscapes - Cllr Edwards

d) Community Café future

It was resolved to hold a party in the park for the Queens Jubilee on 5th June 2022 . Cllr Edwards to book pig roast and band trailer. A budget of £2000 was proposed by Cllr Keavy and seconded by Cllr Gordon and carried unanimously.

Cllr Edwards spoke of an event she attended at Compton Verney on enhancing local wildlife. She agreed to arrange a separate meeting to discuss.

The Clerk report that Jo Boulton was having to give up the community café , there was £420 remaining in the funds. It was resolved to advertise for a leader. Cllr Parry also agreed to contact Trish Handley in Ashorne about the supply of cakes and organisation.

11. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

21/03152/FUL Proposed front and side extensions with associated alterations.The Strines Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell CV35 9AX . **No Objection sent**

21/03468/TREE -T1 Japanese cherry - Fell.Randolph Cottage Middletown Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AU. **No Objection sent**

c. District Decisions for information

21/01409/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey front extension, single storey side and rear extension and creation of three pitched roof dormer windows and one flat roof dormer window, introduction of slate roofing materials, cedar cladding and render.The Green Middletown Moreton Morrell CV35 9AU. **.Permission with conditions**

21/02238/FUL Rear dormer roof extension, window alteration to front elevation & proposed new lean-to shed / workshop. The Old Post Office Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AL. **Permission with conditions**

21/02319/FUL/LBC Application for a vehicular access onto the public highway from The Lodge (resubmission of application ref: 21/00472/FUL).The Lodge Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BP **.Refused**

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.	R Frogley stiles	£900.00 (paid)
2.	Playground Spares	£464.55 (paid)
3.	Glasdon bins	£121.61 (paid)
4.	S Routly playground repairs	£1698.34 (paid)
5.	Friends of Hasting House donation	£200.00
6.	P Routly Salary	£743.36
7.	P Routly Expenses – Sept/ Oct	£136.54
8.	BT Hall wifi Oct /Nov (P Routly)	£60.32
9.	PKF external Audit	£360.00
10.	EON	£60.23
11.	RP hall grass cutting	£940.67
12.	Moreton Morrell Hall Rent Nov	£15.00
13.	P Gibbins Village – Oct	£100.00
14.	The Villager- 2nd instalment grant	£75.00
15.	MMPCC- 2nd instalment grant	£500.00
16.	MMCT Village events grant	£300.00
17.	Kompan inspection	£145.20
18.	Kompan cableway retention	£108.00
19.	Royal British Legion Wreath	£25.00

b. Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported the following receipts

1.	SDC CIL Payment	£1282.50
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c. Ext Audit feedback

The Clerk reported the External Audit was complete with no issues.

d. Mid Year finance update

The Clerk had pre-circulated the mid-year report. Finances were healthy and no issues were raised

13. Correspondence – all circulated by email

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.

Cllr Parry circulated the survey referred to in item 8b

15. Any other business allowed by Chairman

None.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 17th January 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.