## MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R Morgan (Chair), J Cleeton,

S Routly, J Gordon

District Councillors: A Parry, D Johnston

**Clerk:** P Routly

Mike Bailey and 7 members of the public.

## 1. Public participation

None.

## 2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Routly declared a pecuniary interest in item 11a as his wife is the Clerk.

## 3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jackson, Cllr Keavy and Cllr Kendall.

# 4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 21st July 2014

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Cleeton, seconded by Cllr Gordon and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

## 5. District Councillors' Report

Cllr Johnston filed and spoke about the following report :-

#### **Focus on Moreton Morrell**

You will recall at the last meeting of SDC Cabinet, the Chief Executive was asked to write to the appropriate Government Minister to seek clarification on the status of emerging Neighbourhood Plans in the Planning Process. 11 Neighbourhood Plans have now been approved by referenda, the first being Cockermouth where I used to live. The Government is seeking views on proposals to make Neighbourhood planning easier.

I hope that now residents of Moreton Morrell have received the Wellesbourne questionnaire.

I have had a meeting with the Deputy Chief Fire Officer on Junior Firefighters, along with colleagues from Shipston and Kenilworth, to look at ways to go forward.

I have taken up with Highways concerns on injury accidents on the A429. Work to improve signage has not been completed as promised. I hope that it will be possible to arrange a meeting with Highways.

## **Community Forum - Reforming Local Councils**

The Leader of the County Council, Cllr. Izzy Seccombe spoke at the meeting of the Community Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> September. There were also key presentations by Charles Goody of the local NHS Community Commissioning Group, and by Fiona Blundell of SDC on the consultations on CIL and on site allocation all of which bring the timetable much further forward. At the next meeting, Insp Adrian Davies will be attending, particularly t talk about traffic enforcement. The top policing priority for this quarter is speeding through, Moreton Morrell, Lighthorne and Ashorne, focussed on commuter traffic.

Cllr Johnston also reminded the meeting the next Community Forum was on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr Parry filed and spoke about the following report:-

## **Core Strategy Update**

The Core Strategy has now been finalised following the Full Council Meeting and will now be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination together with the confirmation that the five year housing land supply has been secured. The impact of both these achievements mean that planning officers and committees can give significant weight to local concerns about the housing need and aspects of sustainability regarding new developments. SDC has also published a Sustainability Energy Landscape Sensitivity Study which will accompany the Core Strategy as a supplementary document. The report sets out an assessment of the sensitivity and capacity of the district's landscape character types to accommodate commercial scale wind and solar energy development. It now provides a robust evidence base to support the emerging Core Strategy, Policy CS.3 'Sustainable Energy', and to assist development management in the determination of applications for such schemes. The Council's new study puts an emphasis and recommendation for only small to medium sites ranging from 1-15 hectares. Solar developments of more than 25 hectares in size will not be recommended, as these are now categorised as being very large with a high sensitivity rating. This new study will therefore have an impact on the application for a solar park in Moreton Morrell.

#### Solar Park

The application for Moreton Morrell Solar Park has been submitted by Green Energy Direct but is awaiting to be validated by SDC Planning Department. As soon as the application is up on the system I will advise the Clerk accordingly. I believe there will be a public consultation of these plans in due course and am awaiting notification of dates from the developer. I understand that the residents most affected by these plans are organising a petition against the development and will be canvassing support in both Moreton Morrell and Ashorne villages.

The publication of the new Sustainability Energy Landscape Sensitivity Study which is to accompany the Core Strategy submission to the Secretary of State will have an influence on proposals to build wind or solar farms in the district. Am awaiting an update from the planning officer regarding the proposals for Moreton Morrell.

#### Galileo Farm

I have met with both Sara Birks and Fabienne Peckham in a bid to gain a greater understanding regarding this application concerning the proposals for a new large dwelling and the relocation

of the 'farm shop' to the log cabin. I am still awaiting responses from the planning department to my queries concerning this application and hope to provide an update at the meeting on 22 September and preferably before following meetings with the planning team this week.

#### John Taylor Way

As a local resident and district councillor I have been alerted to the new plans submitted to build 35 new homes in John Taylor Way. The appointed planning officer is now Adrian Butler, who has recently joined SDC as a senior planner – I am currently working with him on another matter outside of the parish and am pleased to report that he is extremely experienced and highly regarded. I have requested a meeting to discuss this slightly revised application from David Wilson Homes which exceeds the needs of the village and in my view is unsustainable in its current form. I am particularly keen to establish the level of 'signficant' weight the submitted Core Strategy now provides together with the provision of a five year housing land supply in respect of this application. The timescale for comments to be registered is 25 September 2014.

## **Dog Warden Update**

I have met the new dog warden, Lisa Parkes and she is more than happy to meet councillors in Moreton Morrell to discuss means to prevent dog fouling in the village and open space areas.

#### Kennels

The enforcement team have been alerted to the commencement of works and they have confirmed that they have not received any additional information regarding the noise mitigation measures at this stage. I am chasing the matter and hope to provide a further update at the meeting.

#### **Site Allocations Plan**

For information purposes only ... SDC is in the process of undertaking a six week public consultation on the Site Allocations Plan. The consultation comprises four questions and the invitation to suggest suitable sites for consideration – it is not an opportunity to comment on the overall development strategy or the categorisation of settlements as these are matters that are dealt with in the Core Strategy. However, where a Neighbourhood Plan is not being prepared and no area designation has been submitted by 2 October 2014, the District Council will identify suitable sites for development through the Site Allocations Plan, involving the parish council and the local community. Within the documentation there is a Call for Sites Pro-forma for the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for potential sites capable of delivering 5 or more homes or more than 0.25ha (500sqm floorspace) for commercial uses.

For information Wellesbourne and Walton Neighbourhood Plan is a step closer to being put together as SDC received its designated neighbourhood area in August. Members of the public are being asked to make their comments before Stratford-on-Avon District Council makes a decision on the application. For further information visit www.stratford.gov.uk/siteallocations

## **Community Infrastructure Levy CIL Draft Charging Schedule**

For information SDC is also undertaking a consultation on its CIL Draft Charging Schedule which sets out the proposed rates for the two strategic sites (GLH and the Stratford Canal Quarter Regeneration Zone) and the District in general. For further information visit www.stratford.gov.uk/CIL

It was agreed to invite the Dog warden to the next meeting.

## 6. County Councillors' Report

Cllr Kendall filed the following report:-

## Core Strategy update

On Monday 15 September agreed that the Proposed Submission Core Strategy be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

This is a fantastic and very positive step forward that will now benefit every community (like Moreton Morrell) that is under pressure from developers to take additional housing. Of course the Government inspector will now look at whether the strategy can progress and become the planning policy for the District, but in meantime many of the policies within the Core Strategy will be given more weight at Planning Committee meeting, thus offering a measure of new protection for our villages.

To bring you up to speed on the details is an in depth process, but the following is a brief extract from the Council's summary.

The document identifies the broad locations, scale and type of development and supporting infrastructure that will take place in the District as well as highlighting those areas, which will be protected from future development. It also covers community issues such as quality of life, the environment, housing, education, community safety and the economy.

The proposals include:

Planning for 10,800 new homes in Stratford-on-Avon District (an average of 540 a year), including 3,000 at Gaydon and Lighthorne Heath (with 2,500 dwellings to be built by 2031). An additional 35 hectares of employment land, plus 100 hectares of land to support the expansion of JLR at Gaydon.

To improve the affordability of housing across the District, 35% of dwellings on eligible sites will have been provided as affordable homes.

Maintaining the rural, historic and local distinctiveness of the District and protecting the Greenbelt and character of the countryside.

Maintaining the flood plain.

Improving transport services and reducing traffic congestion.

Ensuring new development is of high quality design.

## Half-term Cycle Training Available:

With the half-term fast approach (and not a moment too soon!) the County Council is offering local children a chance to increase their cycling skills and confidence with Bikeability courses taking place during the October half term break.

The playground based Level 1 for cyclists aged 7 – 9 years is taking place on Monday 27 October at £10 per cyclist. Level 2 Bikeability, is a two day course aimed at cyclists aged 9 years and over who are ready to cycle on the road is available on Tuesday and Wednesday 28 & 29 October, fee is £18. The advanced Level 3 course, for competent cyclists aged 11 and over takes place on Wednesday 29 October, costing £22 per cyclist.

For more information and online booking visit: http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycletraining or call: 01926 412776.

## 7. Warwickshire College Report

Mike Bailey reported :-

Most of the students in residential halls were back and they would be full next week.

The College was recruiting a new Principal.

The field drainage ditch problem was now resolved.

New gates were installed at Holbrooks for bridle path access.

There was no update on the possible sale of Moreton Hall.

There were horse trails this weekend and bonfire night on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The Jubilee Tree would be replaced.

Cllr Cleton requested that the tree at the top of the playing field be looked at. *Action Mike Bailey* 

## 8. Sub Committee Reports and General Updates

- a) Playing Field Cllr Cleeton
  - i) Update/Repairs
  - ii) Lease

Cllr Cleeton reported the repairs were complete and requested some new equipment, goal posts, repairs to skate ramp (treatment) and hop scotch marking. The cost was approx:-£1292 for the goals, £268 for the hopscotch, and £260 for the skate park, all plus vat. This was proposed by Cllr Routly, seconded by Cllr Gordon and carried unanimously. *Cllr Cleeton to arrange*. Cllr Routly said he was in the process of writing to the College Board of Governors requesting a 99 year lease on the whole playing field, or outright purchase.

- b) Planning All
  - i) Triangle Field update
  - ii) Solar Farm update
  - iii) Galileo Farm update
  - iv) Core Strategy
  - v) Neighbourhood Plan

With Cllr Hancock having resigned, Cllr Cleeton proposed that Cllr Routly should take the lead on planning matters, this was seconded by Cllr Gordon and carried unanimously. Cllr Routly accepted.

Cllr Parry reported the Adrian Butler was appointed as planning officer for the Triangle field. The SDC land supply was now 5.4 years, and the emphasis was on the core strategy allocation of only 10 to 25 houses in the parish. The school was now full. All this should go in our favour and we wait the outcome of his decision on whether to send to committee.

The solar farm application had still not been validated; more information like an environmental study was required. SDC policy is not to recommend solar farms > 25 hectares. Again we await the application.

Cllr Parry reported she met Dan Charles the planning officer for Galileo farm. There were still queries on the farm shop and processing.

The applicants were present and explained the rational for their application, the fact they were not expecting the shop traffic to increase, and the lower floor of the dwelling was not living but

garage and utility. They requested the Cllrs revisit there comments after viewing all the online information. *All agree to do this*.

It was agreed not to discuss the Neighbourhood plan further at this stage.

## c) Speed awareness

## i) Speed survey next steps

Cllr Gordon reported he was awaiting a meeting with Graham Stanley that was due very soon.

- d) Village Appearance Cllr Keavy
  - i) Village signs quote?
  - ii) Brook Lane culvert silted up Clerk

Cllr Keavy was not present but had reported he was still awaiting a quotation.

The Clerk reported that she had reported the culvert silting up to WCC and they responded positively and were investigating, report back at the next meeting. *Clerk to follow up*.

## e) Footpaths and Trees - Cllr Morgan

- i) Jubilee Tree replacement
- ii) Footpath Survey

Cllr Morgan reported the College has agreed to replace the tree. He would also arrange a footpath survey. *Clerk to circulate footpath map*.

### f) Village Hall, Church and College – Cllr Cleeton / All

i) Confirmation of use of grant - Clerk

Cllr Cleeton confirmed she had still not received an invite from the hall committee.

The Clerk read a letter from the Church Treasurer, confirming the grants were only being used for churchyard maintenance and no other purpose.

#### 9. New items

#### a) Co-option of new Councillor

Mr Peckham and Mrs Brooks expressed an interest. It was resolved to advertise further and invite all candidates to speak for a few minutes at the next meeting as to why they should join the Council.

#### 10. Planning

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

14/02486/TREE- T1: Beech: 30% crown reduction - T2: Horse Chestnut: remove - T3: Cherry: remove - T4: Crab Apple: remove The Green Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AN

After discussion it was resolved to send **No Reps** . Clerk to respond to SDC.

14/00946/FUL Proposed construction of 35 residential dwellings with associated landscaping, drainage attenuation basin, extension to existing LPG compound and additional infrastructure including pedestrian and vehicular accesses. John Taylor way Moreton Morrell. Revision to layout.

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to retain our **objection**. *Clerk to respond to SDC*.

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

13/03284/FUL Construction of a farm dwelling and change of use of existing log cabin into farm shop. Galileo Farm On The Hill, Fosse Way, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9DF. Revised plans. **Objection remains.** 

#### c. District Decisions for information

14/01507/FUL Field End Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BU - Erection of single and two storey extensions to rear of dwelling following demolition of ground floor dining room extension, and construction of first floor dining room extension between house and garage. **Permission with Conditions** 

14/01496/FUL Priest House Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BX - Extensions to side and rear of dwelling. **Refused.** 

14/01575/LDP Proposed extensions Willow House Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AN.

#### Refused

14/01547/FUL Saxon House Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BT - Addition of single storey extension and dormer window to front of dwelling and two storey extension to rear. Permission with conditions..

14/01556/FUL Erection of freestanding garage (retrospective) East Lodge Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BX. **Permission with conditions.** 

## 11. Finance

## a) Approval of payments

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

1.	MFM services – mowing July	£306.00
2.	MFM services – mowing Aug	£166.00
3.	EON Street Lights elec –July/ Aug	£79.52
4.	Village Hall meeting rent September	£15.00
5.	Grant Thorton External Audit PCC	£120.00
6.	WCC Allotment rent	£180.00
7.	Playscapes – Skate park repairs	£648.00
8.	P Routly Salary – via Douglas Tonks	£680.80
9.	P Routly Expenses – Jul/ Aug	£33.16

#### b) Receipts

None.

#### c) Feedback from internal and external Audit

The Clerk reported the audits were complete and there were no issues.

#### 12. Correspondence ( new)

a) Freedom of information request

The Clerk reported she had a request, and would be providing the requested information

## 13. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

None.

## 14. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent

Cllr Gordon raised the issue of a £35 charge for Middletown residents, when they were denied them in the first place. He stated he was following up with SDC.

# 15. Date of next meeting

The next council meeting will be held in the Moreton Morrell Village Hall on Monday  $17^{\rm th}$  November 2014.

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