

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th July 2021

PRESENT:

Councillors:	R James (Chair) J Gordon, E Edwards A Parry(on Zoom) , C Monks
District Councillor:	A Parry
Clerk :	P Routly

Four members of the public

1. Public participation

Jane Cleeton raised concerns over the proposed youth shelter, citing previous vandalism when a bus shelter was installed. She stated there had been no issues with bad behavior in the past two weeks. She also highlighted one of the blue bricks on the infant's climbing frame was loose.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Slora and Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell

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 24th May 2021

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24th May were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Edwards, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry filed the following report:-

Pure Recycling Centre

Following the major fire incident at the Pure Recycling Centre in Ettington last week, the waste recycling collections had to be halted on Wednesday as the operational function of the site has been destroyed. Due to the complexity of setting up an alternative recycling disposal site unfortunately it will not be possible to do any catch up collections.

SDC is hoping that services will commence as normal on Monday and are doing everything possible to get solutions from Kier and Biffa.

Residents can present extra recycling in cardboard boxes or clear plastic bags at their next collection in a fortnight's time.

Thank you for your understanding and continued patience and information regarding this situation has been posted on social media sites and featured in the press and on local radio. As previously reported SDC has already committed a £multi-million investment along with other local authorities in a new Multi Recycling Facility to be built in Coventry and will be operational within the next 12-18 months.

New Era for Land Charges Service

SDC transferred its Local Land Charges Register (LLCR) to HM Land Registry (HMLR) on 10th May which follows the completion of a challenging project over the last two years to data cleanse and digitise approximately 95,000 records held in a variety of paper and digital formats.

Benefits of the new system will be faster response times to search requests and a foundation to enable officers to work with more accurate data, accessible systems and continuously improve its processes. SDC will continue to be responsible for updating and maintaining the LLC register to provide replies to CON29 enquiries which are currently being turned round in less than 15 working days.

The initiative is part of a national transformation programme that will eventually see all 314 registers held by English local authorities transferred to HMLR under the Infrastructure Act 2015.

Planning and Enforcement

The planning teams continue to be swamped by householder applications for extensions which reflects the increase of homeworking during Covid and the new hybrid model of working that is being adopted by many businesses to look at greater flexibility of working routines amongst staff combining a mix of office based with home working routines. Whilst applications have recently been taking 5 weeks to validated this has now reduced to around 2 – 3 weeks despite the volume and staff shortages within the planning team.

In my new role as Planning Portfolio Holder I have had an information sheet produced for councillors and parishes which highlights material planning reasons together with the relevant Core Strategy policies which MMPC may find useful in the determination of planning applications. This is attached as a PDF to this report.

South Warwickshire Local Plan

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils have commenced the initial stages in the development of a Local Plan and have undertaken a Scoping and Call for Sites consultation, which closed on Monday 21 June 2021. This is the first stage in a long process and the consultation asked a series of questions about what issues the new Local Plan should cover and sought views on how we should tackle these issues. In our part of the District, we have received nearly 3,000 responses and nearly 400 potential sites.

Local Parish Plan

I have investigated the process for developing a new Local Parish Plan and have obtained copies of questionnaires used by other parishes in the district. SDC offer a facility to conduct the questionnaire and survey but are unable to provide a budget at this stage as it would depend on the extent of our questionnaire. As a member of the steering committee which developed the Wellesbourne and Walton Neighbourhood Plan and facilitated the questionnaire and analysis of the survey I do have the necessary skills to facilitate this once the parish council has finalised the questionnaire.

In view of the development of a new South Warwickshire Local Plan I do recommend that the parish council take this opportunity to update their Local Plan in order to have a say in the type of the new development in the village. Examples of questionnaires are attached for information.

Community Speed Watch Group

I have been in contact with PCSO Liam Allen as they are starting up training again for Community Speed Watch Group. He has carried out a survey of Moreton Morrell and the only place this can be administered from in the parish is on the junction of John Taylor Way, next to the weight restriction road sign, facing up into the village (30mph area). It would not be suitable for checks to be conducted facing the 50mph section due to the regulations we have to follow for the sites.

PCSO Allen has asked me to send him details of the nominated Team Leader and volunteers with contact emails and numbers so that he can organise the training and I propose to put this out on Nextdoor and the Facebook Page. I have advised Cllr Gordon accordingly and it would be good to include this in The Villager as well.

Business Grants

Throughout the pandemic local government has been responsible for the administration and payment of the various and numerous Central Government Grant Schemes. To date SDC has paid out over £70 million in grant funding and it is great news that local businesses and the village hall have been able to benefit from these grants over the last 16 months.

SDC has worked closely with Coventry and Warwickshire LEP Growth Hub to ensure that payments of grants have reached those in most need. SDC has subsequently received a further indicative funding of £1.4 million from July which was only available to those local authorities who had spent their original allocation. This new tranche will consequently be used to support existing businesses to flourish post-pandemic. Further details awaited.

6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr O'Donnell

Cllr O'Donnell was not present but filed the following report:-

Good Evening I am so sorry that due to my father being unwell and in hospital I am supporting my mother and unable to join you in person and I thank my Cllr Colleague for conveying this update and noting any questions I can be of help with.
Covid19

The rate of infections across the district has fallen to 245/100,000 from 250 last week, the over 60's rate has increased to 34/100,000 (26 last week) with 14 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 384/100,000, North Warwickshire 654/100,000, Warwick 431/100,000 and Rugby 341/100,000. Warwickshire overall has gone from 311/100,000 to 382/100,000 – nearly doubled. England 350/100,000. All areas increasing across Warwickshire.

There have been no further Covid related deaths across Stratford District for the 5th week running, total now 141 from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 91 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,204 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased this week (678) with a total of 5,045 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 309 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,279.

As we approach “Freedom Day” check guidance on the Government website. Key pointers: set up outside or if you’re indoors open windows or doors if you have visitors.

- If you think you might have COVID-19 symptoms, [take a PCR test](#) and stay home.
- Wear face coverings in crowded places to help protect others.
- Check in with the NHS COVID-19 app when you’re out.
- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds with soap.
- [Get vaccinated](#) if you are 18 or over.

If you are self-isolating or clinically extremely vulnerable to coronavirus you can access help from the council and partners. For practical and wellbeing support go call the hotline 0800 408 1447 or go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusvulnerable

New megalab opens to bolster fight against COVID-19

The UK’s first testing megalab – the Rosalind Franklin laboratory in Royal Leamington Spa has opened and will be processing hundreds of thousands of COVID-19 samples every day to rapidly detect new variants and help stop the spread of the virus:

www.gov.uk/government/news/new-megalab-opens-to-bolster-fight-against-covid-19

To view previously circulated additional resources, visit:

<https://www.staysafecsw.info/home/warwickshire-resources/1>

Onto other news:

WCC has just had a SEND Local Area Inspection from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. As a Speech and Language Therapist and also Cabinet Support for SEND (Special Educational Needs) I have a specific interest in the recommendations and will update re the findings as soon as I am able. The WCC Vision is for all children to live their best lives and accessing the right educational package is key.

Recycling garden waste, wood, metal and cardboard this summer is getting easier, as Warwickshire recycling centres are all open and the number of appointments available to book has increased by 5000 per week today. This increased availability should mean it is quicker than ever for people to book a slot at the centre of their choice at a time that suits. There are over 21,000 slots in total released each week, each day’s appointments are released a week in advance. Full details of all of the materials that can be recycled at one of the 9 recycling centres in the county, and details of how to book, can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc. Warwickshire County Council are asking visitors to continue to respect other people on site and allow each other space.

Warwickshire Property and Development Group

Warwickshire Property & Development Group (WPDG), set up to deliver new affordable and market-priced homes and a range of commercial, mixed-use and renewable energy opportunities across the county, has been launched by WCC.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2255/warwickshire-county-council-launches-warwickshire-property-development-group-wpdg->

There is a drive this week to navigate our emergency services :

West Midlands Ambulance Service – Dialling 999

Before calling 999 for an ambulance, please think: "What alternatives could I use to get the best treatment?"

By using an alternative, you are freeing up the emergency phone lines for those who need help in a life threatening emergency.

#HelpUsHelpYou

West Midlands Ambulance Service – High Demand

The current demand for ambulances is 33% higher than in 2019.

Ambulance staff are working incredibly hard right now to help those in the most need. Please #HelpUsHelpYou and visit <http://111.nhs.uk>, a walk-in centre, pharmacy or your GP if you have a non-life threatening medical concerns.

Warwickshire Police – Report it online Please remember that anti-social behaviour and Road Traffic Incidents that do not require police attendance can now also be reported online via Warwickshire Police.

Report it online here: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>

Supported internship success

A Warwickshire student's achievements are being celebrated after she completed a successful supported internship working with Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2274/warwickshire-student-celebrates-supported-internship-success->

West Midlands Gigafactory

Warwickshire County Council has welcomed the plans to construct a West Midlands Gigafactory at the Coventry Airport site.

Find out more about this exciting proposal:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2283/warwickshire-county-council-welcomes-plans-for-west-midlands-gigafactory>

Women's Tour – Team Announcement

Exciting times for cycling fans as twelve of the world's top 15 teams will be among those in action at this year's Women's Tour (Monday 4 – Saturday 9 October), the UK's most prestigious women's cycle race.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2289/world-s-best-cycling-teams-announced-for-the-women-s-tour-coming-to-warwickshire-in-october-2021>

Commonwealth Games 2022 – Ticket Ballot

On your marks...Get set...Go...

People of Warwickshire, the wait is over. The Birmingham 2022 West Midlands ticket ballot is now open!

Find out more and apply now for your tickets: <https://www.birmingham2022.com/the-games/tickets/>

Angle Grinder Chainsaw warning

WCC Trading Standards is urging Warwickshire residents, including workers in the construction industry, DIY enthusiasts and wood carvers and sculptors to stop using chainsaw discs being sold as attachments for angle grinders.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2287/trading-standards-issues-danger-warning-public-urged-to-stop-using-angle-grinder-chainsaws->

7. Warwickshire College Report

No Report was submitted.

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk

- i) Inspection Report Repairs
- ii) CCTV
- iii) Youth Shelter
- iv) Opening

Cllr Edwards informed the meeting that the playing field committee had met and agreed to ask the Lengthman to undertake the minor repairs, however, the Clerk subsequently confirmed the Lengthman is only allowed to undertake tasks on WCC land. The issue was discussed and it was resolved to advertise for a handyman. Advert to be put in the villager.

The youth shelter and CCTV was discussed, and the committee recommended approval. The Clerk confirmed a grant from WCC had been applied for the youth shelter. After discussion with objections from two members of the public to the CCTV it was resolved unanimously to progress in principal but seek more information from other councils and obtain cost. *Committee and Clerk to pursue.*

On the subject of the official opening Cllr Edwards offered to organise, the date of 19th September being suggested. *Clerk to confirm the budget.*

Mac Howarth requested more benches on the playing field, but it was highlighted there were several already and this was low down on priorities when the survey was held.

b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead
i) Village Design Statement

Cllr Parry had circulated some example surveys from other parishes and suggested similar should be undertaken to enable development of a village design statement. The clerk confirmed there was £1000 in the budget. *Cllr Parry to progress.*

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

Cllr Gordon stated there was nothing further to add to Cllr Parry's statement on speed guns.

d) Village Appearance – All
i) Planters and grass cutting

Mac Howarth stated that no one was cutting the grass around the planters. It was resolved to add to the handy man list or the playing field grass cutting list. He also raised again the brick damage on horse trough and bus shelter cleaning.

e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead
i) Update
ii) New kissing gates
iii) Map

Cllr Slora was not present, but Cllr Gordon stated the WCC need to be asked to cut SD110 and SD 110a. *Clerk to request.*

f) Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead
i) Update

Cllr Keavy confirmed the hall committee had not informed him yet of a meeting.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

a) Bank Move – Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting this had not been progressed yet due to completing the accounts and awaiting the precept payment.

10. New items

a) Approval of Standing Orders

- b) **Approval of Financial regulations**
- c) **Welcome pack**

The Clerk had circulated new Model Standing Orders and Financial Regs for approval . These were proposed by Cllr James , seconded by Cllr Keavy and carried unanimously .

Cllr Parry informed the meeting she has updates for the Welcome Pack and would progress , then seek to print some new copies.

11. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

21/01722/FUL Erect a domestic outbuilding to use as a car port, home gym and home office. Wilcox House Brook Lane Moreton Morrell CV35 9AT. **No Objection**

21/01613/FUL Replacement single storey side extension with pitched roof to create craft room. 18 Oaktree Close Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell CV35 9BB. **Support**

c. District Decisions for information

21/01339/FUL Proposed erection of two timber framed single storey extensions. Oakley House , Barn Fields, Moreton Morrell, CV35 9AQ **Permission with conditions**

12. Finance

a. Approval of payments (to be circulated)

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

1.	M Howarth Planters	£112.50 (paid)
2.	ID Fencing	£1899.60 (paid)
3.	Wright signs	£140.00 (paid)
4.	WCC Street lights upgrade to LED	£6267.42
5.	P Gibbins Village Mag May/June	£100.00
6.	Kompan playing field inspection	£145.20
7.	Hall rent May / July	£30.00
8.	RP Hall and Son mowing May/June	£294.40
9.	Open Spaces subs	£45.00
10.	P Routly Salary	£743.36
11.	P Routly Expenses – May/June	£257.73
12.	PATA payroll	£12.95
13.	BT Hall wifi June/ Jul (P Routly)	£60.32

b. Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported there were no receipt.

13. Correspondence – all circulated by email

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.

Cllr Edwards confirmed she was involved in a new charity supporting patients of Hastings House Medical Centre , and would like to discuss in the next meeting.

15. Any other business allowed by Chairman

Cllr James informed the meeting that Cllr Slora, Gordon and himself were looking at ways to use the hall during the school holidays for activities such as table tennis , pool etc , and was seeking volunteers. It was agreed to ask via social media.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 20th September 2021.

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