

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th March 2015

PRESENT:

Councillors:	R Morgan (Chair), J Gordon S Routly, J Cleeton.
District Councillors:	A Parry
County Councillors:	
Clerk :	P Routly (ill covered by S Routly)

No representative from Warwickshire College and no members of the public.

1. Public participation

None.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Routly declared a pecuniary interest in item 12a as his wife is the Clerk.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jackson, Cllr Keavy, Cllr Kendall and Cllr Johnston. The Clerk was ill.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 26th January 2015

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th January 2015 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 Parry pre filed the following report :-

Council Meeting – 23 Feb 2015

The Revenue and Capital Budget was approved and SDC has once again frozen the level of Council Tax which remains at £128.05 and means that the rate for Council Tax Band D for NPAPC will comprise:

Warwickshire County Council	£1201.14
Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner	£188.23
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	£128.05
Moreton Morrell Parish Council	£64.26
TOTAL for Council Tax Band D	£1581.68

The SDC element of the Council Tax will increase by 2% from 2016/17 onwards and next year will be £130.61.

Core Strategy

The Interim report from the planning inspectorate is anticipated by 20 March, which is expected to provide an indication to the soundness of the Core Strategy. This is eagerly awaited in view of its implications on local development and the ‘weight’ which can be given to refuse planning permission for larger scale housing applications.

Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath Draft SPD

An informal consultation on the scope and content of the Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath (GLH) draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has started and closes **on Monday 30 March 2015**.

Comments are invited on any aspect of the SPD. It will therefore be important that concerns regarding the increased traffic and congestion associated with potentially 3000 homes and the expansion of JLR are emphasised strongly, as the impact will put extreme pressure on our local road network which is currently an issue at peak times.

County Division Boundaries

The parish clerk is to be commended for her excellent submission to WCC which has resulted in ensuring that both NPA and MM parishes remain within the Wellesbourne Ward.

Medical Centre

Dialogue and pre-application discussions have been continuing in respect of plans, which have been submitted by Persimmon and Walton Estate, regarding a new medical centre in Wellesbourne, which also includes a proposal for 350 new homes on the Ettington Road in Wellesbourne. Dog Close – the green field in the centre of the village is the preferred location for the medical centre with the provision of additional parking and a community area. Whilst residents in Wellesbourne recognise the need for a new medical centre, the 350 homes is a bitter pill to swallow on their doorstep and there are considerable objections to this element and the proposal to build on Dog Close. Walton Estate is providing the land with additional financial support together with financial support from Persimmon and NHS England. Additional community benefits in Wellesbourne are also being discussed as part of the proposed package to mitigate the harm of 350 houses. The proposal is the only means of being able to deliver the new medical facilities which will benefit residents in Moreton Morrell, Moreton Paddox and other surrounding villages.

Dog Warden

Lisa Parkes has advised that unfortunately it is not possible for her to attend Parish Council meetings in the evening as she lives in Tamworth. However she is happy to meet with councillors at a convenient time during the working day.

Jeremy Wright MP QC

Further to his open surgery session on 27 February at the Kings Head from 4-5pm, Jeremy Wright MP QC will also be at the Café in the Precinct on Saturday 7 March from 10-11am. No appointments needed, just drop in for a chat.

Sainsbury's

The new Sainsbury's in Wellesbourne is now actively recruiting staff and is creating 130 new jobs at the store which opens on 13 May 2015. It is 20,000 sq ft in size – slightly smaller than the Sainsbury's in Warwick but the same size as Sainsbury's in Kenilworth and will be offering

a range of fresh foods and clothing. Whilst it will not have a butchery meat counter it will have a 'scratch' bakery. For further information visit <https://sainsburys.jobs>

John Taylor Way – David Wilson Homes

Attending pre-application meeting scheduled for 9 March at 6pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr Johnston was not present but filed the following report :-

Core Strategy

We have been promised an initial report by the Inspector in mid March, and a promise of immediate publication.

SDC Budget

SDC approved the budget on 23rd February. There will be no increase in the District Council tax, though I am told that the County Council element of the Council Tax will be increased.

All Conservatives present at the meeting voted down Lib Dem proposals which would have included an additional planner to support Neighbourhood Plans. This would not have needed any tax increase but would have been funded by savings in Councillor's allowances next year when at last the reduction in the number of councillors takes place.

There will soon be 28 Neighbourhood Plans being prepared across the District, and according to the District's site allocation policy, these will determine where new housing takes place. They will all have to complete their work by September 2016, to meet SDC's timetable.

Grass cutting

SDC grass cutting regime is being increased to nine cuts a year, arising from improved management by the contractors, the Landscape Group. This will cover the areas SDC is responsible for and the areas WCC sub-contract to the SDC.

Reducing Council Costs.

The decision about increasing shared services with the District Councils around Banbury, and Daventry, will not now take place until after the election. I am concerned that this could reduce local influence on how services are provided. A better route of sharing services across Warwickshire, so cutting the total number of councillors, save more money overall, and would reduce Council Tax in Warwickshire.

Community Forum

The next meeting of the Forum will now take place in June.

Highways Matters

A member's seminar will take place shortly to determine what local Highway improvements will take place.

I went to the exhibition on GLH last Friday evening. There are no plans for Highways improvements in this direction. There are plans for improvements at J13 possible traffic lights, and maybe speed management on the M40 to J15 (overhead signs as on the M42).

Improvements at Harwood's House, and on the Harbury Lane cross roads with the Fosseway. Clearly they expect traffic to go to and from Warwick and Banbury.

The Parish Council might wish to comment on the SPD on Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath.

6. County Councillors' Report

Cllr Kendall was not present.

7. Warwickshire College Report

Marcus Roberts was not present.

8. Sub Committee Reports and General Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Cleeton

- i) Update/ New Equipment – Cllr Cleeton**
- ii) Flooded Gulley – Cllr Routly**
- iii) Lease – Cllr Routly**
- iv) Grass cutting contract - Clerk**

Cllr Cleeton reported the new goal posts were in place and being used, the hop scotch pattern would be done when the weather improves.

Cllr Routly reported the open gulley was still an issue, and recent College intervention had made matters worse. It was resolved to write the College again. *Clerk to write.*

Cllr Routly reported a letter had been received after 3 months from the College refusing to extend the lease until the development on John Taylor Way had been approved. It was resolve to enter into further dialogue with the College. *Clerk to send response.*

Cllr Routly reported two quotes had been received for grass cutting this year from MFM Services and R.P Hall and Sons. After discussion it was propose to accept R.P Hall and sons quote which was £328 cheaper, this was seconded by Cllr Gordon and carried unanimously. *Clerk to inform all parties.*

b) Planning – Cllr Routly

- i) Triangle Field – update (new application expected)**
- ii) Core Strategy – update**

Cllr Routly informed the meeting a new application was expected and the developer would consult with the Community.

Cllr Parry informed the meeting the initial findings from the Inspector on the Core Strategy were expected in mid March.

c) Speed awareness

- i) Speed reduction measures, meeting with WCC**

Cllr Gordon reported that speed sign was on the priority list for County Council funding and Cllr Kendall would be asking for the funds on 17th March.

d) Village Appearance – Cllr Keavy

- i) Village signs**
- ii) Blocked drains –Clerk update**

Cllr Keavy was not present, but Cllr Morgan stated he would follow up with him on the signs. Cllr Routly stated the village drains were being jetted on 10th March.

e) Footpaths and Trees – Cllr Morgan

i) Jubilee Tree replacement

ii) Footpath Survey

Cllr Cleeton informed the meeting the tree had been collected from Mrs Mills by an unknown person from the College, and she would follow up at the village liaison meeting. It was agreed the Clerk would circulate the footpath survey form in PDF format.

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

i) Update

Cllr Cleeton reported that no one had been in contact with her about the Village Hall meeting. It was resolved to remove this agenda item in future.

9. Matters arriving from previous meeting

a) Ashorne Crossroads

Cllr Routly reported that Graham Stanley from WCC was looking into the issues at the Ashorne crossroads.

b) Warwickshire County ward update –

Cllr Routly reported the Government body had recommended after representations from the Council that Moreton Morrell and Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parishes would remain in the Wellesbourne ward and not move to Kineton. All Cllrs welcomed this and thanked the Clerk for her efforts.

10. New items

a) Election Timetable

Cllr Routly informed the meeting of the election timetable, all applications need to be at SDC by 4.00pm on 9th April . Forms are available from the Clerk.

b) Superfast broadband

Cllr Jackson in his absence had informed the Council by email that Superfast Broadband was now available in the main village. All Cllrs thank him, for his efforts.

11. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

15/00375/FUL Erection of three detached dwelling houses with ancillary garaging. Formation of new access and drives serving each property; landscaping, including acoustic and visual bunds, and other related works; and change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian . Coles Foss Motors Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9DF

After discussion it was resolved to send no reps. *Clerk to respond.*

15/00396/FUL Conversion of existing garage to playroom/gym and construction of garage extension .

Hush Willows Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwickshire CV35 9BT

After discussion it was resolved to send no reps. *Clerk to respond.*

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

15/00266/FUL Two storey side and rear extension, together with replacement windows, wall and roof finishes throughout. Replacement garage and hard landscaping. Alterations to the roof. The Spinney Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwickshire CV35 9BU . **No Repts sent**

c. District Decisions for information

None.

12. Finance

a) Approval of payments

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

1.	EON Street Lights elec – Jan/ Feb	£75.67
2.	Village Hall meeting rent March	£15.00
3.	WCC Street light maintenance	£129.70
4.	Playscapes	£1863.52
5.	P Routly Salary – Jan/ Feb via D Tonks DD	£680.80
6.	P Routly Expenses – Jan/ Feb	£37.54

b) Receipts

None.

13. Correspondence (new)

The Clerk informed the meeting the following had been circulated by email

- a) Flood awareness event Thursday 12th March. Waterside, Stratford upon Avon, CV37
- b) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) visit
- c) New Settlement Proposal at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath Draft SPD

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

None.

14. Any other business allowed by the Chairman as Urgent

None.

15. Date of next meeting

The next council meeting will be held in the Moreton Morrell Village Hall on Monday 18th May 2015. (This will also be the AGM)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.