



### **Moreton Morrell College**

The Parish Council is continuing its dialogue with the college regarding the renewal of the playing field lease and access issues remain at the forefront of our agenda. It is still hoped that an appropriate compromise may be able to be developed which meets the needs of both the college and the villagers.

A Working Party was set up in 2017 and several meetings have been held with the chief executive and senior management team in attempts to resolve the situation and this is ongoing. We are seeking legal guidance in preparation for further college discussions but are awaiting to see where we stand with Warwickshire College Group following the outcomes of the recent public consultation on housing developments.

My thanks are particularly extended to Cllr Elizabeth Greetham as our college representative and for her diligence and help in progressing matters in respect of the playing field lease and access issues.

### **100th Anniversary of Great War - 11th November 2018**

Plans are progressing well for this exciting event later this year and my thanks are extended to the committee and everyone involved with the participation of the Moreton Morrell School, the College and also Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council.

### **Village WiFi**

The installation of FREE Wifi in the Village Hall appears to be put to good use and will continue to be funded by the Parish Council.

### **Welcome Pack**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new residents to the village and to advise that we still have a small stock of our Welcome Pack for newcomers and villagers wishing to update their information.

### **Table Tennis**

We have received a £1000 grant from Warwickshire County Council for the purchase of table tennis equipment and the parish council has carried out research and held discussions with those involved with the Ashorne Table Tennis Club to ensure that the right type of equipment is acquired for the Village Hall.

### **Medical Centre**

Construction on the new medical centre in Wellesbourne has started and is expected to be fully operational in February 2019.

### **Dog Fouling**

The Parish Council remains concerned that Dog Fouling continues to be a problem fuelled by a few irresponsible dog owners. Villagers are requested to report incidents and provide evidence if possible of the dog owner culprits in order to progress a prosecution.

### **Planning**

Planning is always a contentious topic and the last 12 months have remained busy with applications for extensions and new developments.

My thanks to the planning committee for their work and help in determining the official response from MMPC to various planning applications across the parish over the last 12 months. This involves making difficult and often unpopular decisions which have to be in line with official planning policy, however the Parish Council is not against development or the opportunity for people to extend their home, providing it doesn't cause substantial harm to neighbours or the character of the area.

### **Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum**

I have attended and chaired the Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum meetings over the last 12 months and the next WKCF is scheduled to take place on Thursday 7th June at St. Peter's Church Hall.

### **The Villager**

Alison Gregory has yet again done a fantastic job as editor of The Villager which provides an invaluable communication tool between the parish council and villagers. My thanks are also extended to everyone who has contributed.

This is my last report as Chairman of Moreton Morrell Parish Council as I am standing down after three years of office in view of my increased commitments as a county councillor with responsibilities for seven parishes. However, I shall be staying on as a parish councillor and will continue to have an active role on issues and events.

I have really enjoyed the last three years and certainly the highlights have been working with all the councillors and getting to know more villagers. We are extremely fortunate to have Pam Routly as our clerk who is extremely knowledgeable and very efficient and without her help and support, my role would have been much more onerous.

Whilst there are many challenges to address by the new incoming Chairman, I know we are all in very safe hands with Cllr Elizabeth Greetham and I wish her every success and enjoyment in the role.

Finally, I would like to thank all villagers for their kind support throughout my term which has been a busy, but worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

## **4. Finance**

### **i. Report of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018**

The Clerk made the following report:-

I am presenting the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

The balance carried forward from last year was £59842

Total receipts for the year amounted to £24466 including a WCC grant of £1000.

Total payments for the year amounted to £22439 resulting in an excess of receipts over payments of £2027

The end of year reserves amount to a total of £61869 with £18903 allocated to the general fund, £30000 to the project fund , £10000 to the planning fund , £1200 to the election fund,£766 to the Transparency Act IT fund and £1000 to buy table tennis equipment as a result of WCC grant.

The accounts have already had their internal audit with no issues, and will be subject to external audit in the coming weeks.

I will request the accounts are approved and the Statement of Accounts is signed in the main Parish Council meeting.

## **5. County Councillor's report**

Cllr Parry filed and read out the following report:-

The last twelve months have been particularly busy across the Wellesbourne East Ward and Wellesbourne Division which includes Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox, with matters relating to planning, developments, housing and social care issues continuing to dominate the agenda.

Since being elected as your county councillor my feet have not touched the ground and whilst I am responsible for an enlarged district, which now includes Snitterfield and Bearley, Wellesbourne and the surrounding villages continues to play a major part in my role. I am particularly delighted that Moreton Morrell has benefited from a £1000 grant for the purchase of table tennis equipment.

Road Safety has been a key focus over the last 12 months and there have been a catalogue of accidents in Newbold Pacey involving cars travelling from the Wellesbourne direction. Sadly there was a fatality on the Moreton Morrell Road at the Ashorne crossroads in October last year and I have been working with the highways team at WCC to implement increased road safety signage measures on both these roads.

Pot holes have increasingly become a serious road safety issue, particularly in view of the bad winter which has hit Warwickshire. However, the county has received extra funding to help tackle the problem – a sum of £1.4 million as part of a £100 million funding pot announced by transport Chris Grayling. It's therefore important to report any pot holes via the WCC website and also alert myself so that I can chase the maintenance department. I am pleased to see that a number of large pot holes in the village have been dealt with in main street and the recent resurfacing of Middletown. Brook Lane continues to be a problem and lengthy discussions have been held with Highways but the issues mostly relate to the uneven verges not the actual road surface, which is single track in places.

Adult Social Care and Health continues to be an important area of interest to me at County as I sit on the ASCH Overview and Scrutiny Committee. I have also been busy as a member of a task and finish group looking into the provision of GP services across the county.

Whilst South Warwickshire is better catered for in this respect, the doctors' services will continue to be stretched and are being impacted by missed appointments and unnecessary visits to surgeries for minor ailments which can routinely be handled by the local pharmacy.

Following the extensive consultation on Children's Centres, 'Wellies' is to be retained as one of 16 Children Centre sites as an outreach 'Hybrid' model. As a 'Hybrid' model this will involve a mixture of in-house delivery (Family Support Workers) and commissioned services (Management, Administration, Stay and Play and Volunteer Co-Ordination).

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging both individuals and organisations to become Dementia Friendly and there is a lot of work being carried out in Wellesbourne to become a dementia friendly village which will be of benefit to those living in this parish. To find out more about become a dementia friend, please visit [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)

Finally, if you require help resolving a district or county council related matter I am always happy to provide assistance where possible.

## **6. District Councillor's report**

Cllr Parry filed and read out the following report:-

From a district perspective, 377 affordable were built from April 2017 – 2018 which is a record and represents the highest number of affordable homes for at least 30 years. The Stratford Area Transport Strategy has been approved and now excludes proposals for an Eastern Relief Road, which would have linked into Wellesbourne and undoubtedly brought increased traffic through this parish.

Construction of the new medical centre has now started and is on schedule to be operational from February 2019; this was a complex planning application to bring to fruition and the senior planning management team at Stratford District Council worked very hard in close liaison with the doctors and myself wearing both my county and district hats to make it happen.

As chairman of the Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum I have welcomed the input from the Safer Neighbourhood Team who report on the police activity in and around the villages, in terms of crime, traffic issues and anti-social behaviour. The Forum meets three times a year and members of the public are very welcome to attend, contribute to the discussions and debate topics of local interest including crime, traffic and transport, education and health services. The next meeting is being held on 7th June at St. Peter's Church Hall when the Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe is a guest speak together with Dr. Martin Read-Jones who will be talking about the new medical centre

At the Council's Annual Meeting I was appointed Vice Chair of Planning East and Chairman of Regulatory Committees.

## **7. Community representative's report**

### **i. Warwickshire College**

Angela Joyce from WCG filed the following report that was read out by Cllr Cleeton:-

#### **Farm**

Lambing weekend took place in March and was deemed a great success despite having to cancel the event on the Sunday due to adverse weather. We received a great deal of positive feedback from both visitors and the media in particular about the talks and how knowledgeable the staff and students in the lambing shed and Animal Welfare Centre were. Visitors enjoyed seeing the new born lambs (with some being born on the day) as well as extensive tours of the Animal Centre where visitors met over 100 species within our collection that includes Meerkats, Porcupines, Raccoon Dogs along with many small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

Moreton Morrell received some great media coverage over the lambing weekend with two slots on BBC live on the Friday, which has also resulted in two further farming / rural pieces planned for the future, and both the Observer and Herald on site on Saturday, with the promise of a front page for Observer, so good and positive promotion of Moreton. For those that visited, we thank you for braving the weather and look forward to seeing you next year. WCG also provided 10 sets of complementary family passes for Lambing weekend to the Parish Council, and would be happy to provide the same again next year if they were beneficial.

#### **Farm Capital Plan 2018-2019**

The farm team are currently writing a capital plan to detail potential farm expenditure in 2018/2019. This expenditure has been identified as a way in which to improve the productivity of the farm as well as the use of the farm as a teaching resource, through the use of technology and efficient livestock handling. The expenditure will be split between the Beef unit and Sheep enterprise with grant funding potentially covering some of the cost of the sheep handling and recording materials. The farm has submitted an application for the countryside small productivity grant. The grant, if accepted will cover most of the cost of the capital items purchased.

#### **Beef Unit**

In March, the farm housed 78 bed and breakfast head of beef with the capacity for 300. The farm will welcome another 115 beef in April to be finished by the end of the year.

The construction of the new beef handling system and pens last year has been a great success. It clearly works in terms of animal health and welfare while also being a safe working environment for students and staff. External visitors have been impressed with the design and the condition of the livestock. This has been the key reason Genus have selected the farm to run their feeding trials for them. The farm now has 8 of the 22 Growsafe feeders in the UK which is an impressive feat. The AFU (approved finishing unit) application will be signed off this week and we will then be able to take delivery of another 140 cattle which will be put through the trial yards.

The dairy has been identified as a wasted area and the proposal being put forward is to convert the dairy into more cattle housing which the farm would move its own store cattle into. This would utilise the space and free up more room in the main beef shed for B&B cattle.

Other Farm News Cosmos UK have finalised the agreement with the college and are looking to install the weather and soil station in the near future.

Due to the growth and developments on the farm we are looking at the possibility of employing an Apprentice in the future to help support the ongoing developments.

### **Estate**

The farm team and students have now finished the track at Newbold and installed a new ditch and 3 land drains to aid water removal. Further ditches around the college estate have been cleaned out to ensure they are working effectively.

We were pleased to attend the public consultation event regarding potential developments and look forward to follow up dialogue with the Parish Council in due course.

We are also pleased to gain planning approval for the sports pitches as these will benefit students, residential students and the community.

At the last Steering Group meeting the Parish Council asked us to consider signage on the John Taylor Way driveway to give drivers warning about pedestrians. Signage has now been erected following this request, 'Pedestrians in road ahead' signs are now in two places; on John Davis Drive where it forks to the track that leads to the play area; and on John Davis Drive where it joins onto John Taylor Way.

### **Moreton Hall**

We are pleased to have secured funding for the restoration of Moreton Hall and the creation of a hotel training school. This project has huge support from a wide range of stakeholders and we look forward to providing future updates about the Hall.

### **Memories of Moreton Campaign**

As Moreton Morrell College celebrates its 70th Year in August, we are keen to gather historical stories, memories and information, including images of Moreton Hall and the Village, to bring the heritage of Moreton to life. We would be delighted if anyone would like to contribute and share memories, images and artefacts that could be included in the museum at Moreton Hall. If you would like to get in touch about the memories of Moreton campaign, please email [moretonhall@wcg.co.uk](mailto:moretonhall@wcg.co.uk)

### **Community**

A contract was finalised and signed with The Challenge who will be returning to Moreton Morrell this summer for the delivery of their National Citizen Service programme.

On Saint Patrick's Day, it was also the feast day of Saint Gertrude of Nivelles, who was the patron Saint of cats and people who love them! That week we saw 2 more cats leaving the Blue Cross cattery, taking us to over 50 cats rehomed from this centre.

### **Staff and Students**

Dean Sharpe, floristry student at Moreton Morrell has achieved first place in the Midlands final of the RHS Chelsea Florist of the Year 2017 which means he is through the national finals at the Chelsea Flower Show in May 2018. We wish him the very best of luck and look forward to hearing the result in the near future.

Congratulations to Katie Portrey who is due to graduate in Animal Behaviour and Training from Moreton Morrell College. Katie has just started up her own pet care and dog walking business - KT Pet Care - for people within the Warwick and Leamington area.

On Wednesday 25 April, the Equine Centre at Moreton Morrell played host to the annual Inter-College competition, with Brooksby Melton, Merrist Wood, Abingdon & Witney, Shuttleworth and Moulton Colleges taking part. Well done to our first and second year Level 3 Horse Management students who worked so hard to make sure all the horses were turned out to a high standard.

Supported Learning students from Moreton and Leamington campuses took part in modelling for a picture book illustrated by Lucy Bergonzi. Last year Lucy visited college and took a wide range of pictures of the students working. These pictures were transformed into illustrations which have now been published in a book for adults with learning difficulties called Choosing my First Job. The official book launch is in London in the near future.

David Parker is a student studying Ready for Adulthood and Countryside Skills at the Gatherum Centre. David successfully secured work experience with the Ettington Chase Hotel last December and has proven to be an invaluable member of the gardening team at the Hotel which consists of one man and now David working 11 acres of grounds! David has gained lots horticulture and practical skills whilst studying at Moreton Morrell College so was an ideal candidate for the Ettington Chase when they offered him work experience in the grounds and gardens at the hotel. David has been asked to continue working on a voluntary basis over the summer months and it is hoped he will remain with the hotel.

The carpentry students at Moreton Morrell have been busy working on planters that will brighten up the front of the construction block. Most of the materials used were left over from a community project that the level 1 and 2 carpenters have been working on. The students have also made two more planters for the White House and students from LDD will be planting these with help from Marianne Orr and Andy Rowley.

A "Mock" wedding magazine photoshoot which took place in the gardens of Moreton Hall The project was planned designed and constructed by the first year Level 3 florists for their events unit. The styling was opulent flowers, colours and props to reflect current trends in floristry with a "Peaky Blinders" twist.

A mix of Level 3 year 1 & 2 Agriculture students visited Aubrey Allen's wholesale butchery department, making the link between farm to fork. The morning consisted of a talk from directors of the company highlighting the need for top quality produce as Aubrey Allen supplies chiefs such as Michelle Roux Jnr and senior, Heston Blumenthal, and Raymond Blanc at Le Manoir. Students then toured their butchery facility, as well as their state of the art dry ageing unit followed by a butchery demonstration looking at making the best steaks from the rump. It was a fascinating day and help to link what the students are doing day to day on the farm to the customer and end product.

The second year animal management and therapy degree students were very fortunate today to visit the #dogsforgood site in Banbury to meet some of the team and a few dogs in training. The students are planning educational activities for the #dogsforgoodfunday at Stoneleigh Park on 16th June where they will be volunteering and running activities to help promote the amazing work this charity does.

### **Open Events**

Moreton Hosted another successful open event on the 10th May for potential students could talk to the academic teams about their future careers prospects and view our extensive resources.

The Moreton Morrell College annual Affiliated Horse Trials due to take place on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd of May was unfortunately cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. However two days of superb weather enabled us to run our unaffiliated Horse Trials on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th May. We were delighted that we had over 450 horse and rider entries and the two days was extremely successful.

Warwickshire County Young Farmers annual rally is taking place on the farm on the 19th of May. Moreton Morrell will welcome over 500 visitors on the day to take part in over 40 competitions.

On Thursday 17 May we were pleased to welcome international event rider Ben Hobday back to Moreton Morrell College. Ben came to college last year and he was so popular we had to invite him back. Ben will be riding four of his horses including one of his top horses. He will show us and talk about how he trains his horses for competition from young horses up to the top level of competition.

### **Courses / Curriculum**

We are in the process of finalising a new partnership with Leamington Football Club to launch a new Football Academy at Moreton Morrell. This has been a project in the making over the last few months and we are very excited about the new partnership. The club has a strong community focus and the partnership will give their extensive youth football provision a real progression opportunity where young people can study Sport with us and play for the Club in a national league. Leamington FC will be supporting an active campaign to promote the new opportunity in the region and we will be looking forward to seeing more and more young people join this programme.

Finally, WCG received a full Ofsted inspection in March 2018 and it was awarded 'good' grades for all of its provision. This excellent outcome is a testament to the hard work of staff and students across the WCG Colleges. The inspection report can be found at; <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report>

## **ii. The Villager**

Alison Gregory made the following report:-

The villager was ticking over nicely, and I thank people who submit reports, however, I do have to chase a number.

All thanked Alison for her work, members of the public stated the magazine was very well received. Cllr Cleeton thanked the PC for the grant and thanked those who distribute the magazine Gus and Rachael, and the Pete Gibbons at WCG for printing.

## **iii. Village Hall**

Simon Hetherington made the following report:-

A hall committee meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, and we appreciate support from Cllr Keavy as well as £1000 grant from the PC. The table tennis table the PC intends to purchase will be a welcomed addition to the use of the hall, we also appreciate the offers to help upgrade the heating and are in the process of getting quotes to include updating the front door and windows. We hope to get these quotes by the end of June and will get back to the PC

## **iv. Community Café**

Jo Boulton made the following report:-

The community cafe continues to be well attended with 7 regulars. There has also been a Christmas lunch and afternoon tea.

We are keen to continue and are very grateful to the parish council for their grant, and would be very pleased if you would be able to continue with this.

## **v. Moreton Morrell Parochial Church Council**

John Moverley filed and read the following report:-

Thank you for the opportunity to present this brief report. This has certainly been a busy and successful year for your church. The Room is now being used extensively for commercial use complementing the facilities of the Village Hall but also for wide ranging community use. Working with children from the village school, we have run well-attended monthly coffee mornings for parents after school drop-off. Other uses have also included, village photograph sharing events, musical events, clergy meetings and more. Your church

has been the venue for the performance of a play (so successful, another is in planning), a concert by the Village choir, a European Floristry Event, packed attendances at the school carol service, our own nine lessons and carols and the crib service. We have seen two weddings and this year have launched Children's church aimed at youngsters between 4 and 11 and held on the first Sunday of each month.

We have welcomed the Bishop of Coventry three times in the year for our confirmation where we welcomed a record number of candidates, our Barn Service which attracted over 150 and for the dedication of the Room when we welcomed back many people who have all helped make this project happen and be successful. The link with our school has never been stronger and we held a successful fete together as well as the school using the church for a range of activity. I could go on but I think that you get the flavour of an active year with more planned ahead.

As a church, we attract good attendances and are blessed with all the voluntary support we receive from flowers, maintenance etc. We thank the Parish Council for their support so much valued and vital. We look forward to further strengthening that link with the Council this year on Remembrance Day with all the exciting plans in train.

### **8. Matters of Interest**

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.