

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Moreton-on-Lugg Village Hall
on
Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: moretononlugg.org

Parish Clerk – Lesley Hay

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr Richard Styles (Chairman); Cllr D Preece; Cllr B Garbett; Cllr C Crowley; Cllr C. Boden; Cllr B Jackson (Vice Chairman).

Parish Clerk: Lesley Hay. 4 Members of the public.

MINUTES:

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Ward Cllr Guthrie; Cllr V Javens
- 2. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES** - no one has officially come forward but persons have shown interest. To remain in agenda.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS** by Parish Councillors – none received
- 4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LOCAL POLICE OFFICER** – no representative present.
- 5. WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – A copy of Ward Cllr Guthrie’s report had been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes.
 - (5.1) OPEN DISCUSSION** – with local residents present at meeting and matters raised between meetings.
 - (5.2) Speeding traffic through village. The Clerk confirmed that a representative from Balfour Beatty had visited the village and confirmed the original SID base was in good order. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with hiring a SID through Balfour Beatty. Clerk to liaise.
 - (5.3) At the last meeting it was reported that there was a problem with fly tipping and a general accumulation of rubbish behind the fish and chip shop. Since the meeting, there has been a general clean up and the over flowing bins have been

emptied. However, these bins are again overflowing with rubbish and the clerk will liaise with the locality steward with regard to this on-going problem.

There was also a considerable amount of grease and fat seeping into and blocking the drains and overflowing on to the village road – this is associated with the fish and chip shop – the Chairman confirmed that he had approached the shop owner and the problem had been dealt with.

(5.4) At the last meeting it was also reported that the wall alongside the Shop was crumbling - Cllr Garbett approached the shop manager and the problem has now been resolved.

(5.5) At the last meeting it had been reported that the footpath from the village road to St Andrews Walk needed clearing – this was discussed and it was agreed to ask the lengthsman to undertake this work under the P3 scheme.

(5.6) At the last meeting, there was discussion regarding the overgrown ash trees by the substation - Cllr Javens approached the owner/tenant of the bungalow and the problem has been resolved.

Close Open session - closed

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – The Chairman read out a letter he had received with regard to a number of issues - as discussion action to rectify these issues was agreed and the chairman will reassure the resident. However, one of the main problems highlighted was the overhanging branches from trees in the churchyard and by the farm which are obstructing the village street lights. In the first instance, Cllr Jackson will approach the church warden and the farm owner for permission to get these trimmed.

Spreading vegetation across the pavement by Studio Bungalow was also highlighted as an issue – Cllr Jackson will liaise with owner.

7. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Chairman read out a report from the Village Hall Chairman – Mrs P Taplin. The report outlined on going and future activities planned in the village hall.

It was reported that the committee have now addressed and fulfilled all the outstanding issues as outlined in the Fire Officer's report and the village hall is now in full compliance with fire safety regulations.

The Village Hall statement of accounts shows a balance of £3437.98 after expenditure of £1265.00 on replacement fire doors.

It was reported that from the 1st January 2019, the fees to hire the hall will increase from £8 per hour to £8.50 an hour.

The Parish Council noted that Mrs P Taplin will be resigning as Chairman from the Village Hall Committee at their next meeting. The Parish Council wish to record a special vote of thanks to Mrs Taplin and her committee for their hard/ dedicated work and commitment during these last 12-18 months.

8. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 4th September were agreed to be a true record and it was unanimously voted that they be adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Clerk's update:

(8.1) Date Projection – no up date

(8.2) Solar lamp – The Clerk reported that D C Gardening hoped to have the solar lamp erected before the end of the week. Once up and running cheque to be forward to D C Gardening with thanks.

(8.3) Governance review see email below from John Coleman
- no further up date. Item deferred to next meeting.

(8.4) SID - it was unanimously agreed to go ahead and hire a SID from Balfour Beatty – it was suggested, if possible, to start in November and then again in maybe February (or even March) to finish off this financial year.

Further commitment to the SID programme will be discussed at the PC's 2019/20 Precept/budget setting meeting later this month. Clerk to liaise with the Balfour Beatty representative and complete the appropriate forms. It may be that a cheque will need to be signed before the next meeting as payment is required in advance.

9. PLANNING - to discuss any new applications – none to date.

(9.1) Two houses have been sold at The Beeches - development one remains unsold at this time.

(9.2) There was some discussion on the Ordnance Close development – as to whether the plots are to be auctioned off as a whole or individually. The plan is unclear at the moment. Item to remain on agenda.

10. PLAY PARK REPORT

Further to the recent ROSPA report – it was reported that most of the highlighted issues which needed attention have been rectified in house. There are two

outstanding issues – one loose fence post to be fixed and the purchase of end caps for the play area equipment – these will be addressed before the next meeting.

Vandalism still an ongoing problem in the park including attempts to burn the football nets and bending the net supports. A recent party was held in the park which involved residents reporting events to the police – however, the police did not attend. It was noted that all the mess was cleared up by the ‘party goers’ and Cllr Jackson disposed of the bags.

It was reported that there is still a lack of parental presence in the park.

The Chairman again wished it to be noted that the Parish Council acknowledge the hard work shown by Steve Browne in overseeing the play park – and his dedicated commitment it is very much appreciated by the Parish Council and all users of the facilities.

Further to the recent Barton Hyett’s arboriculture survey report on the woodland area associated with the Play Park – it was noted that 5 trees were in urgent need of attention and 5 trees would need attention on an ‘as and when’ basis.

The Clerk was asked to contact Owen Weatherall with regard to felling the five urgent trees and will contact a local contractor with regard to the purchase of the wood. The Clerk will ask Owen Weatherall and the contractor to liaise with Cllr Styles in the first instance as they may wish to visit the woodland area to assess.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS/UPDATES

(11.1) Footpath Officer’s report - all in good condition for time of year.

12. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

(12.1) Payments since last meeting - none

(12.2) To consider payment of accounts - schedule of payments circulated. It was unanimously agreed that these invoices should be paid and the clerk raised the cheques and these were signed.

(12.3) Monmouthshire Building Society – confusion of signatories – Cllr Styles will go back in with his documents.

There was discussion on the amount of interest paid on the funds deposited in the Monmouthshire Building Society. After discussion, it was proposed that the Clerk and Cllr Jackson would approach the Nat West Bank to see if they could offer a better rate of interest. It was also agreed to ask the Nat West if the two bank

accounts could be merged into one simple current account. The Clerk and Cllr Jackson to liaise.

(12.4) The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the External Auditor had requested a full audit to be carried out on the Parish Council's 2017-18 accounts due to the fact that they had shown an overall balance in excess of £25,000. The Clerk had prepared and forwarded a full set of accounts to the external auditor – an interim audit notice has now been issued and is displayed on the website. Issue of the final certificate is still outstanding – but after a telephone conversation with the Auditors - it does not appear to be delayed due to any problem with the accounts.

An interim audit has been done – certificate issued and filed.

13. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME – to clear footpath at St Andrews Walk and update on Solar lamp.

14. CORRESPONDENCE: none received

.15. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT

AGENDA – not for discussion – none.

DATE of next meeting: Tuesday 6th November 2018

It was noted that the Precept/Budget setting meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 7.30.

(it should be noted that this is not an open meeting - councillors only to attend)

Clerk will liaise with Kim Cooper who has very kindly offered to bring the projector.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.28p.m.

Signed:

Date:

RE: WARD AREA HIGHWAYS MATTERS

GOOD NEWS - CONFIRMATION OF RESURFACING WORKS ON MORETON ON LUGG VILLAGE ROAD

Resurfacing works are now scheduled on the village road (C1120) - week commencing 8th October 2018 from the junction with the A49 to just past the junction with Nursery Drive. Works will take approximately 3 to 4 days.

Balfour Beatty have installed new verge markers on the C1120 from Moreton bridge to the Old School House & many potholes on this section of road have been filled in. In Marden the Velocity Patcher has completed works on Holbatch lane.

The C1120 remains the Priority Road for all three Parishes and I've had confirmation from Cllr. Barry Durkin that he is be able to attend the November meeting of Moreton PC on Tuesday 6th November 2018.

Re: Site Visit at Sutton St. Nicholas

I held a site visit on 11th September 2018 with the Council's Senior Accident Investigation Engineer, Our Locality Steward & local representatives. Although, the improvement scheme has helped to reduce the numbers of accidents at the crossroads, there have still been problems with drivers not stopping at the junction. These issues were thoroughly discussed onsite and the Officer's advice & outcome of the site meeting is as follows:

Key Points

- 1) The overhanging branches from trees which are obscuring the visibility to the current Give Way sign will be removed.
Possible Future Improvement works: -
- 2) To lay additional SLOW marking on a red surface adjacent to the existing Advanced Give Way sign.
- 3) To provide an additional small central red/hatch area on the Marden side, together with small edge hatch markings to help define the junction.
- 4) To provide additional offside Give Way sign with Fluorescent Yellow background.
- 5) To retrace current speed limit roundel on the southern side of the junction.

At present timeframes for the Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty lining work cannot be guaranteed but it is likely to happen early 2019 (weather permitting).

Unfortunately, since this site visit another accident at the crossroads has occurred – so even more importantly the above improvement works are very necessary in order to help combat this problem.

RE: Potholes in the Ward Area

To report a pothole go to <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole> or telephone 01432 261800

For current live information regarding Highway works in Herefordshire please view: <https://roadworks.org/>

Speeding Traffic - Update

I have the Police & Crime Commissioner's Community Ambassador Dan Guerche and asked for his help with the speeding problem in the village. He has contacted the Safer Roads Partnership and advised that the Parish Council need to contact them to make a request for the Community Speed Watch scheme.

Report by Kema Guthrie 02/10/2018