

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Moreton-on-Lugg Village Hall
on
Tuesday 4th September 2018

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: moretononlugg.org

Parish Clerk – Lesley Hay

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr V. Javens; 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. 5 Members of the public. Ward Cllr K. Guthrie

MINUTES:

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - no apologies
- 2. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES** - no one has come forward or shown interest to date.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS** by Parish Councillors – none received
- 4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LOCAL POLICE OFFICER** – The chairman welcomed PC Bart McDonagh and PCSO Skye Jenkins to the meeting. PCSO Jenkins gave a short presentation on local police matters which included reassurance of a more regular police presence in the village and particularly in the play park.

There was a general discussion on the Community Speed Watch initiative but it was acknowledged that the Parish Council had failed in the past to recruit sufficient volunteers to make the system viable. There was discussion on the legality of pushing unlicensed motor/scramble bikes along the main road to be ridden on private land – PC McDonagh explained whilst this was technically not legal – the police did try to take a discretionally approach when possible.

It was confirmed that local Police Newsletters are no longer circulated by email but that all local information is available on line.

PC McDouagh apologised that, due to a shortage of staff, he had been unable to attend the last few Parish Council meetings but reassured Councillors that now vacancies had been filled, he and his colleagues would be available to attend more meetings during the coming months.

The Chairman thanked PC McDonagh and PSCO Skye Jenkins for attending and they both left the meeting.

5. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – A copy of Ward Cllr Guthrie's report had been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Further to the Ward Councillors report on the Condition of the C1120 (village road) & the need for resurfacing – a letter drafted by the Marden Parish Clerk had been had been circulated and as there had been no additions/objections – it was agreed a copy of this letter should now be forwarded by all three Parishes to Linzy Outtrim, Andy Williams and Will Steel from BB, copied to Phil Pankhurst and Barry Durkin, Clive Hall and Richard Ball at Herefordshire.

The recent speed review through the village was discussed. The report indicates that the review had been taken over a period of one week – however, a Councillor who lives directly opposite the speed data equipment, said that the recording box had only been in situ for approximately 24/36 hours and not for a week as reported. Ward Cllr Guthrie will follow up this apparent discrepancy.

(5.1) OPEN DISCUSSION – with local residents present at meeting and matters raised between meetings.

(5.2) Speeding traffic through village –SID - further to recent meetings between Marden Parish Council; Sutton St Nicholas Parish Council and representatives from Moreton Parish Council – it had been suggested that maybe the three councils could share the costs of a SID.

However, the Clerk presented an email from Marden Parish Council outlining the costs involved with the suggested three-way ownership. After lengthy discussion, it was unanimously agreed not to proceed with this invitation and the clerk was asked to email Sutton St Nicholas and Marden Parish Councils – to thank them for their offer but to explain that it had been decided not to follow up this very kind invitation.

(5,3) It was reported that there is again a problem with fly tipping and a general accumulation of rubbish behind the fish and chip shop. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the locality Steward and with the Letting Agent to try and solve this problem. There is also a considerable amount of grease and fat seeping into and blocking the drains – this is associated with the fish and chip shop – again, in the

first instance, Clerk to laise with Locality Steward; then it was suggested an informal visit perhaps by the Chairman – if this fails to solve the problem it may have to be reported to Environmental Health Team. Item to remain on the agenda.

(5.4) It was also reported that the wall alongside the Shop is crumbling - it was discussed and Cllr Garbett agreed to approach the Shop manager in the first instance. Item to remain on the agenda.

(5.5) It had been reported that the footpath from the village road to St Andrews Walk needs clearing – this was discussed and it was agreed that, in the first instance, the Chairman would have an informal word with the residents. This item to remain on the agenda.

(5.6) There was discussion on the overgrown ash trees by the substation – after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Javens would approach the owner/tenant of the bungalow with a view to discussing getting these cut back and so improve accessibility.

Close Open session - closed

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - most items to be covered during the agenda items.

The Chairman did report that he and his wife had attended Burghill Church for the inauguration of the new vicar – Rev. Philip Brown.

7. VILLAGE HALL REPORT - Cllr Boden 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 reported that the committee needed to start ensuring that the outstanding issues outlined in the Fire Officer's report are fulfilled. To date they have an estimate for just over £1400 for the major part of the work. The Chairman will give the Parish Council a copy of the report when available.

The Village Hall statement of accounts shows a balance of £4465.82 with an outstanding expected expenditure of £30.00.

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

8. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 3rd July were agreed to be a true record and it was unanimously voted that they be adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes – item (5.3) was raised for further discussion:

(5.3) The Clerk reported that there had been a problem between meetings with regard to the siting of the bridleway dog bin. However, this problem had been quickly managed with the help of D C Gardening and – with kind permission from the local farmer/landowner – the bin had now been repositioned. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the landowner, to confirm the landowner’s agreement with the siting of the bin on their land and to confirm the Parish Council’s responsibility for the emptying of the bin.

The clerk explained that following an interim discussion with the vice chairman - she had delayed writing a letter to the landowner to enable the Parish Council to discuss this matter further. Various points were raised and, after discussion, it was agreed that the verbal permission given by the landowner at the time of the re siting of the bin would be sufficient to confirm consent.

Clerk’s update:

(8.1) Date Projection – no up date

(8.2) Solar lamp – Clerk to request that the lamp be in position and working before the next meeting.

(8.3) Governance review see email below from John Coleman
Democratic Services Manager and Statutory Scrutiny Officer:

No responses received to either of the consultations we ran, but we did receive a response from Aylus cottages via the Wellington CGR.

The next steps are that I will be taking a report to Audit and Governance on 19 September. This meeting will confirm, hopefully, that the CGR changes can be recommended to full Council. The next full Council meeting will take place on 12 October. Once the recommendations from each of the CGRs is agreed, we will produce Parish Orders to facilitate the legal process to allow changes to take place.

Item deferred to next meeting.

(8.5) HALC – Information corner circulated.

(8.6) After some discussed with regard to signage on the Moreton Bridge associated with suggestions of signage on the Laystone Bridge – it was suggested that Cllr Styles and Cllr Garbett request a short meeting with the Locality Steward to discuss feasibility/possibility of extra signage. The Clerk to arrange a meeting before the 10th September if at all possible when Marden Parish Council have their next meeting.

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

(9.1) No update on Plan application: 172919 - West of Church House but please see ward Cllrs report with regard to the proposed 106 monies associated with this development.

(9.2) The Beeches development is now completed and, it is believed, all houses are sold.

(9.3) No update on land adjacent to The Beeches

10. PLAY PARK REPORT

(10.1) The Clerk confirmed that she had signed and posted the appropriate forms instructing Barton Hyett Associated to carry out a tree condition and hazard survey in the Play Area and woodland - quotation £375.00 + VAT of £75.00 = £450.00 – but that this had not taken place. Clerk to liaise again with Barton Hyett Associated.

The ROSPA inspection has been carried out and overall the Parish Council were pleased with the report. There are some minor low-level problems highlighted but these can be addressed in house. There were some problems highlighted with the zip wire equipment – the Clerk was asked to contact Play Quest for their input on these.

Following the summer holiday break - in general the equipment is in okay order; the paths have been cleared and should remain okay until a storm in October/November. There are still minor acts of vandalism but all fairly quiet at the moment. It was reported that there is still a lack of parental presence in the park.

It was reported that two moles had been caught recently.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS/UPDATES

(11.1) Footpath Officer's report - all in good condition.

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 – it was confirmed that all the appropriate forms of identification had been presented – the clerk will follow up as the pass book has not yet been returned.

(12.4) The Clerk explained to the Parish Council that the External Auditor had recently 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 but had had not acknowledgment to date.

13. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME – it was agreed to proceed with an Autumn weed killing programme as possible. Clerk to liaise with D C Gardening with regard to the solar lamp. It was agreed not to proceed with the suggested pollarding work on the trees on the corner of the A49 as it was felt that these were not impeding visibility at the moment and when necessary it would be the responsibility of Highways England.

14. CORRESPONDENCE: none received

.15. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT

AGENDA – not for discussion – none.

DATE of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd October 2018

It was noted that the Precept/Budget setting meeting would need to be held in October – date to be agreed at the next meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

Ward Councillor's Report

Re: Condition of the C1120 (village road) & the need for resurfacing

I have spoken to Cllr. Barry Durkin (Cabinet Member for Transport & Regulatory Services), who is awaiting a report on this matter, he hopes to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

Re: Speeding Traffic through the village - Safer Roads Partnership have monitored traffic flows

Update from Safer Roads Partnership

"We have taken speed data in both Moreton on Lugg & Sutton St Nicholas and both areas have come back showing speeds and traffic volumes below the threshold for enforcement by Safer Roads Partnership.

85th percentile speeds in Moreton on Lugg were 34.4mph and the maximum number of vehicles recorded in any single hour was 192. Our threshold for enforcement is 35mph and 250 vehicles per hour. Speeds in the main part of the day (9:00am - 5:00pm) were lower at around 33mph) The data in Moreton on Lugg was put out between 27th June & 4th July"

Re: Land to the West of Church House Farm - P172919/O

The Planning Obligations Manager has advised as follows;

"I can confirm that the section 106 was completed on 12 July 2018 and the decision notice was issued on 16 July 2018.

Please find a link to the council website to the application where you can view the agreement and decision notice.

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=172919&search=church%20house%20moreton

However, before any payments are made the council will need to have received and determined a reserved matters application for the site. We do not have a timescale for when such an application will be submitted"

Feedback from budget consultation will be used to inform council's budget

Herefordshire Council has launched the 2019/20 [the budget consultation](#).

Budget proposals for 2019/20 have been drafted as Herefordshire Council continues to face significant financial pressure, with central government funding almost eliminated by 2020. Council Tax and business rates currently meet around 40% of the council's annual costs and fund many services across the county, from waste collection and road maintenance to looking after vulnerable children and adults.

The consultation will run from Thursday 5 July until Friday 21st September – allowing plenty of time for residents and businesses to have their say on how the council should budget for 2019/20. The survey is quick and easy to complete online

at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation or comments can be emailed to haveyoursay@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Report by Kema Guthrie 03/09/2018