

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Moreton-on-Lugg Village Hall
on
Tuesday 8th January 2019

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: moretononlugg.org

Parish Clerk – Lesley Hay

PRESENT:

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

Parish Clerk: Lesley Hay. 4 Members of the public. Mr M Jelf representing Bell Homes and Mr C Rogers as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

MINUTES:

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None
- 2. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES** - no one has officially come forward but persons have shown interest. To remain on 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. The Chairman welcomed Mr M Jelf** – representing Bell Homes - who are the developers for the land west of Church House Farm.

It was acknowledged that Mr Jelf had already forwarded the proposed amended plans to each Parish Councillor prior to the meeting.

Mr Jelf reminded Councillors that the outlined planning application had been for 64 houses and whilst this number remains – there have been amendments made to the layout and to the type of dwellings planned for the site. There would now be 10 bungalows and 22 affordable houses included and that Herefordshire Council were taking a very strict approach to the exact mix of houses and their individual room sizes etc.

Mr Jelf confirmed that these amended plans would not be submitted for approval by Herefordshire Council until after the planned Open Day/Exhibition with the residents of Moreton on Lugg. This day, subject to availability, will be held in the

village hall sometime during early February when residents will be invited to attend and given an opportunity to see the plans and ask any questions.

Mr Jelf reassured the Parish Councillors that any construction traffic would use the A49 entrance and that a one-way system would be adopted within the boundaries of the site so that lorries leaving the site would turn back on to the A49 and so avoid using the village road and, in particular, the Grade 11 listed bridge at the other end of the village.

One of the questions raised by the Parish Council was with reference to recent emails from a local resident associated with the replenishment of daffodils that had, during the past years, disappeared from the top end of the village.

Mr Jelf explained that there would be a considerable amount of work associated with the existing footpath and constructing an entrance to the site – but once this work had been completed, a village gateway feature was planned and that, if requested, daffodils could be replanted along the banks - costs associated with this work would be met from the 106 monies allocated to ‘transport’.

As there were no further questions – the Chairman thanked Mr Jelf for attending the meeting.

6. WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – A copy of Ward Cllr Guthrie’s report had been circulated.

Re: Highways Matters

Haywood Lane flooding – I reported that the lane was flooded on Sunday 9th December at around 10.30 am & by 1.20 pm the road had been inspected by Balfour Beatty and the Floodgates Closed.

Re: Members Meeting with Highways England regarding the A49

I requested a Review of the section of road from Wellington Marsh through to Moreton on Lugg Village junction and Moreton Road. I alerted Highways England to the damaged and missing bollards at Moreton Business Park which need to be renewed. I reported the dim Pedestrian lights at Moreton on Lugg junction, as well. Since then one set of pedestrian lighting has stopped working – I have pressed for urgent repairs to the lighting regarding this important safety matter.

Herefordshire Council has relaunched the Public Green Spaces Community Grant scheme, with a deadline for applications of 25 January 2019

The one-off limited fund will provide Town and Parish Councils in Herefordshire with the opportunity to demonstrate that they have the ability to maintain and enhance a local green space with the view to a long-term asset transfer. The scheme

supports projects that have community involvement and impact, and where a Lengthsman scheme is in place this grant will provide a complementary opportunity.

The Public Green Spaces grant was first introduced in 2015 and over £10,000 was awarded to 10 community groups. This proposed grant of up to £10,000 would enable larger scale projects with potentially enhanced or longer-term maintenance agreements.

All Town and Parish Councils will be sent information about the scheme and how to apply.

Nominations have opened for the Herefordshire Community Champions Awards 2019

Five categories are open to nominations for people in Herefordshire who have made a positive difference in their community. The awards recognise exceptional contributions to local communities in the following categories:

- Community Champion
- Volunteer Champion
- Caring Champion
- Environment Champion
- Youth Champion

Find out more information and make your nomination by midday on Monday 11 February 2019 at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/champions

Report by Cllr. K. Guthrie 08/01/2019

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

A resident asked if the Parish Council would add 'Re-establishing a local Youth Club' to their next agenda.

As there no other items brought forwarded for discussion - The Chairman Closed the Open session.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT –

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter with regard to the ongoing problem of dog fouling. There was considerable discussion on this problem and Ward Councillor Guthrie confirmed that she had recently written to David Hough – Trading Standards Service Manager. Despite the offer from Herefordshire Council

of additional dog mess signs - it was thought that there were sufficient signs displayed and dog bins provided throughout the village. It was agreed that it would probably need someone to get caught and fined before residents would really take notice.

Ward Cllr Guthrie will follow up her recent email and the item to remain on the agenda.

8. VILLAGE HALL REPORT –

The Chairman welcomed Mr Christopher Rogers, the newly elected Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, to the meeting.

Mr Rogers confirmed that Mrs Pauline Garbett had recently joined the committee bringing the number of committee members to eight.

Mr Rogers gave a short update on recent events held in the village.

Mr Rogers reported some damage had occurred to the roofing over the entrance to the hall – whilst temporary repairs had been undertaken, this damage will need to be permanently rectified.

Fire precautions and a H & S Policy - actions are proceeding and ongoing.

An up to date accounts sheet showed a balance of £4,498.50 with an expected expenditure of £72.39 (Welsh Water)

9. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 6th November were agreed to be a true record and it was unanimously voted that they be adopted and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters raised from the Minutes.

Clerk's update:

(9.1) Solar lamp is working but not always able to sustain a bright light for long periods due to the short winter days and the lack of sun light.

(9.2) SID – it was still thought that the readings were inaccurate by at least 4 miles below the actual speed being recorded on local car speedometers. However, it was agreed that it had acted as a deterrent and that the Parish Council should continue with the plan to hire again in February. It was agreed that on this occasion it would face up the village road away from the A49.

(9.3) Fish and chip shop – the chairman confirmed he had again visited the fish and chip shop owners with a request that they clear the drain at the back

of the premises at least once a week. He also confirmed that they owned the old fridge/freezer and they have promised to get it removed asap.

10. PLANNING - to discuss any new applications – none received

11. PLAY PARK REPORT

Despite valiant attempts at repairs, the rubbish bin situated at the entrance to the Play Park which is owned and emptied by Balfour Beatty needs to be replaced. There have been previous requests to Balfour Beatty for a replacement but it is understood that they are not in a position to replace rubbish bins during this financial year. Both Steve Browne and the Clerk were asked to obtain quotes to replace this bin at the Council's expense. Item to remain on the agenda

Steve Brown requested that the monthly report (please see below) been included in the minutes and displayed on the notice board.

Park Environs	
Bollards 3	Serviceable
Waste Bin	Serviceable - broken
Grass	area tidy
Litter	Tidy
Play Area	
N. Gate	Serviceable
S. Gate	Serviceable
Turnstile	Serviceable
Sea-saw	Serviceable
Table	Serviceable
Spring Rabbit	Serviceable
Spring Motorbike	Serviceable
Tower	Serviceable
Perimeter Fence	Serviceable
Play area bench	Serviceable
Wiggley Walk	Serviceable
Swings X 2 sets	Serviceable
Wooded area	Paths clear Perimeter fence serviceable
Football pitch	Goal areas in need of attention
Basketball Court	Serviceable – floor slippery (moss)
Aerial Slide & Runway	Serviceable
Signage	Serviceable

(10.2) Tree inspection – it was reported that Owen Weatherall has now visited the park and a quote for £900 had been received to complete the urgent works highlighted by the Tree Inspectors. This quote is in addition to the £900 quoted for tree work still outstanding from last year.

It was unanimously agreed to ask Owen to go ahead and get this urgent work completed before the end of January. It was also agreed to ask if the previously agreed outstanding work could be included in this visit to prevent clashing again with the bird nesting season. The Clerk to liaise.

Cllr Jackson conformed she had a buyer for all the wood. Prices etc to be agreed at a later date.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS/UPDATES

Footpath Officer's report

(12.1) The footpath's officer reported that the owner of Brooklands had had a very large fir tree cut down which was left on the bridle path. Despite Cllr Jackson approaching the resident on two occasions with regard to clearing the bridleway, there was no obvious action to get the debris removed. Cllr Jackson had no option but to report this to the Locality Steward. The Locality Steward approached the resident and the tree has now been removed.

The footpaths are in good order. However, Cllr Jackson did ask that walkers are made aware that an electric fence is about to be erected and so all dogs must be on a lead.

Cllr Jackson reported that she had approached the owner of the trees along the village road which were obstructing the lights and these have now been cut back.

Cllr Jackson reported that after considerable rain, the mud on St Peter's Close had now all been washed away.

13. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

(13.1) Payments since last meeting – the December schedule of payments had been circulated – and it was unanimously agreed retrospectively that these invoices should be paid.

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

(13.3) Monmouthshire Building Society – it was confirmed that the signatories had now been changed and the passbook had been returned.

14. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME – further to a resident’s recent email – the clerk confirmed she had again approached the Locality Steward with regard to the pot holes in St Andrews Close. The Locality Steward has confirmed, after another site visit, that these are not deep enough to be filled by Balfour Beatty. It was, therefore, agreed to ask the lengthsman to repair – where possible – the pot holes with Viafix. Wellington Parish Council have very kindly agreed to sell Moreton Parish Council some of their Viafix at £15 per bag and initially 5 bags have been set aside for this repair. Clerk to liaise with lengthsman.

15. CORRESPONDENCE:

(15.1) Cllr B Garbett raised the content of a resident’s recent email with regard to the cancellation of the December meeting due to the clerk requesting compassionate leave at short notice.

It was acknowledged that, on this occasion, the Parish Councillors had all been approached and had agreed to postpone the December meeting until January which is usually a month without a meeting. However, it was felt that a plan should be in place if a similar situation arose in the future if the Clerk is unable to attend a meeting.

If the Chairman or Vice Chairman are both unable to attend – one of the remaining Parish Councillors would be voted in to act as temporary chair person. This proposal and vote to be minuted.

If the Clerk is unable to attend – it was agreed that a Parish Councillor should be voted in to act as temporary unpaid clerk. The meeting would go ahead as normal – however, if the absence looks to be long term it may be necessary to approach HALC who offer a temporary ‘clerk cover’ service.

(15.2) An invitation from Councillor Lester, Leader of Herefordshire Council inviting councillors to attend the Parish Council Summit on 24 January 2019 – please register direct if you are interested in attending.

16. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Youth club. Garbett and Cllr B Jackson gave their apologies for the next meeting.

17. DATE of next meeting: Tuesday 5th February 2019 – 7.30 start

Signed:

Date: