

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in
Moreton-on-Lugg Village Hall
on
Tuesday 5th February 2019

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: moretononlugg.org

Parish Clerk – Lesley Hay

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr Richard Styles (Chairman); Cllr C Crowley; Cllr C. Boden; Cllr V. Javens

Parish Clerk: Lesley Hay. 6 Members of the public.

MINUTES:

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –Cllr B Garbett; Cllr B Jackson (Vice Chairman) Cllr D. Preece; Ward Cllr Guthrie. Mr C Rogers Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

2. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES - 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. However, the Clerk reported having received a recent email with regard to Crime Prevention Advice. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would invite Paul Crumpton to the April meeting to give a short presentation to the Parish Councillors. An invitation to parishioners to attend this meeting will be advertised in the Newsletter/on the Notice Boards. It was agreed that, if this proves popular, a more in-depth presentation could be arranged at a later date.

Resolved: Clerk to liaise with Paul Crumpton and prepare Notice as appropriate.

5. WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – In Ward Cllr Guthrie’s absence - a copy of her report, previously circulated, was read out by the Chairman.

Playpark Dog Fouling Problem

I have been advised that an Enforcement Officer will be patrolling the Playpark and will attempt to carry out some enforcement in the area. Officers further advise

“The main issue at present is that it is a night and difficult to see an offence being committed. Also, we will, if there are suitable posts put some signs up in the first instance”

A document outlining the Parish Council liabilities/legal situation regarding dog mess in the locality was read out and a copy is available on the website under The Parish - useful information.

A49 Pedestrian Lighting Repairs

I have contacted Highways England again to follow up on this matter and had the following update:

“our service provider Kier have been out to investigate the issue. Following on from the visit, Kier have instructed their electrical team to go back out and repair the lights. I can also confirm that we are scheduled to replace the lighting bollards on the A49 at Moreton on Lugg business park as part of our maintenance programme in April 2019”

Report by Kema Guthrie 05/02/2019

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

A resident has asked if the Parish Council would consider ‘Re-establishing a local Youth Club’ – this was briefly discussed and it was agreed to defer until the next meeting.

A resident asked if the Parish Council could approach the Village Hall Committee with regard to a very uneven drain cover that is in the Village Hall Yard. The drain cover has dropped/sunk and so has created edges which are very difficult to see in dark.

This was discussed and it was agreed that although this is not a Parish Council responsibility – this is potentially a health and safety risk so the clerk will liaise with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee with regard to repair.

Resolved: Clerk to liaise with Chairman of Village Hall Committee.

A resident reported the recent theft of seven trees from privately owned land. This was discussed and it was agreed that this was not a Parish Council matter but that the owner should report the incident to the police asap.

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

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – most items will be covered with the agenda.

However, the Chairman was pleased to report that, following his visit to the fish and chip shop owners, the fridge at the back of the shop has been removed and the area has been generally tidied up.

7. VILLAGE HALL REPORT –

The Committee remains unchanged. Last meeting was on 5th January, next 13th February.

EVENTS: The main January event was the Hereford "Rail" Male Voice Choir evening which took place on Saturday 19th January in St Andrew's Church. The event was very well supported and raised approximately £337 after costs.

A presentation is planned by Bell Homes for Saturday 9th February (09.00-13.00) in the Hall for the proposed new housing development in Moreton.

Regular events continue and a provisional plan has been mooted for events throughout 2019. Details to follow as planning progresses.

HALL MAINTENANCE: Fire precaution and H&S Policy actions are proceeding and ongoing. A new shelf unit for the centre storage cupboard has been purchased and installed. The roof repair is also to be undertaken.

The proposal for a Public Address / presentation system is in preparation and will be presented to the Parish Council for approval.

FINANCIAL: detailed financial report will be submitted under separate cover by the Committee treasurer. An annual summary (2017-2018) has been prepared and filed for reference, as required by The Charities Commission. Our thanks to Mike Kerrigan for his assistance with this.

Chris Rogers, Chairman

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

(8.1) There were no matters raised from the Minutes.

9. Clerk's update:

(9.1) SID – deployment for 2019-2020 was agreed for May; August; November and February 2020.

Resolved: Clerk to inform Balfour Beatty.

SID is in the village at the moment and it is still considered to be recording a figure below the actual speed of the traffic.

(9.2) Public Exhibition Day – the clerk had liaised with Mr Jelf who confirmed that everything is in place for the exhibition on 9th February 2019.

10. PLANNING –

(10.1) Planning at Marden – impact on village traffic. This item was raised by Cllr Garbett who, unfortunately, was not present at the meeting. After discussion, it was established that no one had any information with regard to the proposed additional 90 houses to be built in Marden. As the Ward Councillor was not present, the Clerk was asked to email her to enquire if there is any up to date information on the possibility of planning permission being given for these additional houses. Item to be deferred to next meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to liaise with Ward Cllr Guthrie.

(10.2) Planning 190152 Plot 10 Bishops Walk

A resident has written to the Parish Council as follows:

There is an application by Mr Williams to remove three Ash trees from his building plot no. 10. The said trees have Basal decay which was first highlighted in Stratton Tree Services report of 07/01/2013

1. To date there have been the removal of over 15 trees of different species from the field and it has now changed/impacted the local environment.

2. From an environmental perspective the removal could have several side effects:
a. It's part of the hunting ground for bats
b. It acts as a green screen for the houses in the area thus breaking up the built environment.

It was strongly recommended that Mr Williams should be legally required to replace these trees as part of the planning application. This should be on top of the planning application controls set by the Council with regard to planting once the buildings have been completed.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would make a 'comment' on the planning application website supporting the above comments with regard to replacing the many native deciduous trees that have been felled in association with this planning application as a whole.

11. PLAY PARK REPORT

(11.1) Update Tree work – the tree work has been completed. The work itself has been carried out to a very high standard but unfortunately the heavy equipment associated with the work has damaged the ground. It was agreed that a large bag of soil should be purchased at a cost of £62.40 which, when spread, should help level out the ridges. It was acknowledged that later in the year these areas will need to be reseeded.

There is a considerable amount of wood now available for sale. However, most of it is in very big/heavy sections which will need professional equipment to cut into manageable sized pieces. There are some smaller branches/rounds available. Mr Browne will continue to contact possible buyers for the wood – but, would recommend that no further transport vehicles be allowed into the park until the ground is firmer.

The equipment in the park remains serviceable. There is still an ongoing problem with dog fouling. Every day maintenance is carried out as required.

(11.2) Quote for replacement bin at the park entrance - The Locality Steward has listed a job number to get this bin lid replaced via Balfour Beatty. However, if this does not materialise soon, Mr Browne will chase this up.

(11.3) It was reported that there is an ongoing problem with moles. After discussion, it was agreed that it maybe necessary to seek professional help. The Chairman will monitor and, if necessary, call in Mr Styles – the mole man.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS/UPDATES

(12.1) Footpath Officer's report -the footpaths are in good order but seasonally wet.

(12.2) The Clerk reported that there is still £72 footpath (P3) money available to spend in this financial year – item to be deferred to next meeting.

13. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

(13.1) Payments since last meeting – none

(13.2) To consider payment of accounts – the February 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.

14. LENGTHSMAN and P3 SCHEME –Expression of Interest forms have been completed and sent to Balfour Beatty. Guidance notes circulated to Councillors. The pot holes in St Andrews Close have now been filled by the lengthsman with Viafix - it is hoped this new product will prove successful.

15. CORRESPONDENCE: As discussed in Item 10 planning.

16. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Youth club. Cllr Javens gave her apologies for the next meeting.

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

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30p.m.

Signed:

Date: