

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

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

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: moretononlugg.org

Parish Clerk – Lesley Hay

PRESENT:

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

Parish Clerk: Lesley Hay; Ward Cllr Guthrie. 10 Members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the March Meeting.

MINUTES:

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr C Crowley; Cllr V Javens
- 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 representation present.

The Chairman welcomed Paul Crumpton – West Mercia Rural and Business Crime Officer to the meeting. Mr Crumpton, with 34 years of experience of what works ...and what doesn't, gave a very informative crime prevention presentation on how to stay safe at home, work and online with many useful tips and advice.

The Chairman and those present thanked Mr Crumpton and his colleague for a very informative presentation.

- 5. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** had been circulated.

In addition to the report below, Ward Cllr Guthrie did mention that she had again reported that two pedestrian lights have now stopped working on the main A49 entrance to the village. Ward Cllr Guthrie has been informed that the Watch Team visited on Monday evening but she had heard nothing further to date – and the

lights were still not working. It would appear that the work, despite being highlighted as urgent, may well be delayed until the new financial year starting in April when other A49 works are due to take place.

Ward Councillor's Update Report

Council Tax

- 1.
2. Full Council has approved 2019/20 the budget and Council Tax rates. Around 70% of the Council's income comes from Council Tax. In order to achieve a budget contribution of just over £104m for 2019/20 a 4.9% increase in Council Tax has been approved and will come into effect from April 2019.

For more information look up: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/counciltax

Minerals and Waste Draft Consultation ref: the County's requirements to 2031

The Draft Minerals & Waste Local Plan (MWLP) containing detailed policies and locations for future minerals extraction focuses on sand and gravel working (which includes Wellington Quarry) and the Council are expecting future planning applications to be submitted accordingly.

The waste strategy focuses on new sustainable waste treatment facilities mainly on existing industrial estates or strategic employment areas like Moreton Business Park.

Re: Land adjacent to New House Farm Marden planning application 190182 Reserved matters following outline approval. (150989) for a development of 90 dwellings.

I made some enquiries of officers and Moreton on Lugg Parish Council which is an adjacent Parish was not consulted on the original application because the site was in the centre of Marden and not located close to the Parish boundary.

Re: Land to the west of Church House Farm, Moreton on Lugg planning application 172919 outline planning approved

I have been further contacted by residents about highways concerns relating to this site (*access and egress*) regarding the impact on the village road and the junction with the A49. I have requested that the Council's Highways Manager looks into these matters of concern and provides a response.

Re: Pedestrian Lighting on A49

I have urgently contacted Highways England again because to date no repairs have been carried out and now another pedestrian light has stopped working.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) – Safer Roads Fund

The PCCs Safer Roads fund all the information regarding applications for a grant can be found on the PCCs website as follows:

<https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/about-your-pcc/pcc-grants-scheme/>

Consultation on walking, cycling, bus and space improvements in Hereford

Have your say on this consultation which runs until 11th March 2019 this incorporates some proposals for walking and cycling route improvements in Hereford which include new cycle lanes, changes to junctions, crossings and new footways.

For more information about the proposals and to complete the consultation questionnaire go to: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP.

Report by Kema Guthrie 01/03/2019

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

Recently a resident had asked if the Parish Council would consider re-establishing a local Youth Club. Cllr Garbett reported that he had been in discussion with the Chairman of Marden Parish Council and Marden had recently started up a Youth Club which was doing very well. He explained that they do have both excellent inside and outside facilities and even had a football team entered into a local Herefordshire league.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Garbett would approach Marden Youth Club with a view to visiting and discussing the various aspects of starting up and running a similar club here in Moreton and/or even joining forces with Marden.

Resolved: Cllr Garbett will liaise with Marden Youth Club and the Chairman to arrange a convenient date and time.

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

7. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Committee remains unchanged. Last meeting was on 13th February. Next 22nd March 2019.

EVENTS

A presentation by Bell Homes took place on 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.

A Soup Lunch is planned for 9th March.

HALL MAINTENANCE & DOCUMENTATION

Fire precaution actions are proceeding and ongoing.

A draft Health & Safety Policy has been prepared and circulated to the Committee for comment. Minor actions are to be completed before issue. An Actions List will follow.

The roof repair remains outstanding. A sunken drain cover in the car park requires attention. A solution to this is being sought.

A requirement has been identified for insulation beneath the passage windows – quotation in preparation.

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

Old wooden tables have been removed from the premises.

FINANCIAL

Bank Balance of £4,840.95 with outstanding cheques of £166.00 plus a recent invoice for £986.00 for the annual insurance cover.

8. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 5th February 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) Exhibition day – this had been well attended. The most contentious item remains the access. This problem has been discussed at length in the past and despite various fresh concerns being raised, Herefordshire Council and Bell Homes will follow the original outline planning recommendations.

(9.2) The clerk explained that she was in receipt of the HALC invoice for 2019-2020. Total nett amount of £502 (plus £100.56 VAT) with an invoice total of: £603.38.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed by all Councillors present that Morton on Lugg Parish Council would not renew their annual subscription with HALC for this coming year.

10. PLANNING – No new applications

Cllr Jackson left the meeting

11. PLAY PARK REPORT

(11.1) Two large loads of wood have been sold at £150 per load both ready for processing and removal. There are several smaller loads still available – cut to order.

There is ongoing maintenance being undertaken associated with the football pitch.

The paths are clear and laid – thanks expressed to Richard- Peter-Adrian for their help

(11.2) It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Fran White regarding the ROSPA play park equipment's annual inspection with a request for this to be carried out at the beginning of July. The Clerk will also liaise with Play Quest regarding their annual inspection and again with a request for this to be carried out at beginning of July.

The Chairman reported that all equipment was in a serviceable condition. There is a continuing moss problem on the basketball court which need clearing. The litter bin remains broken. Dog fouling- remains an ongoing problem.

There was discussion with regard to purchasing a brush cutter – this had been discussed at a previous meeting and, at that time, at a cost of £450 it was agreed that financially it was a more viable option to hire rather than buy. However, an opportunity has arisen that there may be an opportunity to purchase a brush cutter from the sale of redundant stock at a cost of £180 inc VAT. It was agreed that Mr Browne should go ahead and, if this proves to be a suitable piece of equipment, to purchase at such a competitive sale price. It was agreed to reimburse Mr Browne for any travelling costs that maybe incurred in collection.

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 – this to be discussed further with Cllr Jackson as Footpath's Officer and any purchases to be made before the end of this financial year.

13. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

(13.1) Payments since last meeting – none. To consider payment of accounts – the March schedule of payments had been circulated. The Clerk explained

that there was an additional payment of £13.34 to Mr Browne with regard to Play Park expenses. It was unanimously agreed that these invoices should be paid and the clerk raised the cheques and these were signed.

(13.2) Clerk's hours and salary annual review

After discussion, it was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary point from Grade 24 to Grade 25 as from the 1st April 2019. The Clerk explained that there had been no indication, as yet, of any 'cost of living' increase for 2019 -20 – any information with regard to this usually comes via HALC.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed between the Clerk and Councillors that her hours would remain at 9 hours per week – but that any increase would be discussed at the budget/precept setting meeting in November.

14. LENGTHSMAN and P3 SCHEME – Clerk to liaise with regard to the start date for the Grass Cutting Schedule. Clerk to liaise with regard to clearing along the pathway the branches brought down by the recent high winds.

15. CORRESPONDENCE: Code of Conduct – HALC – circulated. It was noted that Herefordshire Council had recently revised their Code of Conduct and it was agreed that any decision with regard to changing Moreton on Lugg Parish Council's Code of Conduct will be deferred until further information is available and any revised Code adopted at the May Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Election day - 2nd May 2019. The Clerk conformed she will attend a meeting in the Town Hall tomorrow Wednesday 6th March when the nomination papers will be made available. These papers have to be completed by Councillors and returned in person to the Town Hall before 4.00p.m. on the Wednesday 3rd April. The Clerk will make sure these papers are circulated in plenty of time.

The Clerk asked those present if they were willing to stand as a Parish Councillor for the forth coming election – all those present confirmed their intention.

16. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Update on the Youth Club. Competition of Election paper work.

17. DATE of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – 7.30 start.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15p.m.

Signed:

Date: