

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in
Moreton-on-Lugg Village Hall
on
Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: moretononlugg.org

Parish Clerk – Lesley Hay

PRESENT:

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

Parish Clerk: Lesley Hay; 2 Members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the July Meeting.

MINUTES:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr B Jackson; Cllr C Crowley; Cllr V Javens and Ward Cllr Guthrie

2. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – The Clerk explained that she has received an email from a resident showing interest in filling one of the vacancies on the Parish Council. The resident has been invited to attend the September meeting. 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. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – no report. Apologies received.

A local resident has again raised the question with regard to the suitability of the proposed access to the new development – Ward Cllr Guthrie reported that she is currently in correspondence with Bruce Evans – Herefordshire Council's Engineering Manager and is awaiting further response. Ward Cllr Guthrie has copied the resident into the recent correspondence.

5.1 Open Session – no matters raised by members of public.

5.2 The Chairman closed the Open Session

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

The Chairman did report that he had recently attended an on-site meeting with Ward Cllr Guthrie, the Locality Steward plus one concerned Moreton parishioner. The main aim of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of introducing a weight restriction over the bridge and to try to reduce the speed of vehicles using the village road and bridge.

It was agreed that there was really very little that could be done other than additional signage – the Ward Cllr agreed to take the matter forward although it was felt they were fighting a losing battle.

It was reported that recently S & A had applied for planning to install a Biodigester on their Marden site. This planning application had been refused. However, it is thought that there will be an appeal – and if this is successful, this again could result in an increase in the number of vehicles using the village road and the bridge in order to feed the Biodigester.

The Clerk confirmed that she has written to Welcome to our Future to thank them for the donation of Bird Boxes. The Clerk confirmed that once these are erected in various places around the village in the Autumn – she would, as requested, arrange for photographs to be forwarded.

7. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Committee unchanged since last report.

EVENTS

The Midsummer Madness Night on 15th June proved to be very successful. Approximately 45 people enjoyed 60's and 70's music, a Pimm's and an evening meal.

The Summer Fair will be held on July 13th, 2pm until 4pm. Planning is ongoing for this event. Cllr Garbett informed Councillors that a company called Jungle Puppet will be at the Fete at a cost of £100 – but that this entertainment on the day will be free of charge for the children attending the fete.

No event is planned for August, but future events will be advertised as usual. Regular events, Tea-potters and Line Dancing continue, although Fitness classes have stopped owing to attendance figures.

HALL MAINTENANCE & DOCUMENTATION

The Health & Safety Policy will be circulated shortly, copy on the notice board. Other documentation is under review.

P.A. SYSTEM

The P A System has been delivered and will be available for use in the near future. Thanks to the Parish Council for assistance with this purchase.

FINANCIAL

The present bank balance shows a figure of £4870.13 with expected expenditure of £50.00 for Gas and electricity.

8. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 4th June 2019 were agreed to be a true record and it was unanimously voted that they be adopted and signed by the Chairman.

(8.1) Youth Club – there was a short discussion on the various issues discussed at the last meeting. Cllr Garbett and the Chairman hope to visit the Youth Club again before the Parish Council's September meeting in order to report back with some positive suggestions on how to take forward the option of the Moreton youngsters joining the Marden Youth Club.

9. Clerk's update: all items covered under the agenda items.

10. PLANNING – no new planning applications to date.

(10.1) The developer 's representative has asked for suggestions regarding the naming of the new development – suggestions put forward are The Grove; Church Road and Church View. The Clerk will inform the Bell Homes representative.

11. PLAY PARK REPORT

No ROSPA Inspection Report available at this time.

Play Park - Mr S. Browne reported that all the play park equipment is in serviceable order. There is still some wood waiting to be removed and there are several smaller loads available – cut to order. The brush cutter is proving to be an excellent addition to the maintenance equipment.

Mr Browne reported that some general maintenance work had been undertaken and thanked the volunteers for their help with this.

Further to the last meeting when Mr Browne reported that dog fouling remains an ongoing problem, in particular, in the children's fenced off play area – he confirmed that he is in the process of purchasing and erecting two signs to be displayed on the fences of the children's play area – to say 'No Dogs'.

Mr Browne also reported the amount of dog waste in the wooded area is on the increase – this area being well used by children. Mr Browne asked that it be minuted in an attempt to remind all dog owners that not picking up and disposing of your dog waste could result in a sizeable fine.

Mr Browne reported a series of late night/early morning parties taking place in the park. The music is very loud and underage drinking is apparent by the type of cans and litter left behind. Mr Browne will monitor the situation and if it continues will inform the Police although it was acknowledged that this type of incident is a police response Category 4.

With regard to the trees in the wooded area - Mr Browne was able to report that there had been no sign of Dutch Elm disease; several Ash trees had been felled but this was due to old age/health and safety reasons. However, the chestnut trees are showing some evidence of leaf drop which is probably due to Leaf Blotch disease. This fungal disease causes reddish-brown spots on the leaves that are often surrounded by yellow halos. Infected leaves turn brown and fall prematurely. This is a national problem.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS/UPDATES

(12.1) Footpath Officer sent in her apologies – but reported that the footpaths are in good order.

(12.2) Update Cuckoo Corner – Cllr Jackson reported that she has spoken with owners of Cuckoo Corner and they reassured her and the Parish Council that they always alert walkers to the restrictions associated with the footpath. Cllr Jackson has erected two additional ‘dog on leads’ signs and a bright yellow arrow at the entrance of the orchard.

12.3 Pavement opposite church – Cllr Jackson reported that there are leaves on the path but did not consider it warranted a letter to the owner at this stage.

12.4 Locality Steward visited Nursery Drive but reported that he did not consider it warranted road sweeping at this time. He will keep an eye on the situation on his regular monthly visit to the village.

13. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

To consider payment of accounts – the July and August schedule of payments had been circulated – it was unanimously agreed these should to be paid and the Clerk raised the cheques accordingly and these were signed.

14. LENGTHSMAN and P3 SCHEME – no additional work identified for July/August but should anything arise please notify the Clerk.

Mr Browne asked if the lengthsman could look at the sunken corner of the basketball court with a view to repair. The Chairman will speak with the lengthsman on his regular visit to the village later this week.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 Allowance Scheme for Parish and Town Councillors – circulated – discussed – no further action

15.2 Community Connector Introduction – circulated- discussed – does not apply to this area.

16. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA –

Youth Club update. Possible co-option of new Parish Councillor.

17. DATE of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – 7.30p.m. start.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20p.m.

Signed:

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