

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Moreton-on-Lugg Village Hall

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: moretononlugg.org

Parish Clerk – Lesley Hay

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr Richard Styles (Chairman); Cllr B Garbett; Cllr B Jackson (Vice Chairman) Cllr V Javens; Cllr C Cowley.

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

The Chairman welcomed those present to the September Meeting.

MINUTES:

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr D Preece

2. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – no one has put their name forward.

The Chairman explained that Cllr D Preece has moved house and is now living over six miles from Moreton on Lugg. However, as she was elected as a Councillor at the recent Elections - Cllr Preece remains a Parish Councillor until the next Election in 4 years' time or unless she resigns her position. Cllr Preece has indicated that she would like to remain as a Parish Councillor for the foreseeable future.

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. Clerk to inform PCSO of the date of the next meeting.

5. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

Re: Hereford & Southern Link Road Schemes paused

The new administration has announced that the Hereford & Southern Link Road Schemes are to be paused. A cabinet member decision was taken on 9th August 2019 to pause the Hereford bypass and Southern link road schemes, to allow further time for matters to be reviewed in more detail.

Re: Council hits 2020 carbon reduction target early

The latest Greenhouse Gas Report (2018/19) shows that Herefordshire Council has delivered a 43% reduction in CO2 emissions.

The council has exceeded its 2020 target carbon reduction of 40% two years early, illustrating its continued commitment to tackling the Climate Emergency.

This reduction, of over of 11,875 tonnes of CO2, has been achieved through a number of 'invest to save' projects including: LED lighting, renewable energy generation and use, greener vehicles and wider energy efficiency projects.

It has also created a springboard from which to launch plans and actions towards the council's recent aspirational target of being carbon neutral by 2030.

Re: Launch of new website "Understanding Herefordshire"

Finding key facts and figures about Herefordshire is now a lot easier following the launch of the 'Understanding Herefordshire' website.

The new website, maintained by Herefordshire Council, provides information about the county, its people and places. It includes information on factors affecting health and well-being, such as population numbers, lifestyle choices, housing, the economy and the environment.

In addition, the site offers a number of new features, including a 'quick facts' function and 'latest news' pages. It also has an interactive map where you can download 'area profiles' providing local level statistics for Herefordshire.

To view the 'Understanding Herefordshire' website visit <https://understanding.herefordshire.gov.uk>

Re: Highways Matters

Please report any problems on highways or footpaths by phoning Tel: 01432 261800 or visit Herefordshire Council website - www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/190/report-problems-on-the-road.

5.1 Open Session – matters raised by members of public.

A request was made for the dog waste bin in the Play Park to be emptied more often or, if that was not possible, for a larger bin to be installed. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with the lengthsman to obtain a quote for a large dog waste bin. If the quote acceptable to the Chairman – the Clerk will instruct the lengthsman to purchase and erect. The smaller bin to be erected further down the Park below the bottom set of goals posts.

It was reported that there had been more incidents of youths throwing grit and stones at windows in St Peters Close. The incidents have been logged and there has been a police response.

It was thought the youths are using the dirt and gravel from the pavements – residents to be encouraged to sweep the pavements in front of their houses and the Clerk to liaise with the Locality Steward to see if he can arrange for a sweeper.

5.2 The Chairman closed the Open Session

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – no issues that will not be covered within the agenda.

7. PARISH COUNCIL – Cllr Garbett put forward a proposal that a leaflet be prepared and distributed to all houses within Moreton on Lugg explaining what a Parish Council can do and what it can't do.

Cllr Garbett had approached ABC Printers and they quote £52 for an A4 size leaflet – folded into A5 allowing four sides for information.

In general, the Councillors thought this to be an excellent idea and Cllr Garbett will prepare a draft.

8. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 2nd July 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. In summary, the Councillors felt that it would not be possible for the Parish Council to finance transport. However, it was agreed that a way forward could be to advertise that there is a Youth Club in Marden - who would be happy to welcome new members from Moreton – but, that transport must be self-funded.

It was agreed to remove this item from the next agenda.

9. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

Committee welcomed Ian Baker to the Committee. Ian lives in the Village and works with Hereford Council. His experience will be a great asset to the Village Hall.

EVENTS The Summer Fair was held on July 13th, 2pm until 4pm. "Juggle Puppets" were a good attraction, but otherwise the event was not particularly successful.

No event was held in August.

Plans are being made for a Bingo Evening, a Horse Race/Casino evening and the Christmas Fair. Details to follow.

HALL MAINTENANCE & DOCUMENTATION

The Health & Safety Policy and General Risk Assessment are now reviewed and ready for use.

FINANCIAL

The bank balance shows a figure of £4333.21 with no outstanding invoices to be cleared.

10. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

10.1 Wreath – it was unanimously agreed to finance a Remembrance Wreath with a donation of £50.

10.2 The Clerk explained that there had been an adjustment to the July bank balance in that Wellington Parish Council had sent Moreton on Lugg Parish Council an incorrect invoice. The sum of £319 has been reimbursed.

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

10.4 Precept 2020/21 application forms have been sent out – a date for the Precept meeting to be agreed at the next meeting.

11. PLAY PARK REPORT

Play Park report for July & August 2019

The annual ROSPA report has been received and circulated. It was noted that of the 31 items listed - no action is required on 10 of the items

-with a recommendation to predominantly 'monitor only' on remainder less the following:

- a. Re-in force 2 x metal fence posts (concrete)
- b. Consider updating signage (outdated does not comply with new EN)
- c. Basketball court requires sealing between tarmac edging and wood surround (trip hazard)
- d. 2 x swing chains need to be replaced before next inspection
- e. Children's see-saw seat needs to be replaced (vandalized)

These issues can be addressed in house.

There were some concerns raised with regard to the aerial zip wire – and the Clerk was asked to send a copy to Play Quest for their information and response.

With reference to (c) that the current signage needs upgrading in order to display contact names and telephone numbers - ABC printers have estimated the cost would be in the region of £25.00 for the new signage. It was agreed Mr Brown should go ahead with this purchase as it was well within the monthly allocated funding.

Cllr Styles confirmed that he will be dealing with any mole activity.

12. LENGTHSMAN /FOOTPATH OFFICER REPORT

12.1 Footpath Officer's report – all footpaths in good order.

Cllr Jackson informed those present that she would like to resign as Footpath's Officer forthwith. However, Cllr Jackson was pleased to report that her husband, Brian Jackson, would be willing to take over the responsibilities of Footpath's Officer. It was unanimously agreed to accept this offer and the Clerk will inform Balfour Beatty of the change.

12.2 It was agreed to arrange for an Autumn weed killing spray – Clerk to liaise with D C Gardening.

Two drains are blocked at the bottom of Moreton Road – Clerk will liaise with Locality Steward.

Clerk will liaise with D C Gardening with regard to raising the crown on the two lime trees near the village entrance.

Clerk reported that she has spoken with Bell Homes representative about the over grown hedge along their proposed development – and this is to be dealt with by the Contractors who are on site.

No additional work identified for September but should anything arise please notify the Clerk.

13 PLANNING – no new local planning application received.

Planning application 192887 Land at Honeysuckle Cottage, Poultry Lane Wellington – this application was discussed briefly but as it is located in a neighbouring parish – there were no local issues so no objections raised.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The email (previous circulated) from Tarmac outlining a proposed planning application to further extended their Wellington operation was discussed. The Clerk was asked to invite a representative from Tarmac to attend the next meeting to discuss these plans and future plans for possible further extension of their operation.

The email from a local resident with regard to speeding in the village – had been circulated. The content of this email was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would reply acknowledging that the Parish Council are fully aware of the speeding problems throughout the village but outlining the restrictions on what action the Parish Council are legally able to undertake.

It was acknowledged that additional restrictive measures associated with speed reduction have been discussed and it is understood that these will be put into place with the 106 monies associated with the Bell Homes development. The Clerk will contact the Locality Steward with regard to the possibility of additional 30mph signs that maybe erected throughout the village.

There was a short discussion on Fastashire broad band and it was acknowledged that cables are being laid in Sutton associated with 5G.

There was a short discussion with regard to the Village Hall Committee seeking a donation from the 106 monies associated with the Church Farm Development to go towards replacing the heating system in the Village Hall.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to find out more about the allocation of these funds and report back to the next meeting. Clerk will liaise with Ward Councillor Guthrie and Herefordshire Council's 106 Officer.

Parish Summit on the 20th September – Ward Cllr Guthrie confirmed that she is hoping to attend. Cllr Garbett is also hoping to attend – he will register direct.

15. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Tarmac representative. Leaflet.

16. DATE of next meeting: Tuesday 1st October – 7.30p.m. start.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.

Signed:

Date: