

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 1st October 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 C Cowley; Cllr D Preece; Cllr C Boden.

Parish Clerk: Lesley Hay; 17 Members of the public. Two representatives from Tarmac and a representative from the Wildlife Trust.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the October Meeting.

MINUTES:

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Ward Cllr Guthrie and Cllr V Javens.

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS by Parish Councillors – none received.

4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LOCAL POLICE OFFICER –

PCSO S. Jenkins attended the meeting but unfortunately was called away before she could give her verbal report.

However, the PCSO did report that there had been no more incidents reported of youths throwing grit and stones at windows in St Peters Close. There had also been no more reports associated with the mini motors in the village.

Although not part of PCSO's report – Councillors were asked to note that there had been a recent break in at the back of Ordnance Close with a great deal of merchandise stolen.

5. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Unfortunately, Ward Cllr Guthrie was unable to attend the meeting. However, the main part of her report was to include an emailed response from Yvonne Coleman - Planning Obligations Manager - outlining the present situation regarding the distribution of the 106 monies associated with the Church House Farm development. Ward Cllr Guthrie asked that the Chairman read out this email and to include it in the minutes as part of her report. The email had previously been circulated so Councillors were aware of its content.

Dear Councillor Guthrie,

Payment of the section 106 contributions is in two phases – 50% on commencement of the development and 50% on occupation of the 33rd open market unit.

We have requested payment of the first contributions which are;

- Education £58,044.00
- Transport £54,889.00
- Recycling £879.00
- Waste £879.00

With regards to the parish council input on spend of the monies, the spend of the education monies is co-ordinated by colleagues in education directly with the recipient schools and the recycling and waste contributions are used to purchase green and black bins for each dwelling.

The parish council has an input in identifying where the transport monies could be spent. The section 106 agreement contains the following schemes which were negotiated at the outline planning application stage;

I will be in contact with the parish to commence this process once the development has progressed further. This will entail meeting in the village to walk through and identify where they would like features and what these comprise of. I will gather this information to convey to Balfour Beatty Living Places who the council commission to scope, design and deliver the improvements. Any input from BBLP will incur a charge from the section 106 monies hence the reason that I do the initial work to pass onto them.

At this stage there would be no need to attend a parish council meeting but I will be in contact with the clerk at a later stage to arrange to meet the relevant parish councillors in the village.

With regards to the village hall, there are no contributions in the agreement towards the village hall. I have been in contact with a member of the village hall committee to advise them of this suggested that they approach the developer directly to request

their assistance with heating in the village hall. They have confirmed that they will approach the developer directly.

Yvonne Coleman

Further questions were raised about the signage on the main village road but it was agreed that these issues could be raised when Yvonne Coleman visits the village in order to identify where and what features would be appropriate.

5.1 Open Session – matters raised by members of public.

The issue of the oil spillage was raised again. It was explained that the Locality Steward had visited after the last meeting but had reported that there was little that could be done to dilute the oil. It was reported that the stains were slowly fading. However, the Clerk was asked to liaise with the lengthsman to see if anything further could be done to erase the stains.

The issue of the debris in the gullies along St Peter's Close was also raised again. The Locality Steward had visited after the last meeting and reported that it was not a job for Balfour Beatty at this time. It was suggested that the Parish Council ask the lengthsman to sweep and collect up the debris. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the lengthsman with regard to this – particularly in the region of numbers 93 – 95 and to work down the other side of the road.

Earlier in the week a pane of glass in the bus shelter had been broken. The Clerk contacted the Locality Steward who quickly removed the broken glass and made the area safe. The Clerk reported she had got a quote of £220 + VAT from Roman Glass – and it was agreed to go ahead with this repair.

TARMAC PRESENTATION- WELLINGTON QUARRY

The Chairman introduced two representatives from Tarmac Quarry who gave a slide presentation on their present and future plans associated with Wellington Quarry. During the presentation it became very apparent that their long-term commitment is to promoting environments that encourage and support all varieties of wildlife.

These plans are ongoing – with planting of trees planned for this Autumn – but the timescale would appear to be about 10 years before Tarmac will be ready to leave this site. It was stressed, however, that once they leave the site – any changes would be subject to planning applications - and these applications would receive strong opposition from the Wildlife Trust and other similar agencies.

After a question and answer session - the Chairman thanked the Tarmac representatives for their very informative presentation.

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 had previously put forward a proposal for a leaflet to 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 shared with the Councillors a draft leaflet but stressed it was only in draft with further information needed to be added. In principal, the Councillors agreed with the content.

8. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 3rd September 2019 were agreed to be a true record and it was unanimously voted that they be adopted and signed by the Chairman.

9. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

The committee has worked together to have a clear-out of redundant items.

EQUIPMENT

The PA system has been moved to the Village Hall, and a demonstration was given by Rob Symonds of Area Entertainments who supplied the system.

EVENTS

2 forthcoming events have been agreed and advertised in the Hereford Times.

There will be a Halloween Bingo on Saturday 26th October, and

A Christmas Fayre is set for Saturday 6th December.

HALL MAINTENANCE

PAT testing of all the portable appliances has been carried out in September.

FINANCIAL - The bank balance shows a figure of £4614.28 1 with no outstanding invoices to be cleared.

10. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

10.1 To consider payment of accounts – the September 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.

The Clerk confirmed that the ½ yearly accounts had been sent to the Internal Auditor.

10.2 Date for setting the Precept /Budget for 2020/21 - date agreed Monday 28th October 2019 at 7.00p.m. After some discussion, it was accepted that this year's budget calculations would not be carried out on a projected spread sheet but the clerk to produce paper copies. Clerk to produce a forecast figure in advance of the meeting.

11. PLAY PARK REPORT

Play Park report for October 2019 - All equipment is serviceable.

As reported in the last minutes, the annual ROSPA report had been received and had been 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. Items left to consider:

- a. Consider updating signage. After discussion it was agreed not to replace the existing signs with new signs to include contact telephone numbers.
- b. Basketball court requires sealing between tarmac edging and wood surround (trip hazard). Mr Brown will follow up the possibility of a grant.
- c. 2 x swing chains need to be replaced before next inspection – whilst this recommendation was acknowledged - it was considered that these chains are in a safe condition at this time.

The new larger dog bin has been installed and the smaller one re-sited– giving two dog bins and litter bin in the Park.

Ongoing –

- a. Path – to spread chippings before winter.
- b. Rubbish clearance and burning.
- c. Moss clearance

12. FOOTPATH OFFICER REPORT

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

The Footpath's Officer will attend the Balfour Beatty briefing session on the 23rd October – he will book his place with Balfour Beatty direct.

LOCALITY STEWARD

12.2 One drain blocked at the bottom of Moreton Road by the 5 barred gate – Clerk will liaise with Locality Steward.

Clerk to ask Locality Steward to again look at the moss, leaves and debris in Nursery Drive.

LENGTHSMAN

12.3 Lengthsman - No additional work identified for October but should anything arise please notify the Clerk.

LITTER PICKER DUTIES

Mr Adrian Parry has kindly agreed to empty the litter bin sited at the bottom of the Play Park plus the waste bin on the Cuckoo Corner side of the A49. This bin has always been emptied by a resident as Balfour Beatty refused to include it in their collection - with the resident now moving from the village - Mr Parry kindly agreed to empty this bin.

12.4 CHURCH HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

It was reported that Bell Homes had cut the top of the over grown hedge along their proposed development – but not the side facing the village road.

Concerns were expressed about the pedestrians coming off the bus on the A49 to walk along the pavement into the village are having to go out into the road to pass work/construction vehicles in the entrance to the site. The PC appreciated that this cannot be avoided at this time but hoped that the pavement can be re-established as soon as possible to make walking into the village less of a hazard.

Clerk will liaise with Bell Homes representative.

13. PLANNING – one planning application received.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 193143 - Plot 5, Ordnance Close, Moreton-on-Lugg, Herefordshire,

After a short discussion, the Parish Council did not wish to raise any objections or comments to this application.

14. CORRESPONDENCE – confirmation SID will return to the village in November.

15. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Leaflet (BG) Changes to the Website (BG) Permanent Agenda item – New Development (BG)

16. DATE of next meeting: Tuesday 5th November – 7.30p.m. start.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45p.m.

Signed:

Date: