

**MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL  
MINTUES OF THE MEETING**

**held**

**on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.**

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: [moretononlugg.org](http://moretononlugg.org)

**Due to present Government restrictions this meeting was  
a 'virtual 'meeting held via Zoom.**

**Public and Press were cordially invited to attend the meeting**

Parish Clerk – Lesley Hay

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Cllr B Jackson (Vice Chairman) Cllr C Cowley; Cllr V Javens. Cllr Kim Cooper and Cllr C. Sharp.

Parish Clerk: Lesley Hay and 3 members of the public.

**MINUTES:**

Following the resignation of the Chairman – it was necessary to appoint an interim Chairman to take office until the 2021 May Annual Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Jackson proposed Cllr Val Javens; this proposal was seconded by Cllr Cowley and Cllr Javens accepted the position of interim Chairman until the May elections in 2021.

Cllr Javens signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Chairman form.

Cllr Javen proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Richard Styles for all his hard work during his time as Chairman of Moreton Parish Council and was delighted that Richard had elected to stay on as a Parish Councillor.

1. To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Richard Styles; Cllr Colin Boden.

The clerk asked it to be noted that the six-month attendance legislation is still in force despite Covid19.

*Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of that Authority within a six-month consecutive period, in order to avoid being disqualified as a Councillor*

*Parish Councillors need to be aware that the six-month attendance rule is still in place during this Coronavirus pandemic.*

It was noted that Cllr Boden has been unable to attend a meeting since February and it was agreed that a letter be sent explaining the current non-attendance legislation.

2. To receive declarations of interest or written requests for dispensations. Cllr Kim Cooper declared an interest in the Village Hall.
3. The Chairman gave a very sincere tribute to Cllr Barry Garbett and all Parish Councillors present expressed their sincere condolences to Pauline and their extended family.
4. To consider co-option of two Parish Councillors. There are two vacancies within Moreton on Lugg Parish Council and the Chairman was delighted to report that there had been two residents who had shown interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman asked those present if there were aware of anyone else who had shown interest or wished to be considered – no names were put forward so the Chairman invited Mr Costa Coleman and Mrs Joy Lloyd to each give a short presentation.

Following this, it was unanimously agreed to invite both candidates to become a Parish Councillor and, after signing the appropriate Form of Acceptance, both came to the table with full voting rights.

5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were accepted as a true record and these were signed by the Chairman.
6. Ward Councillor's Report – please see attached to these minutes.
7. Highways and Environmental Matters:

- 7.1 The Clerk confirmed that Moreton on Lugg P C had been fortunate in being allocated the full lengthsmen Drainage Funding Grant of £2100. D C Gardening will begin work when the grass cutting season comes to an end in October.
- 7.2 Pavement No 50 St Peters Close. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would approach D C Gardening and ask for his opinion and to quote to improve access for a wheelchair.

## 8 Finance: Accounts sheet/schedule of payment sheet circulated.

8.1 The Clerk confirmed submission of end of year 2019-20 account.

These had been acknowledged by the external auditor and no further action necessary.

8.2 The Clerk confirmed that the Notice of Public Rights is displayed on the Notice Boards – which issues an invitation to residents to make an appointment to view the accounts if they so wish.

8.3 Bank Balances – circulated.

8.4 It was agreed to donate £50 to the Poppy Wreath

8.5 It was agreed to donate £240 towards the printing costs of the Church Newsletter.

8.6 The Clerk confirmed that she had now paid for the repair of Play Park gates. This invoice should have been paid from the 2019-20 accounts but the work was delayed due to Covid19 and so will appear against this year's budget.

8.7 It was agreed to pay all outstanding invoices as per the schedule of payments that had been circulated.

## 9. Play Park - Annual Inspection update –report had been circulated.

Updated from Steve Browne – 1st September 2020

## SITE – GENERAL

A. Signage at each entrance – already in place, but does not include telephone number of who to contact in case of emergency. (One new sign erected includes emergency Tel no.)

B. No Covid 19 signs – suggest at least two signs be placed in the park, one at entrance and one in children's play area. (Six new signs erected in line with government guidelines)

C. Multi-play station

a. Net ropes have been taped on four treads to cover damage (burns)

b. Grass mats silted – they are covered in play sand which is replaced annually, no drop hazard.

D. Self-closing gates – Now repaired

E. Fencing – loose – caused by drying out of surface

F. No action on the following:

a. Low rotator

b. Spring rabbit

c. Spring bike (now damaged)

d. See saw

e. Seating

f. Picnic table

g. Balance beam

G. Basketball Court

a. Signage required – sign required to explain usage of court (now purchased and erected)

b. Tarmac edging required to eradicate tripping hazards

H. Swings – not inspected

The Clerk confirmed that now the Play Park had reopened she had asked Fran White to visit to inspect the swings which had been missed when the original inspection was undertaken.

I. Aerial Runway

a. Grass matting lifted and re-laid

b. Finger entrapment – done

c. Holes in posts – done

- d. Tree canopy lifted – in hand
- e. Cable inspection certificate required
- f. Seat inspection/dismantling required
- g. Traveller brake needs adjustment
- J. Goal Posts – not inspected

#### September 2020 (General report)

1. Regular maintenance has been carried out on the Park during the Covid19 lockdown; it is now officially open to the public and remains a popular asset to the village.
2. The majority of work highlighted by the ROSPA inspection has been dealt with
3. Trees are generally in good condition; however, two large branches have fallen due to storm damage and will need removing at some stage.
  - a. Overhanging branches in the aerial runway area will need to be removed at some time.
  - b. A chestnut tree in the Park area will need felling and removing at some stage, this tree is diseased.
4. Paths have been strimmed but ideally could do with chippings
5. Goal areas need earth and seed before end of September

#### Vandalism

- a. Unfortunately, the Park has been subject to vandalism, despite the usual vigilance. The main areas are:
  - (i) Cutting of the perimeter fence
  - (ii) Football net damage
  - (iii) Children's play equipment

#### 6. Purchases

- a. Covid19 signs
- b. Basketball court sign (in accordance with ROSPA advice)
- c. Court marking materials
- d. Play sand

There has been a recent bout of vandalism within the park which has resulted in the scramble bike being damaged. A quote for repair has

been received from Wicksteed for £231.97 (inc, VAT). After discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with the repair but any future vandalism damage/costs would have to be discussed subject to the annual Play Park budget.

Play Park Correspondence – an email has been received with regard to using the Play Park for Stay and Play – previously circulated.

The issues surrounding the idea of a Stay and Play using the Play Park were discussed at length,

However, the Parish Council wished to point out that a lot of dog walkers use the park - not all are responsible and pick up their dog droppings. Also, not all dog owners keep their dogs on a lead.

The Parish Council are aware that this venture might attract folk who have to drive to the Play Park - so parking may become an issue - however, it was hoped that folk would park sensibly and respectful of other residents' driveways etc.

The Parish Council would strongly suggest the organisers look into taking out a public liability insurance as they may not be cover under the Parish Council insurance.

Another point that was raised at the meeting was about the importance of having everyone's contact details - track and trace - this again would keep within the present Government guidelines.

In the meantime, the Parish Council were delighted that (against all odds) there are plans to start up this group and think it will be much appreciated by families in the village. So, as this is a public open space – they expressed no objection utilising the field until such times that the village hall facilities can be used again.

9 **Land Registry:** Lack of land registry associated with the triangular wooded area. This item has been outstanding since the lockdown in March. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Lloyds and Cooper (Solicitors) and instruct them to go ahead with the First Registration application at a cost of £300 (inc. VAT) – there may be also be a small Land Registry cost in addition to the quoted £300.

## **11. Planning matters**

11.1 Update-Planning Consultation: 201752 Land adjacent to A49 Outline application to erect up to 43 dwellings. No up to date information but Ward Cllr Guthrie reported - for clarification - due to the high level of public interest, she has requested for a Conditional Redirection which has been agreed. This means that, if the recommendation is for approval, the application will be referred to the Planning Committee.

Currently, the Case Officer is still assessing this Planning Application and is not ready to advise on the likely recommendation at the moment.

11.2 Unfortunately, there has recently been some considerable vandalism at the Belle Homes Development. The police are involved and local residents have been very helpful in supplying information.

Date of next meeting provisionally - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Cllr K Cooper reported that the Village Hall remains closed at this time.

It was agreed that this meeting may have to be again via Zoom if restrictions have not been further lifted to allow safe access to the Village Hall.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

## **Ward Councillor's Report**

### **Covid-19 Update**

There have been three cases of Covid-19 confirmed at one address which met the definition of a new community outbreak about two weeks ago; residents are self-isolating and their contacts are being traced. Otherwise, there have been no confirmed outbreaks in Herefordshire since Rook Row farm during July. The farm outbreak will remain 'live' for 28 days since the last confirmed case, but all remaining workers tested negative in the last round of mass testing on the 5<sup>th</sup> August and there have been none linked to the farm since then.

- There have been no new confirmed outbreaks in care homes since June, as well as no further COVID-related deaths of Herefordshire residents in the latest published ONS data (occurring by 14<sup>th</sup> August and registered by 22<sup>nd</sup> August), so the total remains at 127.

### **Hereford – Temporary Transport Measures**

As shops re-opened, people returned to work and visitor numbers increased, temporary travel measures were introduced in Hereford and the market towns to give pedestrians and cyclists the space they need to maintain social distancing and travel safely. The measures, which include temporary barriers and signage to widen footways, partial road closures and dedicated cycle lanes, allow more space to walk and cycle in busy areas, helping pedestrians and cyclists feel safer where space is shared.

Following feedback from businesses and individuals on the initial measures in Hereford, a number of revisions have been made:

- The temporary barriers to widen footways on Bridge St, King St and Broad St are being replaced with planters to enhance the appearance of the measures in these historic streets
- Parking bays have been reintroduced in Broad street as parallel bays (disabled and pay and display bays)
- Temporary advisory pickup bays have been introduced in King St, which traders have identified as important in current conditions
- Taxis will be able to travel northbound across the Old Wye Bridge from Saturday 22 August to support this alternative to private car use
- The proposed bus and cycle lanes on Newmarket St and Blueschool St will not be implemented.

You can provide your feedback on the temporary travel measures at: <https://herefordshirecovidactivetravel.commonplace.is>



## **New Booking System for Hereford and Leominster Recycling Centres**

The pre-booked system will be introduced for Hereford and Leominster household recycling centres on Monday 14th September, with residents able to book their slots online from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The household recycling centres are only open to Herefordshire residents, and appointments must be booked online in advance. Residents will be able to book up to four slots every two weeks and will receive a pass before visiting. An address and vehicle registration number will be needed to secure the booking. Residents unable to access the online booking system can call the customer services team at the council on 01432 260000 who will be able to book a slot for them. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a limited number of residents are allowed on site at any one time. This has caused traffic congestion around the Hereford site in Rotherwas and Bridge Street in Leominster. It is hoped that the booking system will prevent queues leading up to the sites.

Anyone who is self-isolating or has Covid-19 symptoms must not visit a household recycling centre.

Herefordshire Council also continues to offer a bulky item collection service. Please call 01432 260051 to arrange a collection.

Book a visit on the Herefordshire Council

website [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/hrcbooking](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/hrcbooking) or call 01432 260000

## **Library Information**

Click and Collect library items - Order library books and audiobooks online to pick up from:

Hereford & Leominster

- Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - 2pm to 4pm
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 11am to 1pm

You can ask for up to 20 books from the categories offered and library staff will select titles on your behalf. You will be notified by email when your order is ready for collection.

## **Planning Application 201752**

I have asked the case officer for an update on this matter and I am awaiting a response.

## **Troublesome Noise – Issue**

The Environmental Health Team are investigating a noise concern near to the Moreton Sewage works and I am awaiting an update.

Report by Kema Guthrie 07/09/2020