

MORETON ON LUGG PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Moreton-on-Lugg Parish Council Meeting held
on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Moreton on Lugg Parish Council website: moretononlugg.org

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr V Javens (Chairman). Cllr B Jackson (Vice
Chairman); Cllr C Cowley; Cllr C. Sharp; Cllr C Colman; Cllr J Lloyd; Cllr
K Cooper;

Parish Clerk: Lesley Hay; Ward Cllr K Guthrie.

Minutes

1. Apologies received from Cllr R Styles and Cllr C Boden.
2. To receive declarations of interest or written requests for dispensations. Non pecuniary declarations of interest were received from Cllr C Sharp re Planning Application 193779 and Cllr K Cooper with regard to the Village Hall.
3. Update on six-month attendance legislation. The Clerk reported that the guidelines with regard to six-month attendance legislation had not been changed since the last meeting. The implications of this were discussed and it was agreed to defer until the November meeting.
4. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2020 were agreed to be a true record and it was unanimously voted that they be adopted and signed by the Chairman.
5. Ward Councillor's Report

Please see full report at the end of these minutes.

5.1 Ward Councillor Guthrie explained that she had been approached about possible additional gravel extraction causing the drying out of local water wells and, as outlined in her report, she has requested an investigation and is still waiting an update.

5.2 Open Session – no members of the public present.

It was noted that the development off Ordnance Close is now to be known as Bishops Walk.

The Chairman reported that she had been to see the residents of 50 St Peter's Close and they are concerned about the ditch and the overhanging trees behind their property. The ditch and trees from behind No 50 downstream towards the River Lugg - have been discussed in the past and a letter sent to Mr Richard Perkins – who in turn, replied that he would deal with the problem during the better weather. However, to date, no work has been carried out.

After discussion, it was agreed to again write to Mr Perkins and ask for some urgent work to be carried out before the onset of the winter season. Cllr K Cooper offered to follow up this letter with a personal visit to Mr Perkins and the Parish Councillors were happy to accept this offer.

The on-going speeding issues throughout the village were again discussed. It was acknowledged that once the 106 monies associated with Church House development become available, there will be an opportunity for Councillors to have an on-site meeting with Yvonne Coleman – walk the village – and discuss additional speed safety measures etc.

In the meantime, SID will be coming back into the village in November and recorded data will be shared once available.

The Clerk confirmed that the weed killer Contractor has been through the village. There was some discussion on what chemicals were being used following an incident where it had been reported that a resident had challenged the Contractor about the use of chemicals. The Clerk will make further enquiries and Cllr K Cooper offered to liaise with D C Gardening about the incident.

Cllr V Javens reported difficulty in opening the Dog Bin lid sited in the Post Office Green. It was agreed that the Cllr Jackson would investigate the cause and hopefully release /ease the problem with W D 40.

5.3 The Chairman closed the Open session

6. Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked everyone for their help and support during the first weeks in her new role as Chairman.

7. Highways and Environmental Matters:

1. As reported in the last minutes – the Parish Council have been awarded the full lengthsman drainage funding grant of £2,100 and work will begin once D C Gardening has finished his Summer Grass Cutting Contract.

Work to include: digging grips where appropriate; hand digging grip work; cleanse sumps; Clearing gully tops; extra clearing of kerb lines of any debris threatening to block drainage system; clear all grips on minor C & U roads; expose head walls to any culverts; carry out ditching work as appropriate; removal of spoil and disposal as necessary.

2. Update Pavement No 50 St Peters Close

The Chairman reported that she had been to see Mr and Mrs Ford on Saturday 3rd October at 50 St Peters Close. The Chairman examined the pathway and would agree with their concerns that it presents difficulty for them now that Mrs Ford is in a wheelchair.

The Clerk explained that she had approached Balfour Beatty and the site had been visited by the Locality Steward and although this could be logged as a job – it will be some considerable time before any work will be undertaken. The Parish Council could apply for this work to be undertaken quicker by Balfour Beatty but that would be at the Parish Council's expense- and there is no quote available at this time.

D C Gardening has also been to view the site (as suggested by the Locality Steward) and he has quoted £700 + VAT to complete the work.

There was considerable discussion on this matter – and it was eventually agreed to ask D C Gardening, the Chairman; Cllr B Jackson (Vice Chairman) Cllr Coleman to revisit the site to discuss possible alternatives before a commitment is made. However, in principal, it was agreed to go ahead and fund this work but that the

Clerk should, in the meantime, approach Herefordshire Council for help towards the funding.

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

. 8.1 Bank Balances – circulated. The second half of the Precept funding had been received.

8.2 It was unanimously agreed to pay all outstanding invoices.

9. Play Park Report – circulated.

(9.1) The Chairman referred Councillors to Item 10 Comments on the Play Park Report with regard to a request for additional funding.

The Clerk prepared the 2020-21 expenditure figures for the Play Park and explained that the additional £1050+£210 VAT for the repair of the Play Park gates had been agreed during the 2019/20 financial year. However, due to Covid19 this work had been delayed – and that she had had to complete the end of year accounts before the work could be carried out. As a result, this amount now shows within the 2020-21 accounts.

Drawing attention to the current Accounts Sheet – the Clerk explained that the present expenditure figure is £1530.54 – but if you minus the £1050 = £480.54 - with £519.46 still in the 2020 budget.

There is £266.21 to reclaim in VAT – (£210 of that is attributed to gate repair.)

The Clerk referred to previous minutes from meetings held in 2017 /18 in which a sum of £1000 was agreed for annual maintenance in the Play Park. This did not include any tree maintenance or grass cutting – these are covered under separate funding.

After some discussion – it was agreed that as this is a finance issue, to defer any decision on this request until the Precept/Budget meeting to be held later in the month. The Chairman will inform Mr Browne of this decision.

10. **Land Registry:** The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Lloyds and Cooper with regard to registering the triangular wooded area with the Land Registry. The initial fee of £30.00 has been paid.

11. Planning matters – no new applications received.

11.1 For an update - please see Ward Cllr Guthrie's report
- Planning Consultation: 201752 Land adjacent to A49 Outline application to erect up to 43 dwellings.

12. Precept/Budget Working Party Meeting – it was agreed to hold a working party meeting on Tuesday 27th October 2020 – this will be a Zoom meeting to start at 7.00p.m. Cllr Cooper will prepare and circulate financial/forecast spread sheets in advance and these will be made available on screen during the meeting.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20p.m.

Date of next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

Signed:

Date:

Ward Councillor's Report – 6th October 2020

Re: Planning Matters

Planning Application 193779 (Plot 10)

I have submitted a Conditional Redirection Request for this application to be heard at the Planning and Regulatory Committee only if the officer is minded to recommend approval. The main concern is that excavations for the foundations of a garage are too close to the possible root system of an 85 year old mature lime tree.

Planning Application 201752 – update

I have spoken to the Council's Lead Development Manager recently and he has advised that the Case Officer is still considering matters. This application has already got a Conditional Redirection Request agreed, so if the officer is minded to approve the application it will be heard at the Planning and Regulatory Committee.

Re: Concern about two wells drying up in the village

I have asked officers to investigate and I am awaiting an update.

Noise concern/issue at the Moreton sewage works

This has been investigated by the Environmental Health Team and no noise nuisance was found. My constituents now report that the noise has disappeared. For information anyone who is troubled by a noise should contact the Environmental Health Team directly. For them to investigate a possible noise issue they will require information about the noise and location of the noise source. Contact details for Environmental Health are as follows:

- Contact opening hours are Monday to Friday - 9am to 4.15pm
- Telephone: 01432 261761
- Online: [Contact us form](#)
- Email: ethelpline@herefordshire.gov.uk

Report by Kema Guthrie 06/10/2020

