

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2015

PRESENT

Cllrs Messrs R Dickenson,[Chairman], J Dickinson, Mrs M Smith, Mrs L Bushell, Cllr, Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 0 members of the public.

16/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs W Weaver, J Jones [District Councillor], Mark Liffton, Garry Handley.

16/002 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November were examined and signed as a true record.

16/003 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Clerk's attendance on Pension Regulations Course.

The Clerk advised the Council that she did not attend this course as further information had been received. It appears that the Council needs to provide employees with the chance to enrol on a pension scheme, but does not have to set up a scheme in this case unless the Clerk indicates that they would not wish to opt out of a scheme. As the Clerk earns less than £10,000 the Council will not have to contribute to any pension. The Council has provided provision in its precept to set up a scheme and have investigated two possible schemes should they be needed. At the moment the Clerk has indicated that she would opt out of any scheme set up by the Council.

- b) Report on Police Cluster Meeting

Cllr Lyn Bushell apologised for not attending this meeting.

- c) A38 Road Safety

The Clerk advised the Council on communications forwarded from Garry Handley. Cllr Lyn Bushell volunteered to reply back to Garry on the Council's concerns. It was reported that there had been 3 more accidents since November.

Cllr Maz Smith said that she would attend the Country Roads Campaign Meeting on 15th March.

- d) Crime update from Mark Liffton

Clerk to circulate latest crime figures.

- e) Internal Audit

The Clerk and Chairman confirmed that the concerns over the last internal Audit have been rectified.

16/004 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no pecuniary interests declared by Councillors to items on the agenda.

16/005 FINANCE

- a) Cheques for signature

Mrs A Rigelsford

Wages plus £12.00 home office allowance and £30.00 expenses (Microsoft Office subscription)

£65.60

HMRC

PAYE

£15.20

PATA

Payroll

Powers used for Council's spending

Administration

Local Government Act 1972 Section 11

- b) External Audit Arrangements for 2016/17

It was agreed not to opt out of the agreement set up on behalf of the Department for Communities and Local Government by NALC the society of Local Clerks and the association of drainage Authorities.

16/006 PLANNING

- a) New applications received

There were no new applications to consider

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council
S.15/2477/CPE Moor Farm
Church Lane
Moreton Valence

Certificate of existing Lawful
Use/DEV
Councillors agreed that this had been
used as a venue for at least 10 years.

16/007 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report was submitted.

16/008 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Please see attached report

16/009 PROPOSED SEVERN VOICE MEETING TO DISCUSS FLOOD RESILIENCE

It was agreed to register an interest in this meeting

16/010 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Faster Broadband – Cllr John Dickenson gave an update on the latest situation. It appears that Moreton Valence may not receive faster broadband due to the distance from the junction box. Cllr John Dickinson to draft a letter to our MP and County Councillor.

Incinerator Liaison Group – Cllr John Dickinson reported that the next meeting is due to take place on 17th Feb. It had been suggested that the Parish Council allocate two Councillors to attend these meetings to ensure continuity if one councillor is unable to attend. Cllr Roger Dickenson agreed to attend along with Cllr John Dickinson.

Elections – It was agreed to start advertising for prospective new Councillors ahead of elections in May.

16/011 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman

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