

## MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

#### **PRESENT**

Cllrs Messrs R Dickenson,[Chairman], J Dickinson, W Weaver, Mrs M Smith, Mrs L Bushell, Cllr, J Jones [District Councillor], Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 1 member of the public.

#### **16/012 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

#### **16/013 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January were examined and signed as a true record.

#### **16/014 MATTERS ARISING**

a) A38 Road Safety - Cllr Lyn Bushell apologised for not getting back to Garry Handley regarding the Council's concerns that the frequency of accidents on the A38 appears to have increased since the road safety measures were put in place last year. It was decided to wait as there was a road safety partnership meeting due to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March where this item would be discussed.

b) Incinerator – Cllr John Dickinson reported that the Local Community Liaison Group are looking to obtain air monitoring equipment for local communities well in advance of the plant opening in order to register an accurate base figure before taking readings of pollution once the plant is operational.

#### **16/015 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

#### **16/016 FINANCE**

a) Cheques for signature

Mrs A Rigelsford

Wages plus £12.00 home office allowance and £11.56 expenses

£65.60

HMRC

PAYE

£17.50

PATA

Payroll

£35.00

Information Commissioner

Freedom of information Act

£164.25

Broker Insurance

Council's Insurance

Councillors questioned the need for the Council to be registered with the Information Commissioner and asked the Clerk to check and clarify before the cheque was signed.

Powers used for Council's spending

Administration

Local Government Act 1972 Section 11

b) Independent Internal Audit - The Clerk advised the Council that the books would be examined by Peter Newman on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

c) Internal Audit – Cllr Wayne Weaver volunteered to look at the books on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **16/017 PLANNING**

a) New applications received

There were no new applications to consider.

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

No decisions to planning applications have been received from Stroud District Council.

c) Planning Meeting

It was decided to hold a planning meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March in order to discuss applications S.16/0450/FUL and S.16/0043/OUT.

#### **16/018 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of Cllr Anthony Blackburn, Cllr John Jones reported that County Councillors would have £30,000 to spend on highway projects for the year 2016/17.

**16/019 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Please see attached report

**16/020 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was decided that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7 pm. This would be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and then the normal Parish Council Meeting for May.

**16/021 SEVERN VOICE**

Cllr J Dickinson agreed to attend the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March on behalf of the Council.

**16/022 FASTER BROADBAND**

It was agreed to put this item on the Agenda for May as it was due to be discussed at the Severn Voice meeting.

**16/023 POTHOLES IN CHURCH LANE**

Following a resident’s complaint regarding the potholes at the far end of Church Lane, the Clerk reported that she had contacted Highways expressing concern that although promised, the work had not been completed. Although they had been marked, nothing subsequently had been done. There had been no response from Highways at the time of the meeting.

**16/024 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Car Wash – It was reported that the car wash was now to close at 2pm on Sundays and that sound recordings has taken place.

**16/025 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councillors were asked why the car wash was such a contentious issue. The history of the application was outlined.

The state of the far end of Church Lane and the perceived incompetence of highways to fill the potholes effectively was discussed.

Fly-tipping and general litter in the lay-bys was discussed. As a result, the Council agreed to look into joining the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme run by Stroud District Council.

It was requested that a *No Through Road* sign be put up at the end of Church lane.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chairman .....

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