

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT

Cllrs Messrs R Dickenson [Chairman], J Dickinson, W Weaver, Mrs M Smith, Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

16/068 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Blackburn [County Councillor]

16/069 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September were examined were signed as a true record.

16/070 MATTERS ARISING

a) Merretts – The Clerk reported that she had searched plans on line for the last 12 years and cannot find any reference to limitations on size of vehicles or hours of business or agricultural purposed only. She said that she would go back another 3 years. The Chairman expressed that as this site was not in our Parish that if no evidence from the planning consent comes up then this Parish Council should draw a line under this matter.

16/071 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

16/072 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

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| | Mrs A Rigelsford | Clerks Wages plus £12 home office allowance. |
| £65.60 | HMRC | PAYE |
| £134.40 | Tydee Contractors Ltd | Verge Cutting |

General Power of Competence is used as the Power of first resort for all spending

- b) Internal Audit – Cllr Roger Dickenson reported that he had examined the books from April to August 2016 and found no causes for concern
- c) Donation to St Stephens Church – Following a request for a donation from the PCC to help in the running costs of the Church, Cllr Lyn Bushell proposed that a donation of £100 should be made. This was seconded by Cllr John Dickinson and agreed by all other Councillors present.
- d) Half Year Budget Control – The clerk circulated a pre-prepared statement of the Council's spending to date.
- e) Precept – It was agreed that together with the Clerk, the Chairman and Cllr Lyn Bushell should meet to prepare a draft proposal of spending and precept for discussion by full Council at the meeting on January 12th.

16/073 PLANNING

- a) New applications received
- b) S.16/2201/LBC Putloe Court Removal of Existing UPVC windows and replacing with new panted hardwood traditional windows.

There were no objections to these proposals

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

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

- c) Car wash – It was reported that after the threat of legal proceedings the car wash had now stopped its activity. However, this does not stop the applicant putting in another application but they would not be allowed to start up again until permission had been granted.

16/074 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that

16/075 RISK ASSESSMENT ON COUNCIL'S FIXED ASSETTS

Councillors' Maz Smith and Roger Dickinson reported that both bus shelters were in good condition and no action was needed.

The Clerk reported that the notice board is not looking and could do with some preservative applied. Cllr Maz Smith agreed to apply preservative.

16/076 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SERVICE

The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for confirmation as to the costing for joining this service.

16/077 WEBSITE

Cllr John Dickenson reported that by using the same provider as Hardwicke the cost appeared to be £15.00 per month but it was not clear what the setup cost would be. The Chairman was given delegated powers to agree a contract should the setup cost be no more that £100.

16/078 FUTURE OF VERGE CUTTING

Cllr Maz Smith reported that the Severn Voice Group were actively looking at taking over the verge cutting from Gloucestershire County Council. She reported that the County Council would pay £..... to the Parish Council and then they could pay a contractor to carry out the work. By joining up with other Severn Voice Parishes a cost effective deal could be sought. Councillors were Agreeable to this and the Clerk was asked to put this in writing to the County Council. There were to be more meetings planned by Severn Voice to investigate this Further.

16/079 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

16/080 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was reported to the Council that there were large fires and “dumping” of white goods taking place at the Castle. The Clerk was asked to contact the Neighbourhood Warden to look into this complaint. It was also reported that work to the highway while installing a water connection to the Castle had taken place. This appeared to haphazard and not properly orchestrated. The Clerk was requested to ask Daniel Tiffany to investigate.

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairman

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