

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2015

PRESENT

Cllrs Messrs R Dickenson [Chairman], J Dickinson, W Weaver, Mrs M Smith, and Mrs L Bushell, Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

15/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Jones [District Councillor]

15/002 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

14/003 MATTERS ARISING

a) Highway Matters – The Clerk reported that

d) Parish Plan – Cllr M Smith reported that the plans have now been hand delivered to all households and Downton. Cllr R Dickenson volunteered to deliver to businesses on the Old Air Field. The Chairman thanked Cllr Smith for her hard work on this project.

15/004 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no pecuniary interests declared by Councillors. However, Cllr M Smith declared a personal interest in St Stephen's Church.

15/005 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

£62.80	Mrs A Rigelsford	Wages plus £35 expenses
£25.00	HMRC	PAYE
	GAPTC	Finance Course for Clerk (12.50 to be paid back by Brookthorpe with Whaddon PC)
£35.00	Information Commissioner's Office	Freedom of Information Act
		Powers used for Council's spending
	Administration	Local Government Act 1972 Section 11

b) Precept for the year 2015/16

After discussing the prepared draft it was agreed by all present to set a precept of £4250 for the forthcoming year. £500 to be ring-fenced for St Stephen's Church and the Clerk's expenses to include £6 per month home office expenses.

c) Donation to St Stephen's Church.

After a discussion it was decided to donate £50 for this financial year.

15/006 PLANNING

a) New applications discussed

There were no new applications to be discussed

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

There were no decisions to be reported

15/007 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report was submitted.

15/008 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr J Jones reported that the Javelin Park Incinerator had been given the go-ahead by Mr E Pickles [Secretary of State for the Environment]. A judicial review may be requested by GlosVain.

Speaking regarding the Local Plan, Cllr Jones reported that Stroud District Council voted to carry on with the draft plan but to make changes to housing numbers [*increase to 1650*], employment opportunities and land allocations [*to include land west of Stonehouse and Stroud Valleys*]. Once the Plan is adopted, it will be reviewed after 5 years.

Cllr Jones also reported that the problems with the signage, white lines and new road surface breaking up had been reported to Daniel Tiffney. Andy Murray is the new Neighbourhood Warden

for the area.

15/009 CONTRACT FOR EXTRA GRASS CUTTING ALONG A38

After a short discussion all Councillors present agreed that the contract be awarded to Tydee Contractors Ltd at a cost of £112. It is anticipated that this will be match funded by Gloucestershire Highways Dept.

15/010 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME

This was adopted unanimously by all present.

15/011 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Severn Voice – The Clerk reminded Cllrs that there was no representation from the Council on the sub-committee working to ensure that local children can attend local schools. No one present expressed an interest in attending at this point. Cllr M Smith expressed an interest in the group consulting on bridge openings and said that she would make contact directly.

Police – The next Neighbourhood Police Meeting to take place on 12th March at Slimbridge.

SPAN – Cllr J Jones reported that due to the vicar leaving there would be a new Editor from 1st May.

15/012 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman

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