

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.

15/013 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Jones [District Councillor]

15/014 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.

15/015 MATTERS ARISING

a) Highway matters – The Clerk reported that the A38 is not due to have the surface patched or resurfaced until the weather is warmer. The Chairman and Cllr W Weaver reported that vehicles were being damaged due to loose chippings.

b) Wild flowers in the verges – It was decided not to carry out this project this year due to the lack of donations of seed. The Chairman reported that he was due to attend a verges seminar and may be able to find out more information from parishes that have carried out similar projects there.

15/016 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

15/017 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

£62.80	Mrs A Rigelsford	Wages plus £16.48 expenses
	HMRC	PAYE
£75.00	Whitminster Village Hall	Meetings
£159.00	Broker Network Ltd	Council Insurance
£136.00	Mrs M Smith	Parish Plan

Powers used for Council's spending

Administration Local Government Act 1972 Section 11

b) Internal Audit – Cllr Wayne Weaver reported that he had carried out an audit of the books which apart from a few minor queries appeared to be in good order.

c) Budget review – A statement of payments against the budget allocated for the year 2014/15 was circulated by the Clerk and accepted by Councillors.

d) Financial Risk Assessment – The prepared annual risk assessment was circulated by the Clerk and accepted by Councillors. Cllr Lynn Bushell asked that the risk of not receiving the precept requested be added including the provision for adequate reserves.

e) Appointment of Independent Internal Auditor – It was agreed to appoint Mr P Newman at a cost of £40 to include his Indemnity Insurance.

15/018 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

c) Enforcement Action with regard to the new car wash business and hot food van set up on the A38. The Chairman closed the meeting in order to give members of the public a chance to make representations to the Council. The meeting reopened with the Councillors requesting that the Clerk contact the Environment Agency with concerns about possible run-off of contaminated water. The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer dealing with this case was Chris Sly and advised parishioners to make representations to him; and that the owners had been given 28 days in order to submit a planning application, although it was unclear when this notice started.

15/019 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report was submitted.

15/020 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Please see attached report

15/021 COUNCILS'S RESPONSE TO STROUD DISTRICT 'S POST SUBMISSION CHANGES TO THE LOCAL PLAN

There was no response to this consultation

15/022 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S TRANSPORT CONSULTATION

There was no response to this consultation

15/023 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE BOUNDARY REVIEW EFFECTING STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillors strongly felt that Moreton Valence should remain in the Severn Ward and not move into the Hardwicke Ward. It was felt that the history of established links and relationships to members of the Severn Ward was fundamental.

15/024 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday May 14th 7pm was set for the Annual Parish Meeting with the possibility of having someone able to talk about Parish Council's sowing wild flowers along verges.

15/025 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Clerk reported that a new planning application had been received and that this would require a planning meeting. Thursday 19th March was set. To take place at St Stephen's Church at 6.30 pm. Cllr M Smith reported that she was making investigations into the provision of a play park as requested in the Parish Plan.

15/026 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman

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