

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th MARCH 2017

PRESENT

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

17/015 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Anthony Blackburn [County Councillor]

17/016 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

17/017 MATTERS ARISING

Stile at Parkend Bridge – The clerk reported that she had not reported this yet.

Reinstatement of footpath after A38 works to gas pipe – The Clerk reported that this has been reported and is being investigated by Gloucestershire Highways.

17/018 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

17/019 FINANCE

- a) Cheques for signature

Mrs A Rigelsford

Clerks Wages plus £12 home office allowance and £3.84 expenses.

£65.60

HMRC

PAYE

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

- b) Online Bank Statements – It was agreed to look at online banking with a view to being able to view statements online only. The Clerk was asked to investigate this.

17/020 PLANNING

- a) New applications received

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

- 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 by Cllr David Mossman that the applicants need to provide percolation test results before this application can proceed.

17/021 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman gave his report.

17/022 WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that we are now waiting for the Domain Name to be processed before the website can be finalised. Hopefully it should be up and running by April. The council gained a £669.00 grant from GAPTC to cover extra expenses.

17/023 FUTURE OF VERGE CUTTING

It was agreed to opt out of the Gloucestershire County Council contract to provide this service. It was reported that a grant from the County Council would cover the cost of the Parish Council entering into a contract with Dave Davies who will be asked to provide two cuts of the lanes to be carried out in May and July/August. The Parish Council will also carry out a cut of the verges along the A38 in July/August. This will be subject to all necessary insurances and risk assessments to be in place.

17/024 FILLING OF POTHoles IN CHURCH LANE

It was reported that the Council has had confirmation that this should be completed by the end of March 2017.

17/025 LIGHT POLLUTION FROM DOWNTON’S YARD

Richard Downton attended the meeting and assured members of the public and Councillors that measures were already in place to provide hoods for the lights that will direct the light downwards. It was agreed that the effectiveness of this will be reviewed at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 11th May. If residents feel that this has not worked other solutions will be considered. The Chairman thanked Richard for his assistance in this matter.

17/026 CONSULTATION REGARDING ROUTE FOR INCINERATOR POWER CABLE

Councillors agreed that Option 2 would be the best route in this case although Cllr J Dickenson advised that there had been variations to the original proposal.

17/027 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Severn Voice Meeting, 30th March – It was agreed to provide tea, coffee and biscuits for this meeting and the Clerk to liaise with the Severn Voice Clerk before the meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting – The date and time was set for 18th May at 7 pm for this meeting. It was hoped to get a guest speaker who could give parishioners and Councillors information with regard to alternative arrangements that can be put in place to obtain faster broadband speeds in the Parish.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council [AGM] – It was agreed that this should take place on 11th May at 7 pm before the normal Parish Council Meeting.

There was no further information to pass on to Councillors.

17/028 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Litter – Concerns were raised as to the amount of litter being left in the lay-bys. The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Warden arranged for this to be cleared on a regular basis.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

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