

## MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

#### PRESENT

Cllrs Mrs L Bushell [Chairperson], J Dickinson, W Weaver, R Dickenson, S Davies [County Councillor], Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

#### 17/029 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. M Smith and Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor]

#### 17/030 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March were examined were signed as a true record.

#### 17/031 MATTERS ARISING

a) Reinstatement of footpath after A38 works to gas pipe – Cllr R Dickinson reported that although some of the repairs had been done there were two areas that were still to be reinstated. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with County Highways.

b) Verge Cutting Contracts – Cllr R Dickinson reported that these has now been signed. The Risk Assessment from David Davies was examined agreed and signed.

c) Light Pollution – It was agreed that the lighting at Downton’s yard appeared much improved. However, it was felt that this would still need monitoring in the winter months. One parishioner had concerns regarding one of the lights. He was advised to contact Richard Downton regarding this as it was personal to his land only.

d) Annual Parish Meeting – Cllrs L Bushell and J Dickenson, and S Davies [County Councillor] and D Mossman [District Councillor] had given their apologies for this meeting. Although it had proved impossible to get a speaker regarding Broadband for this meeting it was decided to proceed with a general discussion regarding the subject. It was agreed that the Clerk should provide refreshments.

e) Website – It was reported that this was now up and running. Councillors expressed satisfaction with the finished site, and those who had worked on it were thanked.

f) Church Lane – It was reported that the far end of Church Lane had now been resurfaced.

#### 17/032 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

#### 17/033 FINANCE

##### a) Cheques for signature

Cheque Number	Amount	Payee	Reason
429		Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks wages plus £12 home office allowance and £29.99 expenses.
430	£65.60	HMRC	PAYE
431	£17.50	PATA	Payroll
432	£57.88	GAPTC	Subscription
433	£215.90	Whitminster Village Hall	Meetings 2014,15 and 16
434	£180.80	BlueTree	Website
435	£165.00	Came and Company	Insurance

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

b) Internal Audit Report

Cllr W Weaver reported that he was unable to do a full audit as there was information missing from the file. Information that was in the file was correct. He requested that the cheque numbers were added to the minutes to make the audit easier. The Clerk stated that the Internal Audit had been carried out by Cllr R Dickinson in November and January as Wayne was unable to carry out the audit at those times. All was found to be correct at those times. It was requested that the whole set of files be given when audits are carried out and not just the information regarding the time period for the audit. Audits to be carried out for every other meeting.

c) Invoices regarding Whitminster Village Hall – Concerns were raised as to the backdated invoice for hire of the hall for meetings. The Clerk was asked to request 6 monthly invoices in future.

**17/034 PLANNING**

a) New applications received

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

Car wash – **APPROVED** Although this application had finally been granted concerns remain regarding the environmental impact of chemicals entering the water course and Councillors agreed that this should be monitored by the Environment Agency.

**17/035 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No report was submitted.

**17/036 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr S Davies introduced himself and said that he hoped to get to our meetings in the future.

**17/037 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

There was no further information to pass on to Councillors.

**17/038 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Concerns were raised with regard to an application approved by Stroud District Council for accepted use by Merretts for activities at the grain store in Castle Lane. The Council was asked why they had not commented or consulted the public. The Clerk apologised she had missed this application but added that this Council was not a statutory consultee and therefore not automatically notified. It was unclear as to the exact type of application this was but the Clerk was asked to investigate and report to the interested members of the public.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

Chairperson .....

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