

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Cllrs L Bushell [Chairperson], J Dickinson, W Weaver, R Dickenson, Mrs M Smith, Cllrs D Mossman and G Oxley [District Councillors], Cllr S Davies [County Councillor], Peter Jukes [Smiths], Lucy Binnie [Gloucestershire County Council], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk] and 10 members of the public.

17/055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

17/056 Pre-application consultation from Peter Jukes, Smiths Divisional Director for Waste regarding increase of waste to be dealt with by Open Plan Classification with Gasifics. Peter outlined the reasons and history of this application and answered questions from Councillors and parishioners.

1. Increase in lorry movements – There would be no increase in lorry movements as this waste is already on site and would not have to be moved off site to landfill as happens at present.
2. Track record of Gasifics – There have been some problems in the past but this has been caused by incorrect feed stuff and commercial factors rather than operational reasons. He guarantees the quality of the fuel that currently goes abroad for disposal.
3. Increase in staff movements due to the plant operating 24/7 – In the worst case scenario it would mean 8 extra staff vehicles a day. The plant would only need a skeleton crew at night.
4. Use of the new incinerator at Javelin Park – This could be used but it would be up to Javelin Park management. Smiths want to be self-sufficient. Electricity generated would go back to the national grid. Any wire upgrades would be contributed to and work would be carried out on soft verges.
5. Emissions – Environmental monitoring and an impact study would take place.
6. Independent monitoring in line with Javelin Park – This will be looked into.

Peter Jukes and Lucy Binnie were thanked and left to go to another meeting.

17/057 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 11th May and 13th July were examined and signed as true records.

17/058 MATTERS ARISING

Reinstatement of footpath after A38 works to gas pipe – It was reported that this work had now been completed satisfactorily.

17/059 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Roger Dickenson declared his interest in items 6a and b on the Agenda.

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

17/060 FINANCE

- a) Cheques for signature

Cheque Number	Amount	Payee	Reason
441		Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks wages plus £12 home office allowance and £19.80 expenses.
442	£65.60	HMRC	PAYE
443	£171.72	Mr D Davies	Verge cutting (second cut)

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

b) Internal Auditor's Report

Cllr Wayne Weaver reported that cheque no 436 for Bluetree had not been minuted. This was for £395 for website design and set up. All other matters were in order and the reconciliation was signed stating that the bank balance was £8,711.40.

17/061 PLANNING

a) New applications received

17/0008/STMAJW	Smiths Old Air Field Moreton Valence	Variations of Conditions 2,3,8,15,17 relating to planning consent 110017/STMAJW dated 27/9/11.
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Cllr John Dickenson left the room having declared his pecuniary interest in this item.

Cllr Dave Mossman advised the Council that in his opinion the Council had no grounds to object to this proposal. Given that the Council decided that restrictions surrounding noise and light pollution together with strategic environmental monitoring in line with that of Javelin Park should be conditions to any planning approval.

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

There were no new decisions received from Stroud District Council.

c) Adoption of Council's Pre-Application Community Involvement Protocol and Addendum.

This was adopted by the Council with Cllr Maz Smith proposing and Cllr Lyn Bushell seconding.

17/062 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman introduced Cllr Gill Oxley who will now be attending the Parish Council meetings and be our first point of contact from now on. Gill outlined her history in local government. She reported on the recent problems in Stroud District Council's Planning Department and stated that new officers had been appointed and things should now improve.

17/063 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Stephen Davies reported that following the recent Ofsted report when the Children and Family Department of Social Services received a very bad review, measures have now been put in place to rectify the problems. Measures are also being taken to ensure that 3rd party carers are paid the minimum wage. He also stated that he met regularly with Dan Tiffney if we have any outstanding highway issues.

17/064 CONTRACT FOR CLERK

The pre-circulated contract was agreed and signed by both parties.

17/065 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY MOTORBIKE RIDERS ALONG THE A38

The Clerk was asked to invite Gary Handley [Road Safety, Gloucestershire County Council] and PCSO Mike Trebble to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss possible measures that can be taken to try to alleviate this problem. Cllr Maz Smith reported that Downton's would support any action.

17/066 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN LARGE LAY-BY ON A38.

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that the area had been cleaned up and the hedge lowered. There had been no more reported problems since the camera had been fitted. The clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda for the November meeting to continue to monitor the situation. The Parish council expressed their thanks to the District Council for their support.

17/067 RESURFACING THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH ALONG THE A38

It was agreed to contact Daniel Tiffney regarding walking and mapping the path, to obtain 3 quotes for the work and investigate the possibility of available grants from the Commissioner's fund. Daniel had already agreed to 50/50 funding. Cllr Maz Smith offered to meet with highways to look at pathway safety.

17/068 COMMISSIONER'S FUND

After a discussion it was decided that the Council should forward a joint bid with the Severn Voice Parishes, under the safe and social driving category, for the purchase of mobile interactive speed signs. The Clerk was asked to arrange this item to be put on the agenda for the Severn Voice meeting in October, to obtain quotes and information and obtain support from Gary Handley and

other Parish Council Chairpersons prior to the meeting.

17/069 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

It was noted that Cllr Lyn Bushell and Cllr John Dickenson would attend the Community Liaison Group meeting for Javelin Park on 19th September and provide feedback at the next meeting.

It was also noted that Cllr Lyn Bushell will visit the incinerator in Kidderminster on 24th September and provide feedback at the next meeting.

It was also noted that Cllr Lyn Bushell and Cllr Maz Smith will attend the next Severn Voice meeting and provide feedback at the next meeting.

There was no other information to pass on to Councillors.

17/070 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Council was advised that the caravan now parked in the lay-by opposite Attwoolls was now not lived in and was due to be removed.

Questions were asked as to why the Parish Council were thinking of contributing to the cost of resurfacing the pedestrian footpath along the A38 when the County Council has a duty to provide a safe and usable path. It was explained that the County Council has failed up till now to carry out requested work and that in some places the path has disappeared completely, and the County Council refuses to acknowledge that the path ever existed. The path is overgrown and rough in places, forcing people to walk in the road. It was suggested that this could be put forward to the Commissioner's Fund.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

17/071 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th November.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairperson

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