

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Cllrs Mrs L Bushell [Chairperson], Messrs J Dickinson, W Weaver, R Dickenson, Mrs M Smith, Cllr G Oxley [District Councillor], Mr I Barber [Community and Engagement UBB], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 2 members of the public.

17/092 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Davies [County Councillor] and Mr Daniel Tiffney [Gloucestershire Highways Dept] There were no other apologies for absence.

17/093 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September were examined were signed as true records. However, it was noted that regarding item 17/061 a) it was Cllr Roger Dickenson who declared his interest and left the room and not John Dickenson. It was requested that the large lay-by on the A38 be referred to as the North West lay-by in future.

17/094 KIDDERMINSTER INCINERATOR TRIP FEEDBACK

Cllr Lyn Bushell gave feedback, with the technical support of Ian Barber, regarding a fact finding trip to the Kidderminster Incinerator also run by UBB. Cllr Bushell said that it was a useful trip, seeing the incinerator in operation and was particularly impressed with the education centre promoting recycling. It was confirmed that the incinerator will only take waste that would otherwise go to landfill and that any recyclable materials will be removed during sorting.

17/095 JAVELIN PARK COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP FEEDBACK

Cllrs Lyn Bushell and John Dickinson, who attended this meeting on behalf of the Council, reported that cable work from the incinerator to the sub-station had begun and would take approximately six months. Works through Stonehouse would take place in January-February 2018. Work to the railway station platform would take place at the same time.

17/096 REVISIT OF SMITHS GASIFIER APPLICATION

Cllr Roger Dickenson declared his interest and took no part in this discussion. It was reported, following recent meetings, that perhaps, the Parish Council had been misinformed when the Council decided there were no grounds for objections. It was also reported that to date, a permit to operate, by Smiths, had not been requested from the Environment Agency. It was proposed by Cllr Lyn Bushell and seconded by Cllr Maz Smith that the Parish Council resubmit their response and object to this application, consistent with those objections of Hardwicke Parish Council.

17/097 MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER'S MINUTES

There were no matters arising that did not appear as Agenda items.

17/098 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no other pecuniary interests declared by Councillors to items on the agenda. Cllr Roger Dickenson had already declared his interest in item 5 on the agenda (Smiths application).

17/099 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

| Cheque Number | Amount | Payee | Reason |
|---------------|---------|--------------------------|---|
| 444 | | Mrs A Szabo | Clerks wages plus £12 home office allowance |
| 445 | £65.80 | HMRC | PAYE |
| 446 | £144.00 | Tydee Contractors Ltd | Verge cutting (A38) |
| 447 | £112.00 | Whitminster Village Hall | Meetings |
| 448 | £30.00 | PATA | Payroll |

b) Cheques signed out of meeting
449 £30.00 Sheila Murray Severn Voice Clerking

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

c) Precept meeting – It was decided that the Clerk would meet with Cllrs L Bushell and W Weaver on December 4th in order to put a draft precept together for presentation to the Council at the January meeting.

17/100 PLANNING

a) New applications received.

There were no new applications for discussion.

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

There were no new decisions received from Stroud District Council.

c) Planning meeting held on 17th October.

This meeting was attended by Cllrs Maz Smith, Roger Dickenson, John Dickenson and the Clerk. There were no members of the public in attendance. They found that there were no objections to application S.17/2085HHOLD Field View, Single storey side extension.

17/101 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Gill Oxley reported that car parking charges for some car parks had risen in October. The future Sub Rooms contract has gone out to tender. Garden waste collection will rise from £36 to £39 per year and can be renewed online. The new doctors' practice at Kingsway is due to open in November 2018 and will serve 12,000 patients.

17/102 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been submitted.

17/103 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY MOTORBIKE RIDERS ALONG THE A38

Gary Handley [Road Safety, Gloucestershire County Council] had advised that this is a Police matter but did forward a Community Tool Kit that could be used to help in this matter. The Clerk was asked to circulate this to Councillors and also post on the website. Cllrs Lyn Bushell and John Dickenson stated that they would bring this matter up at the Road Safety Meeting.

17/104 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE NORTH WEST LAYBY ON A38.

The Council had been advised by Stroud District council that this camera would stay in place for the time being and that there were no firm plans to remove it.

17/105 RESURFACING THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH ALONG THE A38

It was reported that Standish Parish Council had received a grant from the Commissioner's Fund to carry out a feasibility study into instating a footpath within their parish. Cllrs Maz Smith and Wayne Weaver volunteered to take photographs of the footpath so that they could be discussed with Daniel Tiffney at the January meeting.

17/106 SEVERN VOICE

Cllr Lyn Bushell reported that at the recent meeting it was agreed in principle that depending on price, parishes would agree opt out of County Council verge cutting for 2018. Mr Davies was thanked for the excellent cuts this season.

Speed indicator devices were discussed. There were some concerns over cost to parishes. It was agreed that Cllr Lyn Bushell would lead a meeting of interested parishes in January in order to put a proposal to the Severn Voice meeting in March. The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Voice parishes to gauge interest and convene a meeting at Whitminster Village Hall in January.

17/107 GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY COMMUNITY ALERTS SCHEME

Cllr Maz Smith agreed to sign up to this free service on behalf of the Parish Council and feedback information to the community. The Clerk was asked to put a link on the website for parishioners.

17/108 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was decided to change the meeting dates from the second to the fourth Thursday of every other month, starting in January. This was to enable time for a full report to be submitted to SPAN after meetings.

17/109 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

It was noted that Councillors were not able to attend the Local Plan Consultation evening as this was on the same night as the Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr John Dickenson to attend both the Community Liaison Meeting for Javelin Park and Smiths Incinerator meeting to be held on 16th November.

There was no other information to pass on to Councillors.

17/110 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Concerns were raised as to the state of the verge outside Castle House, Castle lane and a hole in the highway that had been dug some considerable time ago outside the Castle entrance, presumably for a mains water link. The Clerk was asked to follow these items up with Dan Tiffney.

It was suggested by Cllr Gill Oxley that the time of public comments and questions could be moved to the beginning of the Agenda to encourage members of the public to attend meetings. This was agreed to with the proviso that this time be strictly limited to 10 minutes.

17/111 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th January 2018.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chairperson

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