

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs M Smith [Chairperson], Messrs W Weaver, J Dickinson, R Dickenson, Cllrs S Davies [County Councillor], G Oxley [District Councillor], D Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

18/099 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Bushell.

There were no other apologies for absence.

18/100 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Request of a litter bin on the southern end of the north layby – A parishioner stated that human excrement is being left and she is clearing this up. Carol Novoth [Neighbourhood Warden] responded, stating that there are cost implications of providing bins and the option for the Parish Council to purchase a bin and Stroud District Council would empty it. The Clerk was asked to contact Public Spaces and Environmental Services at Stroud District Council.

Merrett's Goods Vehicle Operators Licence for additional lorries and storage – The Clerk advised that the Council had not objected to this application. At the last meeting, it was unclear where this information had come from, and Cllr Stephen Davies had been looking into this. It appeared that an email message had been missed, however. Concerns were also raised with Cllrs D Mossman, Gill Oxley and Steven Davies with regard to lack of responses from both District and County Council Officers.

There were no other questions or comments from members of the public.

18/101 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

Carol Novoth introduced herself and was welcomed by the Parish Councillors. She advised that her role had changed slightly although priorities were still working with the vulnerable and she has been working to install care lines recently. Carol was asked by the Clerk if she could send an electronic poster so that it could go on the website.

18/102 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE TO OFFICE

Cllr John Dickinson signed his declaration of acceptance to the office of Vice Chairman.

18/103 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th July were examined and signed as a true record.

18/104 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Gsuite set up for secure Email and Cloud – The Clerk informed the Council that the propriety work had been done by the Domain holders through Bluetree and should be ready to complete next week. There were no other matters arising that do not appear elsewhere in the minutes.

18/105 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

18/106 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Reason
469		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages plus £12 home office allowance
470	£65.60	HMRC	PAYE
471	£176.62	Mr D Davies	Verge Cutting
472	£17.50	PATA	Payroll

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

b) Independent Audit Report – The full report had been circulated and the recommendations discussed.

1. Update Asset Register to reflect costs of assets. The Clerk reported that this had been done.
2. Ensure the cheque number is written on invoices. The Clerk advised that this is to be double checked.

3. Consider frequency of budget against actual statements. The Clerk advised that this would be done more often and circulated the latest review.
4. Ensure the Council meets the publication requirements of the Accounts and Audit regulations 2015 and Transparency Code and publish on the website. The Clerk stated that this had been done.

18/107 PLANNING

- a) New Planning applications for discussion

There were no new planning applications to be discussed.

- b) Results of Planning Meeting held on 31st August

18/0053/STMAJW Land at Old Airfield Farm Change of use of land to extend waste transfer station and recycling facility.

Councillors had objected to this application on the grounds of encroachment into the countryside, greenfield site environmental issues, and screening. The Council also made comments with regard to need, location and access.

This meeting had been attended by Cllrs Marion Smith, Roger Dickenson, John Dickenson, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 2 local land owners.

Cllr Stephen Davies advised the Council that this application had been Approved by the County Council.

18/108 JOINT AGENCY FUNDING FOR CCTV CAMERA

Funding for CCTV Camera – The meeting was held on, 3rd September between County and District Councillors, the land owner and Moreton Valence Parish Council. It was stated that the cost of a CCTV camera is £7,000, with running costs of £700 per annum. Subsequently, after a request for assistance by Cllr Dave Mossman, Hardwicke Parish Council have agreed to pay **£1000/£2000**, with shared ownership and running costs, on the proviso that the camera could be moved, by agreement, temporarily, to within Hardwicke Parish, if need be in the future. Cllr Dave Mossman stated that this action would be unlikely as they already own CCTV cameras. The risk to Moreton Valence Parish Council was considered to be low. **£1000** would be obtained from the County Council Growing our Communities Fund, and it was confirmed by Cllr Stephen Davies that this would be forthcoming. Subject to Parish Council's approval, a grant application is ready to send off to the County Council's Growing Community fund. The land owner has agreed to put in between **£1,000/£2,000**, leaving Moreton Valence Parish Council to put in the remaining **£2,000**. It was proposed by Cllr Roger Dickenson and seconded by Cllr John Dickinson and was agreed by all Councillors that :-

1. The application to the County Council's Growing Community fund be sent off.
2. The Clerk should apply for match funding from the Police Commissioner Fund.
3. Moreton Valence Parish Council would fund the CCTV camera as set out above.

The Camera will not be monitored by police 24/7 unless the need arises. Stroud District Council had also agreed to put up a camera in the meantime, and Cllr Dave Mossman agreed to chase this up.

18/109 REVIEW OF PARISH PLAN

Public Rights of Way

Proposed Closure of footpath EMV1 – Cllr Stephen Davies reported that a re-route for part of this path was under discussion.

Footpath Audit – Cllrs Marian Smith and Wayne Weaver reported that they had walked some of the footpaths and as yet had encountered no problems. Cllr Roger Dickenson reported that he had walked one path that he had found to be impassable. Parishioners had walked footpath EMV1 and had only encountered problems where this came onto the road at Epney, this being the path under threat of closure.

The Clerk requested that Councillors let her know which footpaths are being walked so that they can be logged.

There was no additional information to add at this point.

18/110 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr D Mossman reported that he is no longer member of Development Control Committee stating that this will give him more time to work on Parish Council issues.

A new Chief Executive has been appointed and is due to start on 27th November.

As part of the Local Plan review it has transpired that the housing numbers are in need of a 40% increase from that that already in the plan. The air quality monitors for Javelin Park are due to be installed on 17th October. To begin with the technical group will analyse the results, going public once a baseline has been established. A new District Council Facebook account has been set up to help with promotion and engagement.

18/111 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr S Davies reported that the AMEY contract is due to end and Ringway are set to replace them for Highway Maintenance. This decision has been made on quality as well as price.

There are due to be changes to the opening hours of the recycling centres. Pyke Quarry will be closed on Wednesdays and Hempsted on Thursdays.

18/112 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was agreed that Cllrs Marion Smith and Wayne Weaver would put together a response on behalf of the Council. The Clerk was asked to put this consultation in SPAN.

18/113 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL’S ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION.

Councillors were unprepared for this item and the Clerk was asked to re-send the information regarding this consultation.

18/114 ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

There was nothing to report

18/115 SEPTEMBER CUT OF VERGE ALONG A38

The contractor, Mr Tidyman had been difficult to get hold of this year. It appears that some of his certificates have transpired and he is unable to do the cut as requested. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Dan Tiffney regarding the minimum certificates required. Although the Parish Council had approval to carry out this work initially it appears that highways no longer allow A roads to be cut by contractors engaged by local councils. Councillors agreed that the verges were tidy this year and are not in need of an extra cut. The Clerk stated that she would investigate the situation further for next year.

18/116 JAVELIN PARK UPDATE

There was nothing extra to report.

18/117 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There was no further information for Councillors

18/118 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd November.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Chairperson

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