

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs M Smith [Chairperson], Messrs J Dickinson, R Dickenson, Mrs L Bushell, Cllrs S Davies [County Councillor], G Oxley [District Councillor], D Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 0 members of the public.

18/119 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr W Weaver.

There were no other apologies for absence.

18/120 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

18/121 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September were examined and signed as a true record.

18/122 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Growing Your Communities Fund – It was reported by the Clerk that this application had been successful and £1000 would be received in due course. The Chairman thanked Cllr Stephen Davies for his assistance in this matter.

Police Commissioner's Fund Application – It was reported that this application has been accepted by the Commissioner and that things are progressing. There is a need to answer some more questions from time to time. We should find out in March if the application is successful.

Oak House Yard – It was reported that Stroud District Council have been keeping an eye on the situation. The yard is being cleared as requested and any fires appear to be as a result.

Gigaclear – It appears from their website that there is no planned start date. There has been no response to the Email sent to Martin Vile. It was suggested by Cllr Stephen Davies, that this be revisited after Christmas as the information for up and coming installations should be on the site then.

Merrett's – Cllr Dave Mossman stated that Stroud District Council had not received any notification on the latest application to increase the number of vehicles. Longney Parish Council were aware and it was suggested that we contact their Chairman. Although there is a technical weight limit on the bridge at Castle Lane, the bridge is able to withstand additional weights for access purposes. It is felt that the alternatives for using Castle Lane were unrealistic. It was agreed that the Clerk investigate where the application was advertised and put in a late objection due to being unaware. There were no other matters arising that do not appear elsewhere in the minutes.

18/123 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

18/124 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Reason
482		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages plus £12 home office allowance
481	£65.60	HMRC	PAYE
483	£98.00	BlueTree	Website
484	£12.50	PATA	Payroll

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

- b) Internal Audit Report – Cllr R Dickenson reported that all appears to be in order. He questioned a received payment of £9. The Clerk stated that this was due to an overpayment to Whitminster Village Hall. A couple of cheque numbers were incorrect in the minutes. The Clerk stated that this had been corrected. He also commented that no payment had been made to BlueTree. The Clerk stated that this was because we had cancelled payment earlier at the beginning of the financial year and then reinstated it, but that BlueTree had not done the paperwork at their end and it had been forgotten about by both parties. This had now been corrected. The Clerk reported that at the end of September the balance at stood at £10,100.71.
- c) Budget review – The Clerk circulated the up to date spending review that was agreed by Councillors.
- d) Precept meeting – It was agreed that the clerk, the Chairman and Cllr R Dickinson would meet on 8th January 2019 to put together a draft precept proposal for agreement by the Council on 24th January.
- e) Independent audit arrangements for 2018/19 – The Clerk reported that there would be an increase of £10 for Mr P Newman to carry out this service. It was felt that this was still value for money.

18/125 PLANNING

- a) New Planning applications for discussion

There were no new planning applications to be discussed.

18/126 REVIEW OF PARISH PLAN

It was reported that the footpath review was almost complete. The Clerk was asked to notify Public Rights of Way where problems have occurred.

There was no additional information to add at this point.

18/127 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr D Mossman reported that there has been a delay in the provision of the layby camera. A new contractor has now been appointed. Javelin Park air quality monitors, are now collecting data for base line figures. Local Plan figures for housing may be revised to take into consideration the slight drop in life expectancy. Parish Councils are being encouraged to indicate if they wish to have extra houses allocated to their parishes. The Clerk was asked to put this item on the Agenda for January.

Cllr Gill Oxley stated that Glos food bank are asking for people who would qualify for a Christmas food hamper to contact them ASAP.

18/128 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr S Davies reported that the County Council's Children services have been noted as improving by Ofsted. There is a proposed A38 highways study to take place in the new year and he will keep Parish Council updated.

18/129 ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

18/130 JAVELIN PARK UPDATE

Community Liaison Group met this week. The scheme for grants will open for applications in March. The Clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda for January.

There was nothing extra to report.

18/031 SEVERN VOICE MEETING

The Chairman reported of the recent meeting where Stroud District Council's Emerging Local Plan, Neighbourhood Development Plans, Proposed housing at Hardwicke and Verge cutting were discussed.

18/132 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Neighbourhood Development Plans – Clerk to put this item on the Agenda for January.

It was reported that the next issue of SPAN may be the last due to the lack of an editor.

Castle Lane sign knocked over, the Clerk was asked to notify Dan Tiffney.

The Clerk reported that the notice board is in need of repair.

There was no further information for Councillors.

18/133 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th January 2019.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.