

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th MARCH 2019

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs M Smith [Chairperson], Messrs J Dickinson, R Dickenson, Mrs L Bushell, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 1 member of the public.

19/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

District Councillors D Mossman and G Oxley.

There were no other apologies for absence.

19/002 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

19/003 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2019 were examined and signed as a true record.

19/004 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Blocked Public Footpath, Standish Lane – The Chairman reported that this is due to be cleared by Downton's in the near future.

There were no other matters arising that do not appear elsewhere in the minutes.

19/005 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

19/006 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Reason
549		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages plus £12 home office allowance and £8.04 expenses
550	£65.60	HMRC	PAYE
551	£218.00	Came and Company	Insurance
552	£73.20	BlueTree	Renewal of domain name for website

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

b) To receive update on bank signatory status – The Chairman informed the Council that the forms for change of signatory had been distributed for signing and hopefully this will enable all Councillors to sign cheques.

c) To receive date of Independent Audit – The Clerk informed the Council that the books are due to go to Mr P Newnan on 27th May.

19/007 PLANNING

a) New Planning applications for discussion

S.19/0337/FUL	Park End Farm Moreton Valence	Erection of 2 no. steel frame vehicle storage buildings.
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Councillors had no objections

19/008 REVIEW OF PARISH PLAN

Cllr Wayne Weaver stated that some of the stiles on the Public Rights of Way are of need of replacing and enquired as to whether an application for funding from the Incinerator Community Fund could be made.

There was no additional information to add at this point.

19/009 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dave Mossman had reported to the Clerk that Council Tax Band D will rise by an average of 5.53% overall. This is made up of Stroud District Council rise 2.99%, Gloucestershire County Council rise 4.99% including 2%.

Incinerator – hot start up is due April/May 19 and start operation July 19. The monitoring website is now up and functioning at www.glosclg.weebly.com. Community Funds are now operational and can be accessed at www.ubbgloucestershire.co.uk/comminuty-fund.

SDC Emerging Plan – Still ongoing. Possible housing at Morton Valence. now reduced to 500.

Governance Review – Final consultation due to Stroud District Council by 6th May and will go to full Council in July for approval of recommendations.

19/010 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Stephen Davies reported that the County Council budget increased by 4.99%. This included 2% Adult Social Care.

Cllr Stephen Davis also reported that Merretts have been advised that they must use A38 to Epney, via Castle Lane only for empty lorries. Loaded lorries must go through Saul and over Fretherne bridge. This is due the weight limit on the bridge.

Cllr Stephen Davis suggested that there was still money in the Growing Communities Fund for the financial year 2018/19 and that he would support any bid that the Council wishes to make. The Clerk was asked to request a further £1000 towards the CCTV Camera. The fund will open again next financial year for Growing Communities Fund and Highway projects.

19/011 CCTV CAMERA

The Clerk reported to the Council the bid to the Commissioners Fund had been unsuccessful.

However, the money is in place from the other agencies for this project to go ahead. Cllr Dave Mossman has arranged for payments to be sent to this council by way of cheques that should be received shortly: Hardwicke Parish Council and the landowner £2000 each. With £1000 already received from Gloucestershire County Council and our £2000 all monies will be in place.

19/012 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk advised that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on May 23rd. The Clerk was asked to invite Kathy O'Leary, Chief Executive for Stroud District Council to attend. It was also suggested that this would be a good time to gauge parishioner's views with regard to speed activated signs and bids to the Incinerator Community Fund. A subcommittee of Cllrs L Bushell, Wayne Weaver and John Dickinson will meet before the meeting to look at putting proposals for a bid together.

19/013 TO SIGN NEW VERGE CUTTING CONTRACT WITH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

This contract was duly signed by the chairman

19/014 VERGE CUTTING CONTRACT WITH CONTRACTOR

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19/015 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S COUNCIL HOUSING STRATEGY

Cllrs felt that they had no comments to make on this consultation.

19/016 LATEST NEWS FROM JAVELIN PARK

Cllr John Dickinson reported that hot commissioning will take place over 5 phases. The public will notice testing under phases 2 and 3 when steam will be produced. Emissions will be tested frequently to begin with, and if satisfactory, less often. If, however, they fall outside satisfactory levels at any time the plant will be shut down.

19/017 REPLACEMENT CLERK

The Chairman reported that there maybe someone interested, although as yet, no application had been received. The clerk advised the Council that if an unqualified Clerk was to be appointed this may have a negative effect on the Council's spending powers as the Council will lose the General Power of Competence. Cllr L Bushell stated that she would look into this with GAPCT.

19/018 ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

As a result of the Severn Voice meeting held earlier this week it was proposed by Cllr Lyn Bushell that she liaise with John Shaw from Arlingham, and Joy Greenwood from Frampton on Severn Parish Councils, regarding progressing the purchase of speed indicator devices. This was seconded by Cllr John Dickinson and all Councillors were in agreement.

19/019 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Clerk was asked to chase up Gloucestershire county Council's Public Rights of Way regarding the reported blocked paths.

19/020 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd May 2019.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chairperson

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