

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
21st November 2019 HELD AT WHITMINSTER VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Councillors Maz Smith (Chairman), John Dickinson, Roger Dickenson, Wayne Weaver, Lyn Bushell, Stephen Davies (County Councillor), Ben Stone (Gigaclear)

Ms Clare Davies (parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public

19/078 Apologies

Cllr Dave Mossman

19/079 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

19/080 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 26th SEPTEMBER 2019

Approved

19/081 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

19/082 TO DISCUSS FASTERSHIRE BROADBAND PROJECT-BEN STONE GIGACLEAR

Ben Stone provided an update and answered members of the public's questions regarding the installation of faster broadband in the parish as follows;

In quarter 1 220 properties will be live and by the end of 2020 the bulk of properties in the parish will be live. Moreton Valence is linked with the network set up at Whitminster and the cabinet serving this area went live in September 2019 which has provided internet to 40 customers so far. By Spring 2021 the last properties in the area will be connected.

Road works will be taking place from 21st Jan 2020-2nd March 2020 on A38. There will be temporary lights on Church and Standish Lanes.

Action: Ben to confirm road closures because it will interfere with road safety projects that Council are undertaking. Ben to check dates temporary lights 10th-21st Feb

Customers will get a choice of where connection pods are located. There will be a utility pod in the ground at the edge of each property and then customers can arrange to connect. Customers will be informed via a calling card.

Customers can choose which internet provider they go with once the pods are connected.

95% of connections are free within 100m

The Network Build Care Team will be responsible for any complaints regarding road reinstatement but Council and customers should hold off to give them time to complete reinstatement since they do it in retrospect but give themselves a deadline of 6 months to complete this.

Council to inform Gigaclear if there are any specific trees that should be avoided.

Customers can find out if faster internet is available by typing their postcode into the Fastershire website.

The Old Airfield is an exemption as Gigaclear have to obtain a Wayleave to cross the landowners land.

Customers don't need a BT landline as this can all be done over the internet going forward.

Gigaclear are offering a few free months free of internet to some customers to acknowledge that people are waiting to renew contracts

Action: Ben to email clerk FAQs

18/082 TO REPORT ON ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The Stroud District Road Safety Group are still pursuing the multi site TRO but its looking unlikely that they will be able to obtain it. SDRSG was praised at the Gloucestershire Road Safety Conference and the police were very positive about its work.

They have started piloting the VAS and Moreton Valence has it booked in January.

Frocester which has a high level of speeding will be the test site for SDRSG. The police will put out their equipment before and after the testing period to see whether the VAS is effective and whether there are any residual effects. They have arranged for the PCSOs to visit serial offenders. Redhand still have a delay in testing their equipment.

Severn Voice are also offering to buy VAS equipment to share with the parishes and are asking Hardwicke to administer this.

Action: Cllr Bushell to change the VAS booking dates

Council resolved to visit Frocester to see the equipment in situ

19/083 FINANCE

a) TO APPROVE CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE Approved

Amount	Payee and reason	Powers
£329.59	C Davies Clerks Wages plus travel expenses (£299.26 plus £6.30 travel 2 journeys plus £7.83 travel to Ebley Wharf to deliver CCTV, £4.20 stamps, Parking to resolve banking £4.00	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
£74.80	HMRC PAYE	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
£28.75	PATA Payroll services July-Sept 2019	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
£74.25	PATA Payroll services Oct-Nov 2020	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5

b) TO RECEIVE BUDGET STATEMENT PREPARED BY RFO

Council proposed the following budget for 20/21

	Budget
Information commissioner	£40
Insurance	£250
Hire of Hall	£300
Audit	£100
GAPTC Membership	£65.00
PATA	£100
Neighbourhood Warden	£100
St Stephens Church	£200
Training	£300
Web site	£200
Councillors Expenses	£50
Clerks Salary	£2200
Clerks Expenses	£150
Clerks Pension	£150
Grass Cutting	£500
Bus Shelters and notice Boards	£150
Elections	£350
Contingencies	£350
Road Safety	£1000
CCTV	£500
Footpath A 38	£5000

c) TO ARRANGE A DATE AND TIME FOR PRECEPT MEETING

Council resolved to finalise the precept in the January meeting

d) TO AGREE INDEPENDENT AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 20/21

Council resolved to use Iain Selkirk as auditor

19/084 TO APPROVE MEETING DATES FOR 2020-2021

Meetings will continue to be on the 4th Thursday of the month

19/085 PLANNING

S19/2135/FUL Javelin Park

No comment

19/086 TO DISCUSS DANTERS TEMPORARY STRUCTURE

A temporary structure has been there since January 19.

Action: Councillor Davies to raise this with enforcement.

19/087 TO RECEIVE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Davies provided a verbal report as follows;

Stroud DCC have received a gold award for dog walking scheme with the RSPCA

Permission has been received to carry out a compulsory purchase on a piece of land to finish the canal

Ecotricity's new application for the football stadium will go live on 18th December

Local plan-a housing development will go ahead opposite Green Lane in Hardwicke

Cross Keys roundabout has now been completed.

19/089 TO DISCUSS ISSUES FOR THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME AND OVERGROWN FOOTPATHS

Action: Councillor Davies to request for the paths between Castle Lane and Hardwicke on the West side to be cleared.

19/090 TO REPORT ON THE LATEST NEWS FROM JAVELIN PARK

Councillor Dickinson reported that there was a huge number of applications for the £25,000 community funding grant. It is likely that Moreton Valence will be awarded £1000 towards their road safety project.

Air monitoring is continuing and is available at the bi-monthly Javelin Park meetings.

Action: Clerk to contact UBB to request a visit

19/091 TO DISCUSS THE CAR SALES OPERATION

Residents have expressed concern that there seem to be around 60 cars on the car lot and they are encroaching on their land and preventing safe access to and from their property.

Action: Council to look into the planning and trading conditions and Councillor Davies to contact planning enforcement to investigate

19/092 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

Action: Cllr Dickinson to discuss funding for paths with Standish Parish Council.

Cllr Smith to discuss additional funding with GAPTC

19/093 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 30th JANUARY 2020

Meeting closed at 9:17pm