

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 held via a zoom call due to Covid restrictions

**(N.B These minutes remain in draft form until approved at a subsequent meeting of the Council)**

PRESENT

Councillors Maz Smith (Chairman), John Dickinson, Roger Dickenson, Lyn Bushell, Stephen Davies (County Councillor), Gill Oxley (District Councillor), Dave Mossman (District Councillor)

Ms Clare Davies (parish Clerk) and 1 members of the public

20/108 Apologies

None

20/109 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public made comments and asked questions regarding the outline planning application for a solar panel farm at Moreton Valence

- 1) Is the site access right next to a parishioners property?
- 2) Is there anyway that the proposed 3M height of the solar panels can be reduced?
- 3) What plantation scheme can be planted next to the solar panels?

Councillors Mossman and Davies advised that the planning application is currently at outline stage so some of the queries that parishioners currently have will need to be brought up when the full planning application is submitted. They however advised that Moreton Valence Parish Council start negotiations with the firm proposing the application since parishes in other areas have managed to get capital funding from these type of projects which can be used for the good of the community.

They advised that the SDC are very supportive of proposals for green energy.

Councillor Dickenson asked whether the power for the solar panels will be situated on the A38 and Council agreed that if this was the case it would be an ideal time to ask for funding to improve the path adjacent to the A38.

Action: Cllr Smith to find out the site access

Council to open up negotiations with the developer

20/110 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

Approved

20/111 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

20/112 To note that Moreton Valence Parish Council have been unable to meet since January 2020 due to Covid restrictions and were also unable to meet virtually due to poor internet connections

Noted

20/113 To report on Road Safety Matters

Cllr Bushel reported that the Chair of the Stroud District Road Safety Group wrote to all parishes on 3<sup>rd</sup> September advising that he was standing down as chairman to the group and was asking parishes for new committee members, volunteers to store and maintain the equipment, process data and distribute the equipment. He also offered parishes the opportunity to buy the VAS equipment.

Action: Clerk to inform Iain Dunbar that Moreton Valence Parish Council are not in the position to join a new committee but that they would be interested in purchasing the equipment.

20/114 To receive an update regarding Danter's Temporary Structure

Action: Cllr Davies to investigate and report back

20/115 To receive an update regarding the car sales operation

Action: Cllr Davies to investigate and report back

20/116 Finance.

a) To approve cheques for signature  
The following cheques were approved

Amount	Payee and reason	Powers
£299.26	C Davies Clerks Wages	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
£100	Iain Selkirk Audit	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5

b) To receive budget statement as prepared by the RFO  
Approved

c) Conclusion of Internal Audit – To receive the Internal Auditors Report.  
**Approved**

d) To note that Moreton Valence is exempt from a full audit since its income and expenditure is under £25,000  
Approved

e) Final Accounts 2019/20 – To approve the Annual Return 2019/20  
Approved

f) Payments approved since January 2020 meeting  
Council noted the following payments were approved since the last meeting;

2020/21	MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL	Cheque	ADMIN	CLERKS FEES	VERGE CUTTING
08 July 2020	Clerks Salary Feb-31st July 20	580		£897.78	
08 July 2020	Information Commissioners Office	581	£40.00		
08 July 2020	David Davies Gardening	582			£182.88
07 August 2020	Insurance	583	£352.30		
07 August 2020	GAPTC Subscription	584	£53.24		
07 August 2020	David Davies Gardening	585			£182.88

20/117 Planning

a) To discuss new planning applications received.

None

20/118 To decide what the parish will do with the monies allocated from the community fund awarded by Javelin Park

Council resolved to buy a traffic speed monitor VAS with the funds

20/119 To approve a new compliant email address for the Parish Clerk and to purchase a subscription to Microsoft Office 365

Approved

20/220 To receive County Councillor's report – for information only.

Cllr Davies provided the following verbal report;

Social Services worked throughout the period. The County and District Council did incredible work keeping up the services and have set aside 1 million to spend on climate change initiatives. They are converting the fleet to electric vehicles. There has been a high rate of return for school children and 98% of children got their first choice of schools. There are proposals for a new school at Brockworth to release the pressure on Severn Vale.

20/221 To receive District Councillor's report – for information only

Cllr Oxley provided the following verbal report;

The District Council have done an amazing job through the pandemic. There is a draft climate and strategy action plan coming up in the Autumn. A Be a Councillor event will be taking place in May 21. There is a scoping proposal in Hardwicke for another 1300 new homes.

20/222 To report on latest news from Javelin Park.

The incinerator has been operating throughout the pandemic. There is a maintenance period planned for 25<sup>th</sup> Sept-8<sup>th</sup> Oct. The Environment Agency continues its monitoring. The officers were not able to check the sensors due to the pandemic. There was a reduction in Nitrus Oxide during the lockdown period but this more likely to be attributed to the reduction in traffic. Due to the issues of social distancing an educational video is being created to explain the workings of the incinerator.

20/223 Information exchange for Councillors.

Cllr Bushell has stood down from Council. Councillors thanked her hard work over the years and wished her good luck with her move.

Some of the village now has superfast broadband.

20/224 Date of the next meeting 19 November 2020.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm