

Morden Parish Council

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th March 2020 in Morden Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs Alex Brenton (Chair), Mary Mathers (Vice-Chair), Maxine Clews, Anna Rosier and Adrian Gunner.

Also Present:

Lindsay Hole (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public was present Christian Shepherd.

2019/113 Apologies

Councillor Sandy Becker sent apologies.

2019/114 Declarations of Interest

There were no updates to the Declarations of Interest.

2019/115 Public Participation

None.

2019/116 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for 13th January 2020 were approved.

2019/117 Matters Arising & Action Points from previous meetings

There were no items for discussion that weren't already included on the agenda.

2019/118 Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council have received one application from Christian Sheppard. A vote took place and it was **RESOLVED** that;

The Council would co-opt Mr Sheppard onto the Parish Council. The vote was unanimous.

2019/119 Planning Applications and Housing Matters

To comment on any planning applications notified to this Council up to the date of this meeting;

- 6/2020/0005 – Mr & Mrs Swallow. 3 Cold Barrowdown Street West Morden Wareham BH20 7DZErect a single storey extension. Erect a replacement outbuilding.
- 6/2020/0004 – Mr Ken Mackenzie, Higher Bulbury House Dolmans Hill Lytchett Matravers BH16 6HP. Certificate of Lawfulness - proposed - to site a residential caravan to be used ancillary to the main dwelling.

Councillors considered the above applications and had no comments.

Morden Conservation Area

Councillors reviewed the current boundaries of Morden Conservation Area and were content with the documentation.

2019/120 Reports from the Dorset Councillors

Dorset Councillor Report

Prior to the meeting Chair Alex Brenton provided a Dorset Report. The key headlines included that Dorset Council have prepared for the annual budget meeting and are finalising the new Dorset Constitution and the Dorset Strategic Plan. The piece of road between Morden Park Corner and Quarr Hill in Morden on B3075 is to be resurfaced on 20-22nd May.

There has been a successful bid for £4.3mill for a TRIAL rollout of 5G in Dorset.

2019/121 Village Reports

Morden Village Hall (MVH) – All activities were printed in the Parish Magazine and on the Village Website. Morden Community Lunches are still very popular. The dates for the next few lunches are Wednesday 1 April and Tuesday 5 May.

The bookings for Morden Village Hall are very busy this summer, especially at weekends and some months are already completely booked up. Parishioners thinking of having a summer party in 2020, please book as early as you can to avoid disappointment.

In February the Village Hall hosted the Morden Quiz, Artsreach, The Ramayana, The Ark & The Dove.

Dates for your diary:

Easter Bingo Wednesday 8 April at 7pm, Easter Walk & Treasure Hunt Monday 13 April starting at 2pm, Car Boots start again on Sunday 10 May and Summer Fete & Dog Show Saturday 20 June.

Church – Nothing was reported.

2019/122 Governance Tasks (including risk assessments, parish website and Section 137 Grants)

- S137 Grants & S133 – The budget has been spent for this year.

2019/123 Financial Matters

Cheques were authorised as follows:-

Chq No.	Payee	Description	Amount
637	L Hole	Clerk wages (Plus holiday pay)	270.49
638	PAYE payment		61.00
	Pamela White Accountancy	Audit	
639	M Hallett	Treeworks	65.00
640	A Brenton	Bracket for Top Cross	90.00

2019/124 Emergency Planning. Emergency Protocol. Good Neighbour Scheme

The Emergency Response Plan has been finalised and will be utilised when necessary.

2019/125 Report and comments on burial ground

The area has been tidied and Christmas detritus removed. Plastic flowers and sundries have been thrown into the soil heap at the top of the lane.

Concrete drips have been dropped down the lane and the wheel tracks scoured down the lane, which may make it difficult to drive an ordinary car up. (Assume from the builders installing the oil tank at the church).

Although the area is tidy now, the newest grave has sunk badly, and several older ones need topping up. Adam Wills must be reminded to finish this work. An Acer rubrum was planted in the

top fence to create shade/ shelter from the north (sponsored by WJ Line markings). A compost bin should be considered for fresh flowers and signs updated.

2019/126 Responses and any plans for 2020 and 2021 projects

- **Parking on New Lane** – No update.
- **Safer footpath/bridleways** – No update.
- **Green agenda** – No further update.
- **Green space proposal** – The Trees have been planted.
- **Win on Waste** – Councillor Anna Rosier will ask the pub about assistance with recycling.
- **Welcome Pack** – Christian Shepherd will look at the Welcome Pack.

2019/127 Road Maintenance – Potholes, Fly tipping, Speed Limit actions & Footpaths

Road Maintenance – Nothing significant to report.

Fly tipping – Nothing significant to report.

Verges – Nothing significant to report.

Footpaths – Sally Miles has volunteered to become Footpath Officer when the notes and maps are dropped to her. Most Footpaths are barely passable because of waterlogged ground, but the stile at the top of Giles lane has been rebuilt by the DC countryside rangers and the over growth cleared (requested October 2019) though it is very boggy. The state of the footpath past Brickfield farm is uncertain.

Buses – There was nothing to report.

Grounds Maintenance – There was nothing to report.

Pot holes – There was nothing to report.

Recycling area – The new recycling bin is in place.

Litter pick – This took place on March 8th, thanks to dedicated volunteers 15 bags of rubbish were collected, predominantly take away debris and beer/cider cans though car parts and carpets were also found. Slightly less children's sweet wrappers near the school bus stops.

Weed growth - There was nothing to report.

Fingerposts - The West Morden arm of Top Cross fingerpost has been repaired after the purchase of a replacement geared bracket £90 from Normtec of Shillingstone. Of the existing parish fingerposts the one at Top Cross is without a top roundel, so there is no location on it. A new cast roundel can be made by Coles Castings if required in the interim. The painting of the location Top Cross on the pole could be one though it would not be in keeping. To be decided.

Speed limits and road signage in the Parish – There was nothing to report.

2019/128 Tree Officer Report

There were no significant applications.

2019/129 Telephone Box update

The sticky signs are waiting for a warm dry Sunday morning for volunteers to fix them in place.

2019/130 Right of way and footpaths – Grant application for improvement

Bridlepath 6 to Lytchett Matravers

One stile has been made. However, there is no movement on Bridleway 6.

2019/131 CIL

The money will be used for the Bridlepath project.

2019/132 Items for information

There were no other items for information.

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2019/133 AOB

Dementia Friendly have emailed to present to the Parish Councillors. **Action** Clerk to send dementia letter out to Mary.

2019/134 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 11th May 2020 at 7.30 pm.**
The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.