

Morden Parish Council

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2019 in Morden Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present:

Lindsay Hole (Parish Clerk). No members of the public were present.

2019/069 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

2019/070 Declarations of Interest

There were no updates to the Declarations of Interest.

2019/071 Public Participation

None.

2019/072 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for 9th September 2019 were approved.

2019/073 Matters Arising & Action Points from previous meetings

The following items were discussed

- Highways have confirmed they will do the Rumble Strips and Roundels.
- Tree works permission for the Village Green still needs to be sought. **Action** Councillor Adrian Gunner will make the application.
- **Action** Councillor Adrian Gunner will investigate Broadband coverage.

2019/074 Protocol for Advertising for Co-opted Councillor

Councillor Sandy Becker will not be attending the next two Parish Council Meetings due to personal circumstances.

A vacancy exists on the Parish Council, anyone interested in the vacancy should contact the Parish Clerk. **Action** Chair Alex Brenton will contact Democratic services.

2019/075 Planning Applications and Housing Matters

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

- 6/2019/0554 & 6/2019/0555 – Smith, West Morden Dairy

Councillors considered the above application and had no further comments.

2019/076 Reports from the Dorset Councillors

Dorset Councillor Report

Prior to the meeting Chair Alex Brenton provided a Dorset Report. The key headlines included that workshops are being run by Dorset Council for PC's, the climate change panel is thinking hard about many items including using all DC buildings to best advantage, and perhaps building real council houses. Highways have been deciding if any land they own could be planted with trees –

which is why the Top cross site is available and that there are no trials being done in Morden for 5G coverage.

2019/077 Village Reports

Morden Village Hall (MVH)

Florrie Sheldrake has retired after serving over 29 years on the Morden Village Hall Committee as well as supporting many events and groups.

The Macmillan Afternoon Tea took place on Sunday 6 October and was a great success raising £750 for Macmillan.

The Harvest Supper took place on Friday 11 October, it was a really enjoyable evening and £194 was raised for the Blandford Food Bank.

Morden History Morning took place on Saturday 9 November from 10:30am to 12noon and gave parishioners another opportunity to explore Morden's history.

Artsreach Fallen Fruit by Two Destination Language will take place on Thursday 21 November 2019.

Morden Quiz night will take place on Friday 29 November.

The Community Lunches were well attended in October & November. Xmas lunch will be on 4 December. Christmas Bingo will also be held on 4 December.

There will be no firework display at the village hall this year.

The Village Hall Committee have received a report from Low Carbon Dorset, this will be reviewed at their next meeting.

Church – The Church have started to progress the central heating project.

2019/078 Governance Tasks (including risk assessments, parish website and Section 137 Grants)

- S137 Grants & S133 – St Johns Ambulance have requested £75. The Parish Council are unable to make a grant to St Johns Ambulance for this financial year.
- The adoption of the Model Financial Regulations was agreed

2019/079 Financial Matters

Cheques were authorised as follows:-

| Chq No. | Payee | Description | Amount |
|----------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| 626 | L Hole | Clerk wages Difference between 183.87 and 165.87 September | 18 |
| 627 | L Hole | Clerk wages | 184.99 |
| 628 | PAYE payment | | 36.40 |

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| | Pamela White Accountancy | Audit | |
| 629 | Dorset Council | Speed surveys | 510.00 |
| 630 | PJA Graphics | Phone box lettering | 71.28 |
| 631 | AWW Garden Services | Grass cutting | 240.00 |

2019/080 Emergency Planning. Emergency Protocol. Good Neighbour Scheme

Action Councillor Adrian Gunner will progress the Emergency Planning and Protocol.

Action Councillors Adrian Gunner and Anna Rosier will produce a map to prioritise key areas in the village. Strategic Emergency Mapping will take place on 26th November.

2019/081 Report and comments on burial ground

The Burial Ground needs some winter work, cutting the southern hedge and pruning back some shrubs, if it is dry the top dressing needs to be done in early spring to even out bumps.

One burial planned for 10.30am Friday 22nd November Mr Ian Bailey.

2019/082 Responses and any plans for 2019 and 2020 projects

- **Parking on New Lane** – No progress has been made with Astor.
- **Safer footpath/bridleways** – No update.
- **Green agenda** – No update.
- **Green space proposal** – Discussions took place of the area and the type of trees.
- **Win on Waste** – Collections are being made in Upton and Lytchett.

2019/083 Road Maintenance – Potholes, Fly tipping, Speed Limit actions & Footpaths

Road Maintenance – The verges were cut late by the Dorset contractor and have brought a lot of litter up in view on the verges. Visibility Splays are OK at the moment. The clean signs are more visible. Grips and Gripes – some have been cleaned but not all on the side lanes. Fallen leaves are blocking some drain covers.

Fly tipping – Nothing significant to report.

Verges – Nothing significant to report.

Footpaths – Some work has been done by the Ranger team on the Footpath from Wyatts but no better signage or cooperation at Brickfield farm end. Giles Lane is slightly more open but so wet it is barely useable. Stiles at the end are unusable. Reported to ROW/Ranger team.

Buses – There was nothing to report.

Grounds Maintenance – There was nothing to report.

Pot holes – There was nothing to report.

Recycling area – There was nothing to report.

Litter pick – There was nothing to report.

Weed growth - There was nothing to report.

Speed limits and road signage in the Parish

No timing has been confirmed yet for the works.

2019/084 Tree Officer Report

Increasing tree cover in Morden

Following discussions with Dorset Highways who own the wide verge/visibility splay at Top Cross, it was agreed that it would be a suitable site for planting up to 10 native trees. Meetings with Highways officer (safety issues) Tree officer Steve Maros (suitability of species). Suggestions that it might be sponsored by WJ road markings as part of their offsetting carbon scheme. Specification

of trees sent to Landlord trees (recommended grower) awaiting acceptance or response as to whether the cost would be sponsored. Might have to have publicity photos.

2019/085 Telephone Box update

No progress on internal fixings - lack of energy from volunteers. Asked for price for 3 shelves in C&B box. Estimate £50 for brackets, shelving, parts & labour.

Sticky signs for phone boxes ready to go up.

Action Councillor Adrian Gunner will print A3 laminated maps for the telephone box.

**2019/086 Right of way and footpaths – Grant application for improvement
Bridlepath 6 to Lytchett Matravers**

Meeting held with Katie Black and Lytchett Matravers clerk and chairman, to discuss this as well as some road and verge issues.

Lytchett Matravers Parish Council have now agreed to investigating and budgeting for improvements to this bridleway. Some money has been promised from central government to improve bridle & cycle paths, but no details of when.

2019/087 Grit boxes (Signage)

A grit bin will be purchased for Horse Ponds.

2019/088 Items for information

Chair Alex Brenton, Councillor Mary Mathers and Councillor Anna Rosier have met with Chris Jowett from the Charlborough Estate.

A Plant Heritage talk is taking place on 7th December at the Village Hall.

There were no other items for information.

2019/089 AOB

Sewage effluent on New Lane

There is sewage effluent on New Lane currently going into the stream.

2019/090 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 13th January 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.