

## **Morden Parish Council**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 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). No members of the public were present.

**2019/091 Apologies**

Councillor Sandy Becker sent apologies.

**2019/092 Declarations of Interest**

There were no updates to the Declarations of Interest.

**2019/093 Public Participation**

None.

**2019/094 Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting for 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved.

**2019/095 Matters Arising & Action Points from previous meetings**

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

**2019/096 Councillor Vacancy**

The vacancy has been advertised and no applications have been received. **Action** Chair Alex Brenton will place an advert on Facebook.

**2019/097 Planning Applications and Housing Matters**

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

- 6/2019/0600 – Morden Estates Co Ltd, West Morden House. Internal and external alteration works to re-model and renovate existing house, including landscaping works and construction of new outbuilding/garage.
- 6/2019/0665 – Smartin Developments Ltd, Morden Mill and Farmhouse. Alterations and additions to refurbish farmhouse. Restoration of former Water Mill Building. Conversion of rural outbuilding / stable block to 2 residential units.

Councillors considered the above applications and made comments on application 6/2019/0665 with regard to construction vehicle access and the speed limit.

**2019/098 Reports from the Dorset Councillors**

**Dorset Councillor Report**

Prior to the meeting Chair Alex Brenton provided a Dorset Report. The key headlines included the increased budget for Adult Social Care, Dorset Council tax precept and standardising car parking fees across the County.

**2019/099 Village Reports**

Morden Village Hall (MVH) – All activities were printed in the Parish Magazine and on the Village Website. Trees have been planted on the playing field.

Church – Nothing was reported.

**2019/100 Governance Tasks (including risk assessments, parish website and Section 137 Grants)**

- S137 Grants & S133 – Morden Mini's, CAB and Dorset Air Ambulance. Granted as per the breakdown below.
- The adoption of the Model Financial Regulations was agreed.

**2019/101 Financial Matters**

Cheques were authorised as follows:-

Chq No.	Payee	Description	Amount
632	L Hole	Clerk wages	165.87
633	HMRC	PAYE payment	36.20
	Pamela White Accountancy	Audit	
634	Morden Mini's	S137 grants	50.00
635	CAB	S137 grants	100.00
636	Air Ambulance	S137 grants	100.00

**2019/102 Emergency Planning. Emergency Protocol. Good Neighbour Scheme**

Councillor Adrian Gunner has updated the Emergency Planning and Protocol. There are a couple of items that still need to be updated. The Emergency Plan was accepted and will be sent to the emergency services.

**2019/103 Report and comments on burial ground**

Serious issues with Coop Funeral Care's attitude and efficiency. Very rude to a Councillor when she was left in control of Burial Ground. An additional form has been obtained for when undertakers arrive without appropriate paperwork, which refers them to the home office. Thanks to advice from Wareham Burial Clerk.

Some hedging and cutting back required. Top dressing of bumps and hollows should be ongoing. Adam Wills contacted and he will do this before end Feb.

**2019/104 Responses and any plans for 2020 and 2021 projects**

- **Parking on New Lane** – No update.
- **Safer footpath/bridleways** – No update.
- **Green agenda** – No update.
- **Green space proposal** – Trees have been ordered

- **Win on Waste** – No update.
- **Trees** - TJ would like to help do the planting and take photos for their publicity, but would like this done during working week, ideally on a Friday afternoon.

#### **2019/105 Road Maintenance – Potholes, Fly tipping, Speed Limit actions & Footpaths**

Road Maintenance – Lower Street has not had serious problems of flooding into Gallops Lane, like before. The stacking of farm manure in the hay field has caused slurry run off onto the lane and the stream. In the High Street run off from the top field has come through the garden of Beacon Ridge and the ditch behind may need reinstating. Several new gravel drives have lost gravel onto the lane which is a problem but not dangerous.

Fly tipping – Nothing significant to report.

Verges – Nothing significant to report.

Footpaths – There was nothing to report.

Buses – There was nothing to report.

Grounds Maintenance – There was nothing to report.

Pot holes – There was nothing to report.

Recycling area – Extra new Salvation Army textile bin turned up unexpectedly. DWP have agreed it was dropped in the ‘wrong place’ and the old one should have been removed (they have changed partners on textile recycling from Air Ambulance to Salvation Army) Chair Alex Brenton has suggested a working party be arranged to clean up around the old pound area so it does not attract fly tipping and allows room for the brown textile bin to be resited better.

Litter pick – A litter pick will be organised for March, ideally on 1<sup>st</sup> March. **Action** Councillor Mary Mathers will confirm.

Weed growth - There was nothing to report.

Fingerposts - Sadly the geared bracket at Top Cross has broken, hopefully another one is being sourced through AONB and Blandford Mens club, if Martin Legg can track the correct one.

Speed limits and road signage in the Parish

Progress will be made in the Spring.

#### **2019/106 Tree Officer Report**

There were no significant applications. Ad to send LH. It was agreed that the tree at The War Memorial is to be maintained.

#### **2019/107 Telephone Box update**

The sticky signs are waiting for a warm dry Sunday morning for volunteers to fix them in place. brackets and shelving are being collected but need an action day for volunteers (Martin Legg) to fix them.

#### **2019/108 Right of way and footpaths – Grant application for improvement Bridlepath 6 to Lytchett Matravers**

This is still in progress.

#### **2019/109 Grit boxes (Signage)**

Grit bin has been purchased for Horse Ponds.

#### **2019/110 Items for information**

There were no other items for information.

#### **2019/111 AOB**

**2019/112 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.