

Morden Parish Council

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 2020 via Zoom, at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present:

Lindsay Hole (Parish Clerk).

There were no members of the public present.

2020/021 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2020/022 Declarations of Interest

There were no updates to the Declarations of Interest.

2020/023 Public Participation

None.

2020/024 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for 11th May 2020 were approved.

2020/025 Matters Arising & Action Points from previous meetings

Copse – This has been privately rented and the Parish Council have asked to be notified when the lease is up for renewal.

Bamboo – This has been flagged but neither Highways or the Rangers are prepared to do the work.

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

2020/026 Planning Applications and Housing Matters

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

- No applications to consider.

2020/027 Reports from the Dorset Councillors

Dorset Councillor Report

After the last few weekends of congestion and little social distancing on beaches and seafronts, the weekend 11-12 July passed without any incidents at Durdle Door, Studland or Bournemouth. Dorset still has one of the lowest Covid19 rates in England. Dorset Council run sports centres should be opening on 25th July.

Planning has been streamlined with a fast track system for pubs and cafes wishing to cover outside areas to increase table space. The six different planning systems from the old District Councils are finally being built into one new system by mid-September.

Dorset Libraries are initially opening from 9 July on a click and collect system through the Library online system, which has been widely used for ebooks and downloads in the last 3 months. Bags

of up to 10 books of selected criteria, to be collected from your local library at arranged times. Returned books can be posted through the letterbox of most libraries.

Dorset has negotiated advertising cheap deals on Facebook, websites, local radio and newspapers for local Dorset businesses in order to encourage the public to use local rather than multi-national business in order to save the high streets.

Dorset Technology centre has had a new high-tech Agri-business developer take up space.

Holiday homes, caravan parks, and campsites are now open, guidelines are a bit vague.

AB has attended team meetings on:

Planning – A proposed Aldi supermarket on the old Upton Oil site was agreed unanimously. Sadly the plans for 28 (24 affordable) houses at Spyway in Langton Matravers (AONB) was agreed by majority vote, more worrying now that the developers of the Old St Marys School Swanage which had a quota of affordable houses is appealing to have that removed.

Farms panel, to agree policy on not selling but keeping small farms tenants.

A monthly meeting with our MP and other constituency councillors. Reporting back on problems during lockdown.

Meetings about IT developments and rollout of better ways of working online. More than 1/3rd council officers are still working remotely from home office. This may mean less need for expensive offices but more reliance on good broadband and 4G.

2020/028 Village Reports

Morden Village Hall (MVH)

The hall received a grant of £10,000 from the Government's Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund to cover the costs and lost revenue of lockdown.

The tennis court was re-opened for Morden residents only on 13 May and there has been a steady flow of bookings. It is free to use until the end of August.

The playpark re-opened on 10 July.

Although the hall could have theoretically re-opened on 4 July, no social occasions are allowed yet and there were only a couple of meetings not already cancelled. There is also a lot of work to do to make the hall Covid-19 secure. The committee have therefore decided not to open yet probably to end August. While the hall is closed, we have taken the opportunity to redecorate some areas.

Church – There was nothing to report.

2020/029 Governance Tasks (including risk assessments, parish website and Section 137 Grants)

- S137 Grants & S133 – No applications.
- Welcome Booklet – Still in progress.

2020/030 Summer in Dorset

Sessions to be run on Tuesdays and Fridays to include one craft session and one sports session as a minimum. Councillor Alex Brenton will put up the timetable for the first three weeks. The Parish Council are making a clear commitment to support the project. Carey Camp have offered a session on site for children in Morden.

2020/031 Financial Matters

Cheques were authorised as follows:-

Chq No.	Payee	Description	Amount
648	L Hole	Clerk wages	183.71
649	PAYE payment		40.80
	Pamela White Accountancy	Audit	
650	Payroo	Payroll software	6.00
651	DAPTC	Subscription	146.90
646	Community First	Insurance	465.55
	Volunteer & PPE	COVID expenses	500

2020/032 Emergency Planning. Emergency Protocol. Good Neighbour Scheme

Councillors will work on a Safeguarding Policy.

2020/033 Report and comments on burial ground

Burial Ground, despite alarm and changing protocols for the Covid 19 emergency there have been no deaths and burials in the Burial Ground. One application has been received for a memorial to Fiona Albin which has been agreed, the cheque will be paid in on the next visit to the bank.

2020/034 Responses and any plans for 2020 and 2021 projects

- **Parking on New Lane** – No further issues.
- **Safer footpath/bridleways** – No further update.
- **Green agenda** – No further update.
- **Green space proposal** – No further update.
- **Win on Waste** – No further update.

2020/035 Maintenance Reports – Potholes, Fly tipping, Speed Limit actions & Footpaths

Footpaths and Bridleways – Bridle and foot paths. No progress on bridleway 6 to Lytchett, Repairs were needed for footbridge near Morden Mill which was in dangerous condition. Stile at Vermins lane no progress. All still passable with care. Badgers walk cleared though it has since grown back. Grass on Paradise lane cut but hedges growing in fast.

Roads - The resurfacing of the B3075 Quarr Hill to Park Corner is now rescheduled to September 16th. Verges have had their first and possibly only cut. The corners and sight lines along the B3075 have been cut second time.

Updates

Trees at Top Cross – These have been watered once a week during the dry weather. The Oak appears to have died, others are struggling but alive.

Green space – No update.

Telephone boxes – No update.

Seats – A bench would be beneficial in West Morden. **Action** Councillor Alex Brenton will look into a bench for the village.

2020/036 Tree Officer Report

There were no applications.

2020/037 Items for information

There were no other items for information.

2020/038 AOB

VH Committee

Councillor Mary Mathers reported that Norman has retired from the Village Hall Committee.

2020/039 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 14th September 2020 at 7.30 pm.**
The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.