

Morden Parish Council

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2019 in Morden Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Alex Brenton (Chair), Councillors Ann Miller (Vice Chair), Jason Bowerman (Councillor), James Rowat (Councillor), Dominic Shepherd (Councillor) and Mary Mathers (Councillor).

Also Present: Lindsay Hole (Parish Clerk) and Pippa Hutchings (R.O.W Officer).

One member of the public was present.

2018/183 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Nigel Amey (Councillor), Beryl Ezzard (District Councillor), Peter Wharf (Dorset County Councillor) and Mark Unsworth (District Councillor).

2018/184 Declarations of Interest

No new declarations of interest were made.

2018/185 Public Participation

Mr Pitman of New Lane commented on the planning application for 1 New Lane. Mr Pitman expressed his concerns over the lack of parking for residents, the parking for the contractors and the extent of the proposed works to the property.

2018/186 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for 12th November 2018 were approved.

2018/187 Matters Arising & Action Points from previous meetings

There were no significant Matters Arising that weren't already on the agenda. The action points still outstanding were:

History & coffee morning – Councillor Mary Mathers will place an advert in the Parish Magazine for either 16th February or 23rd February at 10.00am after speaking to Councillor Nigel Amey.

Notice of elections – This will be on the agenda for the 11th March.

2018/188 Planning Applications and Housing Matters

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

- 6/2018/0673 - 1 New Lane, East Morden, Wareham, BH20 7DN, Mr Timoney, Demolish existing detached garage. Construct single storey rear extension, 2 storey side extension including garage with accommodation above & balcony on rear elevation. Form additional parking area, construct retaining wall & steps, plus re-site oil tank.

Councillors would like that the applicant ensures that there is no loss of parking and that drains through the back gardens will be surveyed as there has previously been overflow to neighbouring properties.

Councillors had no objections to the planning application.

2018/189 Reports from the District and County Councillors County Councillor Report

There was nothing significant to report. The County Councillor sent his monthly report prior to the meeting.

District Councillor Reports

District Councillor Mark Unsworth sent his report prior to the meeting.

2018/190 Village Reports

Village Hall Committee – The VHC took part in carol singing and the carol service.

Church – The electrical and plumbing specifications are still being worked on. The Christmas service was well attended. The vestry is now being used to offer a bi-monthly children’s Sunday school session.

2018/191 Governance Tasks (including risk assessments, parish website and Section 137 Grants)

- S137 Grants & S133 – Two applications have been received. Both applications were approved.

2018/192 Financial Matters

Cheques were authorised as follows:-

Chq No.	Payee	Description	Amount
	L Hole	Clerk wages –	159.63
	PAYE payment		34.60
	Purbeck CAB	S137 Grants	50.00
	Morden Mini’s	S137 Grants	100.00

- Budget dispensations – Councillors had budget dispensations in place. There were no additional declarations to declare.
- Budget preparation and submission of precept to PDC – The Clerk provided an updated budget and the precept information prior to the meeting, further discussions took place during the meeting.

A proposal was made to keep the precept at £4,400 for the financial year of 2019-2029, **it was RESOLVED that;**

The Parish Council would keep the precept at £4,400.

Voting: unanimous.

2018/193 Report and comments on burial ground

There was one burial in December. The hedges need maintaining and several of the graves need topping up with soil.

2018/194 Responses and any plans for 2018 and 2019 projects

- **Defibrillator Project**
There was nothing to report.
- **Nevills Hill Fingerpost**
Deferred.
- **Safer footpath/bridleways**
There was nothing to report.
- **Other suggestions**

A suggestion was made to install a grit box at the wall of The Old School. **Action** Chair Alex Brenton will consult the landowner. This will be on the March agenda.

2018/195 Road Maintenance – Potholes, Fly tipping, Speed Limit actions & Footpaths

Road Maintenance – Chair Alex Brenton will arrange to purchase several bags of salt.

Fly tipping – Fly tipping at Loosley Wood has been reported. A litter pick will take place on Sunday 24th February from 10am starting at the VH.

Verges – There was nothing significant to report.

Footpaths – There was nothing significant to report.

Buses – There was nothing to report.

Grounds Maintenance – There was nothing to report.

Pot holes – Several pot holes have been repaired.

Recycling area – There was nothing to report.

Litter pick – There was nothing to report.

2018/196 Tree Officer Report

There have been no significant notifications.

2018/197 Telephone Box

The telephone boxes were discussed, and no progress has been made yet.

2018/198 Right of way and footpaths – Grant application for improvement

Tara Hansford has not come back with a meeting date.

2018/199 Millennium Map

This is still outstanding.

2018/200 Village History

A date was arranged for this earlier in the meeting.

2018/201 Cyclists

Councillors considered problems being experienced with cyclists in the Parish and discussed possible solutions.

2018/202 Items for information

There were no further items.

2018/203 AOB

Volunteer of the Year – Councillors discussed nominations for the award and Chair Alex Brenton will make the nomination.

Councillor Jason Bowerman informed Councillors of his resignation from the Parish Council.

There were no other items of AOB.

2018/204 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.30 pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.