

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th July 2024

PRESENT:

Councillors:	D Slora (Chair), A Parry, R James D Butler, J Gordon, E Edwards
District Councillor:	A Parry
County Councillor:	
Clerk :	P Routly

6 members of the public

1. Solar Farm Presentation

3 representatives from Innova, the solar farm developer, were present to give an update on the proposed 'Deers Leap' Solar Farm. They stated they planned to make a planning application in August and were requesting it be fast tracked as they already had a grid connection available, it might still take one year though. They stated they had reduced the size slightly in the most sensitive areas, but it would still be approx. 20MWh, construction would take six months and the land was grade 3b. They took a number of questions from the members of the public. They were proposing a small annual contribution to the Parish. They left before the meeting continued.

2. Public participation

Mr Robert Cooper, who is a close neighbour to the proposed solar farm expressed his concern about the industrial scale of the site.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Keavy, Cllr O'Donnell and Cllr James (for part of the meeting).

4. Governance

a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

b) Freedom of Information – report on any new requests

None.

c) Code of Conduct / DPI

None.

5. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 20th May 2024

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th May were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Butler, seconded by Cllr Gordon and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

6. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry filed and read out the following report:-

The last couple of months have been fairly quiet at SDC with the exception of planning committee in view of the extensive amount of work which was required to fulfil the General Election.

Sir Jeremy Wright QC MP has been elected as our MP again and will continue to be of great support to our constituency.

As a member of the joint committee in respect of the South Warwickshire Local Plan's development we anxiously await the new government's proposals in respect of its commitment to build 300,000 new homes per annum - 1.5 million new homes over the next five years, the planning reforms and development on green belt, as this will clearly have an impact on the development of the SWLP and also communities in Stratford on Avon district. At the next meeting on 1st August housing numbers for the district will be discussed. The importance of carrying out regular housing needs survey is therefore widely recognised.

In addition, the new secretary of state for energy, Ed Miliband has just reversed the planning inspectorate's advice by giving permission to the largest solar farm in Cambridgeshire and this could have an impact on proposed solar farm planning applications across our district.

SDC is happy to put forward our Local Parish Plan draft for consideration by Cabinet in September subject to a couple of minor amends, which is welcome news.

7. County Councillors' Report – Cllr O'Donnell

Cllr O'Donnell was not present but sent the following report:

Moreton Morrell Drainage issues:

Response from Jeoffrey Hobday:

Completed works.

Jetted drainage system on Main St between the Lodge to Manor Lodge completed on 17th Dec 2023

Jetted the drainage system outside the village Hall entrance completed on 23rd Feb 2024

Grips dug in the verge to allow surface water to run off the CW on Main St down the hill into the village completed on 17th Nov 2023

Planned works.

FW patch to be carried out on Main St between numbers 1 to 7 to be programmed.

Installation of new kerb line and two new gullies to prevent surface water from running into the Lodge works to start on 30th May 2024

Refreshing of road markings outside the school has been sent for survey to allow job to be raised.

I inquiry a received about the verge on the junction of Main St and Brook Lane and the vehicle overrun and on inspection this was only cosmetic damage to the grass verge and there was no safety issue.

Moving forward:

If the PC would like to provide a further list of areas needing jet clearance re drains I can liaise with Jeoffrey and we can arrange a site visit to see if I can fund it from my delegated.

School Patrol, sadly trying to fund and support this through my delegated budget has not been approved due to the nature of the funding and the ongoing nature of the financial commitment needed. Therefore, I have asked for further assessment of the school location to

see how I can support through road safety mitigation measures. I have altered the road safety team to the recent collision within the vicinity to expedite this.

Sustainable Future Strategy

The Government has asked Warwickshire County Council to prepare a Warwickshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This strategy is to be produced by taking the views from all those that benefit from or impact on nature. That is every business, every organisation and every resident.

Through a detailed habitat mapping initiative across Warwickshire, WCC have identified existing valuable ecological areas and locations with potential for biodiversity enhancement. This aligns with the vision of Lawton's "Making Space for Nature" report, which calls for the creation of 'more, bigger, better and connected' wild spaces. To explore this initiative further, a dedicated map is available which shows existing designated areas like Local Wildlife Sites and identifies potential areas for enhancing connectivity between these crucial habitats.

Contact wcslnp@wkwt.org.uk or click on the website to look on the interactive map for your specific area

There are several ways you can share your thoughts on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, whether you prefer to participate individually or as part of a group:

Online Survey: Take our online survey by clicking the link below. It's the quickest and easiest way to contribute your ideas.

Paper Survey: If you prefer a paper copy or need a specific format or language, you can request this by via email (naturalcapital@warwickshire.gov.uk) or telephone (01926 418060).

Written Response: Please send your response directly in writing by email to wcslnp@wkwt.org.uk or by post to:

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Community Safety Survey.

In Warwickshire, there are a range of organisations working together to keep you as safe as possible.

These include local councils, Fire and Rescue, Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Probation Service, Health and charitable organisations, who work together to address and improve community safety through the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board.

The Board aims to create safer communities and wants to understand current community safety issues and any concerns of residents and those who work or study in Warwickshire. With that in mind do take part no the survey.

The survey will enable the Board to develop its services, with the aim of increasing how safe residents feel and promoting action that can be taken to help make you feel safer.

communitysafety@warwickshire.gov.uk

Parenting

As school holidays approach it can put parenting skills to the test...

In its latest Let's Talk Warwickshire podcast episode, the council discusses the everyday challenges of parenting and the available support across the county.

Listen to the episode here: <https://letstalkwarwickshire.podbean.com/e/parenting/>

School activity clubs across the county.

Summer is here and Warwickshire is buzzing with activities and clubs for children and families!

Find out what is happening in your area:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5363/child-friendly-local-activities-and-clubs-available-to-book-over-the-summer-holidays>

It is never too late to learn:

Adult Learning Survey

Warwickshire's Adult and Community Learning Service is part of Warwickshire County Council and a provider of adult learning. They offer formal and informal learning programmes to adults aged 19+ across Warwickshire, in over 30 inclusive learning environments in a wide range of community venues.

As such, this survey is intended to gather your thoughts to help shape the future of the courses and learning available in Warwickshire as part of the Adult and Community Learning Service.

acl@warwickshire.gov.uk

8. Warwickshire College Report

Mr Peter Husband was not present, and no report was filed.

9. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk

- i) Update – Clerk**
- ii) Vandalism and action**

The Clerk had circulated the latest report, the risk was low, and Steve Routly had also inspected the site and found no issues other than the vandalised signs.

Cllr Edwards read out a few items from Jane Cleeton and Steve Routly agreed to take a look.

Clerk to investigate replacing the signs on farm drive due to vandalism. *Clerk to investigate costs.*

b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead

- i) Update**

Cllr Parry stated SDC wanted a final amendment before going forward for approval, cost would be a approx. £150, all agreed it was within the original budget.

Cllr Parry also spoke of Mr and Mrs Walsh's objection to the new school shed , she stated after investigation there were no planning grounds to object, and if anything it would shield the playground noise.

c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Butler lead

- i) Update**

Cllr Bulter said he was still monitoring the 20 is plenty sign impact, but cyclists were still a problem, he would also re look at the college signs

d) Village Appearance – All

- i) Update**
- ii) Old Garage site mess – Old Farm Drive**
- iii) Old Farm Drive vegetation and drainage issues**
- iv) Brook Lane Kerb damage**

Cllr Parry informed the meeting the village signs were back and re stained .

The Clerk had pre circulated information on the ownership of the old garage site that had been complained about by a resident of Chestnut Grove and advised them to speak to the owners on Moor Furlong. None of the site was council owned and it was resolved not to get involved.

Cllr Gordon informed the meeting that the College had agreed to cut old farm drive within the next few weeks.

The kerb damage was covered in Cllr O'Donnell's report.

- e) **Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead**
 - i) **Update**
 - ii) **WCC Footpath Map – Next Steps**

Cllr Slora reported he now had all the maps and would review. Cllr Gordon stated that Mr Frogley was ill and they need to find a new contractor for the stiles and footbridge.

- f) **Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead**
 - i) **Update**

Cllr Edwards read a note from Jane Cleeton, but there was no real update on progress. It was resolved to write to the charity commission to seek advise on the way forward. it was noted the charities accounts were very overdue. *Clerk to write.*

- g) **College Update**
 - i) **Update**

Cllr Edwards stated there was no update other than a new college principal was due in September.

10. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) **None**

11. New items

- a) **Wildlife Project Update**

Cllr Edwards gave an update as Cllr Keavy was not present, a date had been set for 21st/22nd September for a community involvement event to clear the site and undertake some construction with Leaves of Green overseeing. A planning application would be required to take a pine tree down.

- b) **Anti Social Behaviour**

Ongoing issues in the village were reported including parking issues and intimidation on Oak Tree Close, it was resolved to invite the local police to the next meeting and write to Orbit about a few residents. *Cllr Parry to contact the police. Clerk to contact Orbit.*

12. Planning Applications

- a. **New Applications to consider at this meeting**
None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

24/01345/FUL Proposed two-storey extension to side - single-storey extension to front Ty Nant 1B Brook Lane Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AT . **Support sent, see below**

MMPC wishes to support this application in line with CS20 and AS10 as it is of an appropriate scale and subservient in relation to the existing dwelling with no overlooking, light or over development issues.

24/01146/FUL Construction of timber outbuilding. Moreton Morrell C Of E Junior And Infant School Main Street Moreton Morrell Warwickshire CV35 9AN. **Support sent, see below**

Moreton Morrell PC is fully in support of this proposal as this will enable the essential need to remove and replace a modular classroom to improve the educational facility for young children in Moreton Morrell and the surrounding villages, in order to provide teachers with a significant improvement to their teaching environment, which is long overdue. The proposals are also in accordance with CS1, AS10, CS22 and CS25 and in view of the tight educational timescales and grant funding criteria, urgent approval is sought.

24/01089/FUL Removal and replacement of modular classroom plus construction of new tarmac path, fence and gate . Moreton Morrell C Of E Junior And Infant School Main Street Moreton Morrell Warwickshire CV35 9AN **Support sent, see below**

Moreton Morrell PC is fully in support of this proposal in view of the desperate and essential need to improve the educational facility for young children in Moreton Morrell and the surrounding villages, in order to provide teachers with a significant improvement to their teaching environment, which is long overdue. The proposals are also in accordance with CS1, AS10, CS22 and CS25 and in view of the tight educational timescales and grant funding criteria, urgent approval is sought.

24/01378/FUL Single storey side extension sun room. Installation of external spiral staircase. North Lodge Moreton Paddox Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9BT . **No objection sent**

c. District Decisions for information

24/00421/FUL Demolition of existing building and erection of bottle store/staff accommodation
The Black Horse Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AR . **Permission with conditions**

24/01345/FUL Proposed two-storey extension to side - single-storey extension to front Ty Nant 1B Brook Lane Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AT . **Permission with conditions**

13. Finance

a. Approval of payments (to be circulated)

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Slora, seconded by Cllr Gordon, and approved unanimously.

1.	Leaves of Green (Wildlife area)	£432.00 (paid)
2.	R P Hall and Sons	£783.94.00 (paid)
3.	Npower Street Lights elec – May	£51.90 (paid)
4.	Open Spaces sub	£45.00 (paid)
5.	Kompan inspection	£168.54 (paid)
6.	P Routly Salary July/Aug	£1043.20

7.	P Routly Expenses – May/Jun	£73.05
8.	Npower Street Lights elec – June	£45.58
9.	R P Hall and Sons – June	£276.72
10.	Carl Cleeton-Pritchett – sign refurbishment	£1800.00
11.	P Gibbins – The Villager	£100.00

b. Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported the following receipts :-

1.	Interest	£279.61
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14. Correspondence – all circulated by email

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

15. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.

Cllr Parry confirmed that she would invite the police to the next meeting. It was also resolved Cllr Butler would draw up a jobs list for the Lengthsman before the money is withdrawn and inform the Clerk

16. Any other business allowed by Chairman

None

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting 16th September 2024 in The Room

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.