

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20th July 2026

PRESENT:

Councillors:	G Slora (Chair), B Keavy, S Bowler D Butler,J Gordon
District Councillor:	
County Councillor:	
Clerk :	P Routly

3 members of the public

1. Public participation

A resident from Chestnut Grove raised the nuisance issues of vegetation overhanging from the derelict old garage site at the top of old farm drive. The clerk informed the meeting she had the title deeds of the owners. It was resolved to send to Orbit and the property owner and for the Clerk to write the various owners to clear the site. *Clerk to action.*

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Parry, Cllr Edwards and Cllr Cowcher

3. 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.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 18th May 2026

The minutes of the last meeting held on 18th May were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bowler, seconded by Cllr Gordon and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Approval of minutes of previous planning meeting held on 29th June 2026

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th June were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bowler, seconded by Cllr Gordon and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

6. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry filed the following reports:-

Local Government Reform

Some positive news at last! The government has announced that Warwickshire should become a two unitary council rather than a single unitary and the county will therefore comprise a South Warwickshire and North Warwickshire unitary, which is excellent news

for us and it is understood that this will include both Stratford and Warwick district areas. Elections will take place next May 2027.

South Warwickshire Local Plan

The South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) is progressing forward to Regulation 19, following approval by both district councils on 15th July. In my view, the plan risks being found unsound by the Planning Inspectorate because funding has not been identified for a Western Bypass around Stratford or a new bridge at Bidford, both of which are needed to support the proposed housing numbers in Long Marston and Bidford.

I did not vote in favour of this LibDem plan because of my concerns about the significant funding gap, estimated at around £200 million, and because Wellesbourne North will be affected by nearly 4,000 dwellings in Wellesbourne and Bishops Tachbrook over the plan period. This will place substantial pressure on traffic, education and health services, as well as the existing drainage system.

I also raised concerns about changes to the ratio balance between affordable social rented homes and shared ownership properties. In my view, residents need and want more affordable rented homes, and shared ownership is not their preferred form of affordable housing – however it is more viable for the developers to build shared ownership houses as they can charge the housing associations more for these than the social rental properties! My view is that SDC should be focusing on gaining back a Five Year Housing Land Supply as their main priority as the lack of the 5YHLS will also impact on the soundness of the SWLP.

Planning

Planning continues to dominate my workload, with a number of recent applications in Moreton Morrell. The Planning in Principle (PIP) application for Brook Lane has been granted quickly by SDC, as there were no material planning grounds for refusal. Two further Moreton Morrell sites are expected to come forward shortly: a second, smaller Brook Lane site for five dwellings, and the John Taylor Way site. All three sites are included in an updated planning statement from SDC.

I have submitted responses supporting the application for a replacement dwelling at Hales Farm, off Fosse Way, and the single-storey dwelling behind the Old Garden House in Moreton Paddox. I have also raised no objection to the proposed extensions to the property in Barn Fields, off Brook Lane.

Cottage Tavern Pub – Ashorne

Villagers from Newbold Pacey and Ashorne have launched a share offer as part of a fundraising initiative to purchase the Cottage Tavern in Ashorne for the local community. Further information can be found via www.cottagetavern.com

7. County Councillors' Report – Cllr Cowcher

Cllr Cowcher filed the following report :-

Highway Matters I will give a verbal update at the meeting on outstanding matters

County Council Community Grants Invitations to apply for the 2026 round are now open and applications are invited.

Local Government reorganisation . It was announced last week that Warwickshire will be reorganised to have two Unitary Authorities. South Warwickshire will comprise Stratford and Warwick Districts. I am on the reorganisation committees for both Stratford and Warwickshire. There will be shadow elections in 2027 with Councillors being elected for five years. Vesting day for the new authority will be May.

Signage Sandbarn Lane I have reported again that Hampton Lucy remains on the signs on the A46 pointing down this lane

Libraries The stocking of libraries and display of materials has traditionally been handled by council staff without political interference. I am concerned that the current administration are trying to make this political and stop the stocking of certain books.

Home to School Transport The County intends to reduce funding for home to school transport. I will be investigating whether this adversely affects any children from our parishes.

NEETS At this weeks County Council meeting we are proposing that the County does more to ensure more youngsters remain in education or get into work and training. This is an increasing problem.

Restore Two other members of the Reform party have chosen to leave and join the Restore party. Restore now has 4 members I more than Labour.

Local Government Conference I attended the Local Government Conference in Bournemouth as one of the County's delegates. There were many useful sessions from national politicians as well as topics dealing with Local Government Reorganisation, Adult Social Care, Planning and Housing, Local Government Finance

8. Warwickshire College Report

No report for this meeting

9. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

- a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk**
 - i) Update**

Mr Routly informed the meeting that Wellesbourne Wanderers were using the ground on Wednesday evenings and had installed the new goal nets.

- b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead**
 - i) Update**

Update in Cllr Parry's District report.

- c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Butler lead**
 - i) Update**
 - ii) Brook Lane parking**

Cllr Bulter informed the meeting that residents had complained about the possible removal of the Chestnut tree on Brook Lane corner to improve traffic splay. It was resolved not to progress. *Clerk to inform Cllr Cowcher.*

- d) Village Appearance – All**
 - i) Update**

Cllr Keavy stated he would arrange another litter pick day in the Autumn.

- e) **Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead**
 - i) **Update**

Cllr Slora stated the college had cut back some vegetation, but little else could be done due to the weather.

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

A letter was read out from Jo Ford , stating that despite offering help to the hall trustees, they not been in touch . It was resolved to write again to trustees to point out they were in breach of legal duties. *Clerk to write..*

It was also agreed to circulate a petition in the Villager seeking a resolution to the lack of progress by the trustees.

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

No Update

10. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) **None.**

11. New items

- a) **None**

12. Planning Applications

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

26/01558/FUL Proposed : Demolition of existing dwelling and annexe outbuilding/store and replacement with new self build dwelling At For : : Hales Farm, Fosse Way, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9DF

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to support with the following comments. *Clerk to respond*

Support this application as the proposed design of the dwelling is more in keeping with the character of other significant properties within the parish and therefore this accords with CS9 and AS10.

However, attention is recommended to increasing the visibility splay/access onto the Fosse Way in the interests of highway safety.

26/01586/REM This Reserved Matters application follows Outline consent 23/01529/OUT and seeks to resolve all outstanding matters, as described within the conditions of consent 23/01529/OUT for one self-build/custom build dwelling with new vehicular access. Part Of The Garden, Old Garden House, Moreton Paddox,

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to support with the following comments. *Clerk to respond*

Support this innovative design for this single storey Passivhaus located in Moreton Paddox, which boasts an eclectic range of contemporary and traditional style of dwellings and believe this accords with CS9 and AS10. However, it is recommended that permitted development rights are removed to avoid further extensions being bolted onto the property at a later date without applying for planning permission.

26/01340/FUL Porch extension. At : Erection of a two storey side extension and double height Oakley House, Barn Fields, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9AQ

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to support with the following comments. *Clerk to respond*

Support the proposed extensions to this property as this is in line with both AS10 and CS9. In view of the size of the host dwelling and surrounding plot there does not appear to be any overlooking issues or loss of light causes to neighbouring properties and the attention to the design detail will complement the existing house.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

26/00759/FUL Dropped kerb and access from the highway (class C) over a public footway onto the property. 7 Duffus Hill, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9AX . **No representations.**

26/01473/PIP Permission in Principle for the erection of 8 residential dwellings on land south of Brook Lane, Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire .Land South Of Brook Lane, Moreton Morrell, see minutes 29/6/26 . **No objection sent**

c. District Decisions for information

26/01473/PIP Permission in Principle for the erection of 8 residential dwellings on land south of Brook Lane, Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire .Land South Of Brook Lane, Moreton Morrell, see minutes 29/6/26 . **Permission in Principal granted for 8 dwellings.**

13. Finance

a. Approval of payments (circulated)

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

1.	Salvo Digital – Villager printing	£242.00 (paid)
2.	R Cleeton bench	£119.95 (paid)
3.	R P Hall grass cutting Apr / May	£587.09(paid)
4.	The Room Hire	£24.00(paid)
5.	British Gas streetlights May / June + back	£163.31
6.	P Routly Salary Jul / Aug	£1118.08
7.	HMRC Employers NI	£42.59
8.	PATA Payroll	£21.95
9.	P Routly expenses May/Jun	£195.89
10.	R Cleeton pocket park hours	£135.00
11.	J Cleeton planters	£65.96
12.	Open Spaces subs	£45.00
13.	P Gibbins – The Villager	£100.00

b. Receipts (circulated)

The Clerk reported the following receipts: -

1.	CIL payment	£1690.21
2.	Interest	£188.97

14. Correspondence – all circulated by email

a. STW – Mains renewal starting 20th July

b. Mobile Library use

The Clerk reported that details of the road closures due to water main replacement was on the website, and also the dates of the mobile library visits were on the website.

15. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.

Jane Cleeton raised the possibility of the notice board near Oak Tree Close. It was agreed the Clerk would seek costs

16. Any other business allowed by Chairman

None.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on 21st September 2026 in The Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.