

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MORETON PINKNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 3rd September 2014
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

Present:

Richard Lainchbury	Chairman
Dorothy Brooke	Councillor (co-opted)
Brian Collett	Councillor
Andrew Jalland	Vice Chairman
James Smith	Councillor
Les Tucker	Councillor
Ben Vincent	Councillor (co-opted)
Caroline Bedford	Clerk

In Attendance:

Keith Keeves

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th July were read by all prior to the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Public Time

- 3.1 Keith Keeves reported there were sunken parts of the road which need to be made good between Village Farm and Arnheim Houses on the approach into the village from Moreton Pinkney where underground works have been carried out. The Clerk will report this.

4.. Matters Arising

- 4.1 The Clerk has contacted NCC about mowing. Their budget for the areas they mow in the Parish is approximately £100 per cut for a maximum of three cuts. There is an option for the Parish Council to be given this sum and incorporate the areas into the ones that are already maintained by Scott's Landscapes. The Chairman is going to talk to Scott's Landscapes as only part of the usual mowing was done last time; he will also speak to them about the potential cost of adding this extra work to the schedule.
- 4.2 The Clerk reminded Helen Howard about her promise to ring-fence the £2000 she has promised towards the Parking in The Square project, has applied for County Cllr Ian Morris' Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme grant, and has received and banked the cheque. The Clerk has accepted the grant from SNC and has checked that planning permission / conservation area consent is not required, as per the terms and conditions of the grant. There was some discussion about the Parish Council's donation of £500 towards the scheme

which was in the grant application, as this was not felt to have been properly approved at the time the grant application was made. Cllr Jalland proposed this should be approved retrospectively and the majority of the Cllrs voted in favour.

- 4.3 Some of the green spaces in the village have not been registered - the Clerk will investigate the process and costs later this year.
- 4.4 War Memorial – investigations are continuing regarding the ownership of the war memorial.
- 4.5 The possibility of having a defibrillator in the village – the Chairman has spoken to Richard Lingard but no further progress has been made regarding support for the project.
- 4.6 It was noted that the line marking throughout the village has finally been completed, although some of the work is rather uneven. The gateway, which has been installed on the Canons Ashby approach to the village appears to be too near the village and rather small. The Clerk will ask Helen Howard if this can be re-sited.
- 4.7 The Clerk has reported the hedges are very overgrown adjacent to Weston Hill and a similar problem with overgrown shrubs near to Arnheim Houses reference 703143, although no action has been taken to date. The Clerk will ask Lara Inglott – who is responsible - for an update.
- 4.8 The Clerk has reported the large pothole at the corner of Leicester Lane and Banbury Road reference 703142; this is scheduled to be done within three months.
- 4.9 Letters of thanks have been sent to David Brown and Peter Monk for their much appreciated remedial work on the Parish noticeboard.

5. **Correspondence**

- 5.1 An electronic and hard copy of NCALC Update has been received and circulated.
- 5.2 A survey has been received from South Northants Homes which is undertaking an environmental works programme, regarding potential improvements to parking for residents. A survey form has been provided for completion...
- 5.3 South Northants Homes has also requested information regarding their proposal to create a new housing list for homes that are less easy to fill, which is open to anyone other than existing tenants. Cllr Tucker will respond.
- 5.4 A letter has been received from NCALC regarding a substantial increase in fees for their services, from £133 to £246 from April 2015.

- 5.5 Information from NCC regarding Blue Badge and Bus Pass applications and renewals, with the emphasis on encouraging people to apply or renew on line. Notices will be put on the board and the Clerk will ask Richard Lingard to put something in the village newsletter / on the website.
- 5.6 Poster from the Alzheimer's Society for the noticeboard.
- 5.7 Email correspondence from Litchborough Parish Council Clerk regarding the potential purchase of their share of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign. Litchborough is about to purchase its own VAS and has found that its insurance only covers it for one unit. The Clerk asked if Moreton could set up a new agreement with the Parish Councils that are sharing the old unit to cover insurance. Litchborough Council is happy for Moreton to use the unit and pay for it later when funds are available, however, this means Moreton will still have to find money for posts and Section 50 licences from Highways. Cllrs decided not to proceed with this option as the parking project is taking up too much time for the Clerk to be able to investigate the options and formulate another grant application at present.
- 5.8 Email from Richard Lingard regarding granting of planning permission for two wind turbines to be built on land between Moreton Pinkney and Canons Ashby. Dist Cllr Peter Davies has responded suggesting protest letters are sent to the chairman of Daventry District Council Planning Committee, Cllr Stephen Osborne at DDC offices in Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP.
- 5.9 Copy of Clerks and Councils Direct for circulation.
- 5.10 Letter from South Northants Homes about the allocation of properties to tenants.
- 5.11 Email from NCALC about the latest training opportunities – forwarded to Cllrs for information.

6. **Planning**

- 6.1 Change of use of land and buildings from agriculture to agriculture and animal (equine) incineration unit with associated works and infrastructure at Bishopstone Land north of the junction of Weston Road and Banbury Lane, Moreton Pinkney. No decision has been reached to date.
- 6.2 Plans have been received to enlarge an existing window opening and insert double doors in the north elevation of The Old Vicarage, Banbury Road, Moreton Pinkney. These have been approved.

7. **Accounts**

- 7.1 The Clerk has responded to a further query from the external auditors regarding the appointment of the internal auditor and is currently waiting to hear if directors have signed off the intermediate audit and issued the completion documentation.

CHEQUE NO.	DESCRIPTION/POWER	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
100860	Caroline Bedford 13 th July to 31 st August 2014 incl contribution for use of home office.	£185.26		£185.26
100861	Scott's Landscapes – grounds maintenance for July (two cuts)	£320.00	£64.00	£384.00
100862	Richard Lingard for printing of village newsletter to end September 2014 (section 137)	£35.00		£35.00

8 Councillors' Comments

- 8.1 Following an earlier discussion with Cllr Jalland the Clerk has reported the light, which is not working at the top of Gravel Hill.
- 8.2 The Clerk has reported the pothole in The Square, which appears to have been caused by a leak from the water mains.
- 8.3 Cllr Jalland reported the hedge on the left hand side of the road adjacent to Penny's roundabout near Leicester Lane is very overgrown and is obscuring oncoming traffic on the Banbury Road for vehicles which are turning right. Cllr Collett will speak to Gary Penn the owner.
- 8.4 Cllr Jalland reported a pothole in Leicester Lane near to the new barn conversion. The Clerk will report it.
- 8.5 Cllr Jalland reported a pothole on the corner of Banbury Road near to Mill House and the turn for the garage in Checkers Orchard. The Clerk will report it.
- 8.6 Cllr Smith reported a series of potholes in Compton Lane – the Clerk will report them.
- 8.7 Cllr Collett said that Judith Baxter had asked if the tree stump on Lower Green can be removed as it is sprouting. It was decided to leave it for the present as a grant will be required to undertake the necessary work.
- 8.8 Cllr Collett has spoken to Clemmie Reed from Red Bull about the village feedback regarding the Wings for Life run. He commented that SNC was one of a very few councils that allowed such activity to take place. The plan is for a similar event to occur in 2015 and this is likely to be the last event of its kind in the area. The road closures will be of a shorter duration as there is now better information about the time runners will take to reach various spots on the route. Cllr Collett asked that local events should be taken into consideration and not obstructed unduly and that more information is provided about the event beforehand.

8.9 Cllr Collett gave an update on the condition of the village hall roof, which needs replacing at an estimated cost of £13 - £14k. The committee is going to approach residents asking for donations and other fundraising support including an music and entertainment evening on 4th October. The Clerk suggested the committee apply for a grant from South Northants Council as there is money in the New Homes Bonus fund which would be available for this purpose. It was proposed that the Clerk put a sum of money into the Parish Council budget for 2015 – 2016 as a donation towards the work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

9 **Date of Next Meeting**
Wednesday 15th October 2014

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R Lainchbury – Chairman

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Date