

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MORETON PINKNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 15th October 2014
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

Present:

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

In Attendance:

None

1. Apologies

Andrew Jalland	Vice Chairman
James Smith	Councillor

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd September were read by all prior to the meeting and, with the amendment that Cllr Tucker responded to the survey regarding parking (minute 5.2) and not the information about a housing survey (minute 5.3), were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Public Time

None

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 The Clerk has contacted NCC about mowing. The Chairman has talked to Scott's Landscapes as only part of the usual mowing was done last time. There was some discussion about the areas that NCC mow currently, these are thought to be the banks on either side of Catch Corner / Gravel Hill near to Tarry Well; the left hand side of Canons Ashby road as you approach the village – near to the Moreton Pinkney village signs and the bank on the right hand side of the Banbury Road approaching Orchard Cottage. The Clerk will contact NCC to obtain a definitive list of areas they cover and then the Chairman can ask Scott's for a quote to add this extra work to the schedule so a decision can be made about whether the Parish Council should take on this responsibility in exchange for an annual payment from NCC.
- 4.2 The grant money from SNC has been credited to the Parish Council's bank account so the invoice for the work involved in the Parking in the Square project can be paid and the work commissioned. It is likely to commence in December or early in 2015 depending on the weather.
- 4.3 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 – the Clerk has reported this reference 706846. The

response is that the defects don't meet the criteria for intervention and will be monitored. Cllr Tucker commented that recently watched a biker nearly fall at this point owing to the sunken areas. The Clerk will report the issue again.

The Chairman commented that it was not necessary to wait until a Parish Council meeting to report potholes and other road problems – Cllrs can either email issues to the Clerk or report them vis the Street Doctor webpage to avoid unnecessary delays in scheduling repair work.

- 4.4 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 has spoken to Gary Penn the owner and this work will be scheduled in due course.
- 4.5 Cllr Jalland reported a pothole in Leicester Lane near to the new barn conversion. The Clerk has reported it and the work has been done.
- 4.6 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 has reported it and the work will be undertaken within four months.
- 4.7 Cllr Smith reported a series of potholes in Plumpton Lane –the Clerk has reported this reference 706983. The response is that the defects don't meet the criteria for intervention and will be monitored.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 Cllr Jalland reported some potholes between the Old School and Weston Road- the Clerk has reported this reference 706847. The response is that the defects don't meet the criteria for intervention and will be monitored.
- 4.10 Some of the green spaces in the village have not been registered - the Clerk will investigate the process and costs later this year.
- 4.11 War Memorial – Cllr Vincent is continuing to investigate the ownership of the war memorial. It is not an easy task as there are few, if any, records still in existence relating to the memorial.

- 4.12 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.
- 4.13 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 has asked Helen Howard if this can be re-sited but her response was that it is in the best place with regard to the width of the verge.
- 4.14 The Clerk has reported the hedges are very overgrown adjacent to Weston Hill and a similar problem with overgrown shrubs near to Arnheim Houses references 703143 and 706853, the Clerk has spoken to Lara Inglott – who is responsible – but no action has been taken to date.

5. **Correspondence**

- 5.1 Both an electronic and a hard copy of NCALC Update have been received and circulated.
- 5.2 Email from SNC regarding a policy change about consultations, in future **all** parish/town councils which are identified as being affected by the proposal will receive a hardcopy of the application form, the site location plan and any other pertinent plans necessary for them to consider the application and make comments.
- 5.3 Information about the Northamptonshire Housing Needs Survey passed to Cllrs and the website as residents' views are being sought.
- 5.4 Email about an NCC consultation regarding adult learning forwarded to Cllrs. for action and information.
- 5.5 Email about an NCC consultation regarding the replacement of the Community Asset Transfer Policy by provisions in the Community Right to Bid, to provide a clear mechanism for community and voluntary sector organisations to express an interest in NCC owned property for use as a community asset - forwarded to Cllrs. for action and information
- 5.6 Email regarding the NCC consultation on the formal adoption of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan circulated to Cllrs for comment.
- 5.7 Email from the Wings for Life organisers outlining their proposed changes to the route for next year's charity run – circulated to Cllrs for comment – prior to mass circulation by the organisers.
- 5.8 Email from Superfast Broadband providing updates of their latest actions – circulated to Cllrs for information.

- 5.9 Email regarding Anglian Water's need to close part of the road adjacent to Gravel Hill in order to repair a water leak – circulated to Cllrs for attention and for posting on the website.
- 5.10 Email received from SNC regarding canvassers who may be in the area asking residents about their right to be on the electoral register circulated to Cllrs for their information and also for the website.
- 5.11 Two emails from MGWSP giving latest information about the roadworks and work schedules circulated to Cllrs for their information.
- 5.12 Email from NCC about the consultation on the Northamptonshire Household Waste Recycling Centre service forwarded to Cllrs for their comments.
- 5.13 Copy of letter sent to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee from Dist Cllr Peter Davies regarding potential grants available for the replacement of the village hall roof – for information. The Clerk will write a letter of support to the SNC grants officer.
- 5.14 Email about the Inspector's report on the West Northants Joint Core Strategy Local Plan to which the Parish Council made a contribution has been circulated for information.
- 5.15 Posters received from NCC regarding the need for parents of children who turn four before 31st August 2015 to apply for a primary school place. Poster to be put on noticeboard and information sent to Cllrs plus for inclusion in the newsletter.

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 and the application appears to have stalled owing to issues with meeting planning deadlines.
- 6.2 An email from the owner has been received and planning consultation has been sought on the installation of internal alterations to the fire opening, installation of a multi fuel stove, flue liner and raising the height of the chimney stack at Cherry Cottage, Banbury Road. No objections were made and the Clerk will respond accordingly.

7. **Accounts**

- 7.1 The directors of the external auditors have signed off the intermediate audit and the final invoice has been received for £30 plus VAT. A cheque had been prepared for £30 in July; one for the VAT element is now required so the invoice can be paid in full.

CHEQUE NO.	DESCRIPTION/POWER	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
100863	Caroline Bedford 31 st August to 12 th October 2014 incl contribution for use of home office.	£161.77		£161.77
100863	Staples – inkjet cartridges	£43.32	£8.66	£51.98
100864	E.On Street lighting maintenance for quarter ending 30 Sept 2014	£47.88	£9.58	£57.46
100865	VAT element of BDO – external auditor’s invoice		£6.00	£6.00
100866	Northants County Council – parking in The Square project	£15,668.61	£3,133.73	£18,802.34
100867	E.On Electricity for Streetlighting to 30 th September 2014	£60.73	£3.04	£63.77
100868	Scott’s Landscapes – grounds maintenance for September 2014	£160.00	££32.00	£192.00

8 **Special Item – how to widen the scope of recruitment of Parish Councillors**
This topic was discussed and it was decided that, the Parish Council has a good representation of residents at present, with two co-opted members, a wide age range and a mixture of local businessmen and employees in the area. In addition Cllr Tucker has building and planning experience and Cllr Brookes represents the ladies which gives a good balance of views on the council.

9 **Councillors’ Comments**

9.1 Cllr Tucker reported an on-going issue with leaking hydrants, this matter has been reported to Anglian Water on several occasions but the problem has not been resolved. With the onset of colder weather he is concerned that this may freeze and cause accidents.

9.2 Cllr Collett said there is scope for new projects in the village as a significant amount of grant money will be available over the next few years. The prospect of installing Vehicle Activated Speed signs was discussed briefly – the first steps will be to meet an NCC representative on site to determine the best locations and then to select the most appropriate model to meet the village’s needs. This meeting will be scheduled in 2015. There is also the possibility that the Village Hall Committee might apply for a grant to upgrade the playground equipment and area.

9.3 The Chairman asked if meetings in 2015 could be scheduled for 7.45pm rather than 7.30pm – all were in favour.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 26th November 2014

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R Lainchbury – Chairman

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Date