

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MORETON PINKNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Held on Wednesday 1st April 2015

following the Annual Assembly at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Peter Davies	District Councillor
Gary Denby	

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2015 were read by all prior to the meeting and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Public Time

3.1 Mr Denby commented that the latest minutes on the website were in a different format from previous ones, and that they were more difficult to print out. The Clerk will contact Richard Lingard and ask if they can be put in pdf format as before.

3.2 Dist Cllr Davies commented that although minutes of previous meetings were on the website there was no mention of future meetings. The Clerk said that in future the agendas of forthcoming meetings would be posted, in accordance with the new Transparency Code.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 The Clerk has received confirmation from Lara Inglott that the un-metalled bridleway adjacent to Moreton Garage and Oak Lodge is not mowed by the NCC team, so has signed the agreement for the Parish Council to take on responsibility for the extra areas of mowing as previously discussed in exchange for the annual payment of £250.84.

4.2 Parking in the Square project – the work has been completed, and there has been quite a good response to the work, although some comments have been made about the height of the kerbs, this is apparently necessary as is it not an official parking area. Helen Howard has contacted the Clerk to say that the work was not as expensive as had been anticipated and the Clerk has received a cheque for £7148.42 as a refund. The Clerk will contact the grant providers and

ascertain where to send their percentage portion of the refunded money (less VAT).

- 4.3 A note has been put on the website about the amount of dog mess in the playing field – dog owners are reminded if your dog fouls in a public place and you do not clean it up you are breaking the Dog Control Order under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
- 4.4 The Clerk has reported the potholes in Leicester Lane, the one outside Fox Farm, two along Weston Road, one near Glebe Farm and one near the Weston turn – all of these have been instructed to be done.
- 4.5 The damage caused by a Tesco delivery van to a drain cover opposite the layby near Arnheim Houses – had been reported.
- 4.6 Damaged street light PL2 in Banbury Road that has had a temporary repair, Cllr Jalland has investigated and reported that the new light fittings are larger than previous ones so they are more prominent and prone to damage by HGVs. He suggested that a solution may be to turn the light fitting by 90 degrees so it doesn't protrude as much. The Clerk will contact E.on and ask if this will cost more than the previous quote for the permanent repair.

5. **Correspondence**

- 5.1 No-one has come forward to take on the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to date and there were no volunteers from the Annual Assembly, although Richard Holloway has offered to forward details of reports to Richard Lingard for further circulation.
- 5.2 The Clerk has handed in her resignation and the post of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer has been advertised with a closing date of 26th March for applications. Interviews have been arranged for 9th April.
- 5.4 An email has been received from Jane Wheeler, who has recently moved into the village. She had written to Helen Howard about the lorries which drive through the village, but, as previously discussed the 'No HGV signs' are advisory only.
- 5.5 Email received from Clemmie Reed about the Wings for Life Run circulated to Cllrs for information. The run will not pass through Moreton Pinkney this year but may still cause disruption to residents who wish to travel in the area on that day.
- 5.6 Copy of Clerks and Councils Direct received for circulation.
- 5.7 Letter from E.on about a forthcoming change in contract rates, unless a new contract is agreed by 1st May 2015 the rate per kWh will rise from 8.24p to 12.4p. The Clerk will contact E.on and see if a contract price is cheaper, or if another

supplier can be found, she will liaise with Cllr Jalland while the new Clerk is settling into post.

- 5.8 Email from the Clerk to Weston and Weedon Parish Council regarding issues with low water pressure in that parish, this does not appear to be an issue in Moreton.
- 5.9 End of year accounts paperwork received from BDO.
- 5.10 Email about promoting the Elections received, also the Notice of Election which has been put on the noticeboard.
- 5.11 A letter has been received from Katie Arnold, Grants Officer at South Northants Council, giving details of the deadlines for next year's grant panel meetings. Moreton Pinkney's current funding available for bids this financial year is £8,749.

6. **Planning**

- 6.1 Application for an Agricultural Worker's dwelling at The Stables, Unadopted Road, off Brook Street, Moreton Pinkney – refused.
- 6.3 Application for building for mixed agricultural and equestrian use at Lodge Barn Farm, Culworth Road, Sulgrave – approved.
- 6.4 Application for new conservatory at The Old Vicarage, Banbury Road, Moreton Pinkney - Cllrs studied the plans, no objections or comments were made – no decision to date.
- 6.5 Detached dwelling on land off Prestidge Row, Lower Green, Moreton Pinkney – appeal in progress.
- 6.6 Plans have been received for a revised scheme for change of use of existing barns to dwelling at Rye Hill Barn, Leicester Lane, Eydon - Cllrs studied the plans, no objections or comments were made – the Clerk will report to SNC accordingly.
- 6.7 Plans have been received for a single storey rear extension to a garage / workshop at Woodwaye, Plumpton Lane, Moreton Pinkney - Cllrs studied the plans, no objections or comments were made – the Clerk will report to SNC accordingly.
- 6.8 Plans have been received for the demolition of a temporary mobile home and the construction of a new farmhouse with detached garage block at Oxmoor Farm, Plumpton Lane, Moreton Pinkney - Cllrs studied the plans, no objections or comments were made – the Clerk will report to SNC accordingly.
- 6.9 Plans have been received today for the conversion of an existing barn to a dwelling and the erection of a new detached garage, with internal and external

alteration to the barn to accommodate the proposed use at Old Mill Farmhouse , Banbury Road, Moreton Pinkney – in view of the size and impact of this proposal it was decided to hold an extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss this in more detail and to obtain the views of neighbours and interested parties. The proposed date for this meeting is 15th April at 7.30pm in the village hall, subject to the availability of the hall. Some concern was expressed about the amount of flooding experienced in this area and whether the proposals might exacerbate this problem.

7. Accounts

CHEQUE NO.	DESCRIPTION/POWER	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
100882	Caroline Bedford 15 th February to 29 th March 2015 incl contribution for use of home office.	£164.75		£164.75
100883	PAYE for Caroline Bedford quarter ending 5 th April 2015	£77.20		£77.20

8 Councillors' Comments

- 8.1 Cllr Vincent reported on his investigations regarding the responsibility for maintenance of the war memorial, it is insured by the Church as it is on church land, but maintenance is the responsibility of the village as money to erect it was obtained by public subscription. In Middleton Cheney a separate committee was formed to deal with maintenance issues of the village's war memorial and it was decided that Moreton Pinkney could adopt the same principle, supported by the Parish Council as necessary. There are, apparently various sources of grant funding available for this type of project as and when they become necessary. Apparently there is an error, relating to a regiment of one of the men named on the memorial, which a relative would like corrected in the fullness of time.
- 8.2 Cllr Collet reported that the unadopted road over the ford at the bottom of Brook Street towards Fir Tree Bridge is in very poor condition – the Clerk will report it.
- 8.3 The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work over the past four and a half years and a presentation of flowers, a card and a gift was made on behalf of the Parish Councillors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 7.30pm

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R Lainchbury – Chairman

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Date