

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
OF THE MORETON PINKNEY PARISH  
Held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

Andrew Jalland	Chairman	
Ben Vincent		
Brian Collett		
Les Tucker		
Dorothy Brooke		
James Smith		
Peter Gaydon		
Gary Denby	Parish Clerk	
Judith Bryant	Margaret Goodwin	Tim Aber
Claire Poulton	Jane Wheeler	Barbara Keane
Hilary & Gordon Foxton	Simon Shephard-Walwyn	John & Lillion Richmond
Tim & Alison Eastwood		

**Welcome from the Acting Chairman Brian Collett**

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Ian Davies (SNC)	Report submitted to Parish Council
Richard Prior	PCSO Suppiah Graham (report sent)

2. **Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

These were received and approved for accuracy at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and are available at [www.moretonpinkney.info](http://www.moretonpinkney.info)

3. **Matters Arising from the minutes – none.**

4. **Reports received from village organisations**

- 4.1 PCSO Suppiah Graham – police report (Appendix A)
- 4.2 Margaret Goodwin, Secretary Short Mat Bowls Club 2018-19 (Appendix B)
- 4.3 Richard Prior – Moreton Pinkney Flood Warden – April 2019 (Appendix C)
- 4.4 Judith Bryant (Mrs) - Path Warden report 2019 (Appendix D)
- 4.5 Cllr Dorothy Brooke - Village Hall report April 2019 (Appendix E)
- 4.6 Hilary Foxton - Garden Club report on 2018-19 activities (Appendix F)
- 4.7 Simon Shephard-Walwyn – St Mary’s Church Warden (Appendix G)
- 4.8 Brian Collett - Moreton Pinkney Charities statement 2018/9 (Appendix H)
- 4.9 Cllr Andrew Jalland - Parish Council summary 2019 (Appendix I)
- 4.10 Cllr Peter Davies – SNC district council report April 2019 (Appendix J)

5. There being no further business the meeting closed at 08:20pm.

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Chairman

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Date

## **APPENDIX A: PCSO Suppiah Graham, Brackley Neighbourhood Team**

Brackley Police Station  
St James Road  
Brackley  
NN13 7XY



### **Annual Report March 2019**

The last 12 months has seen some changes to the teams based between Brackley and Towcester. PC Francesca SMITH has joined the Brackley team whilst PCSO Matthew TAYLOR has joined the Towcester team in a sponsored position for the Bugbrooke Parish. A sponsored PCSO is paid for by the parish and their sole responsibility is for that parish area. If you would like more information regarding sponsoring a PCSO please contact the team.

Nationally there have been increases in burglaries and thefts from vehicles. South Northants has experienced this also. Neighbourhood officers spend a considerable amount of time looking into these offences, reviewing CCTV, analysing trends and using local knowledge to build a picture of who may be committing these offences. We are pleased to report that a man, from Northampton, has been charged with a number of residential burglaries that took place on Christmas Day in Towcester. Another man, also from Northampton, has been charged with burglary following a series of offences committed in the Potterspury area.

Over recent weeks there have been some significant spikes in thefts from vehicles. These have been recorded across the area and clustered to a specific community over a particular night. Brackley, Milton Malsor & Blisworth saw a cluster of vehicles targeted between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March. Towcester and Syresham experienced similar between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March. It would appear that offenders have taken the opportunities provided by vehicles being left unlocked or with valuable property on display. Items reported to be stolen range from sunglasses to wallets and laptops. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of removing property and locking your vehicle. CCTV has shown us that offenders will try the door to a locked and empty vehicle and then move on. Unlocked vehicles are entered and searched and those with visible property are broken into. As of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 officers have identified two potential suspects for the recent thefts from vehicles as mentioned above. Work is being undertaken to collate all evidence sufficient for a charge to be laid once arrests have been made.

We often see comments on social media regarding a lack of Police in an area or that a crime would have been prevented if there were more Police about. Firstly access to social media is widespread and often local sites cannot prevent intrusion from people living outside of the area. Is it wise to suggest that our community is vulnerable to crime or is it better to stand united with the Police to fight this threat? Crime will always happen due to many social and economic factors but we can be better prepared to fight it as a cohesive community. Please support those people that work within your Community as emergency services, volunteers, clubs and organisations and help us make the area less attractive to criminals.

Your Neighbourhood Teams are based within the Community at Brackley and Towcester and are often the first port of call for an emergency as the closest Police resource. We also take on a plethora of other responsibilities in respect of safeguarding vulnerable people, working with educational establishments from an early intervention perspective, crime investigation and intelligence gathering. We use social media (Twitter) and Neighbourhood Alert in order to inform you about crime and incidents relevant to your area and some of the work that the team undertake. Unfortunately there are a lot of aspects of our work that we cannot report on due to the vulnerabilities of the persons involved.

Neighbourhood Alert is an email messaging system that all Schools, Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and community members can sign up to. Register your email address to receive up to date information. Sign up to Neighbourhood Alert Messaging System at

[www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

Towcester & Brackley currently have Street Watch schemes. Street Watch is the equivalent of a mobile Neighbourhood Watch. In addition it can cover the entire Community and tackle issues such as; vandalism, anti-social behaviour, drug abuse and dog fouling. If you are interested in helping your community and joining your Street Watch Scheme please contact a member of the team.

If you wish to have up-to-date crime statistics for your area then we recommend that you visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). Should you wish to discuss a particular issue or wish to meet a member of the team and discuss local trends then please contact either team via [NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@pnn.police.uk) or [NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk)

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in many ways. This includes ringing 101 or online. Northants Police's new website also offers a reporting system for

- A road traffic incident
- Missing person – no immediate harm
- Terrorist activity
- Fingerprints appointments – this could be asked for when travelling abroad
- Hate Crime/ Incident

So that your report can be managed as quickly as possible, it's important to consider the following information and have it ready to provide:

- the date and time the crime happened
- the location, such as address or road name along with the town or village
- a description of any people involved
- the details of any witnesses or suspects
- if you think there's any other evidence such as forensic evidence or mobile phone footage
- if there is clear CCTV footage of the offence being committed

#### **Date for Diary:**

**South Northants Community Fun day 10am-4pm 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019** Islington road Recreation grounds, Towcester

Free open public event which will include demonstrations from the Police, Fire and Ambulance. Crime prevention advice, bike marking and the Rural Crime Team. There will be many local voluntary, support and cadet organisations represented. Refreshments will be available for the duration of the event.

#### **Useful Links**

Northamptonshire Police Website <http://www.northants.police.uk/>

Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary: [vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk](http://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk)

Useful link for all matters related to driving: <http://think.direct.gov.uk/>

Please use this link to support your children's safety: <http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/>

This link will provide you with useful information to help protect yourself from scams - <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/spotting-a-scam/>

Trading Standards – Advice and help for consumers – Don't get caught out, find an approved trader: <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Community/trading/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously about crime: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>  
Fearless is a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime and criminality: <https://www.fearless.org/>

Report to South Northants Council: **Fly tipping, dog fouling, street lights, Litter, noise pollution and other issues.** [www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk)

Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours: <http://www.rics.org/uk/knowledge/consumer-guides/boundary-disputes-guide/>

Street Doctor: <http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/report-highway-problem.aspx>

### **Brackley Neighbourhood Policing Team**

#### ***APPENDIX B: Margaret Goodwin - Short Mat Bowls Club 2018-19***

Our Season started in September with 13 members. We now have 16. Our weekly club nights have been well attended.

We again entered the Wardington Charity Triples League with 5 other clubs. So far we have won 7 and lost 2 matches, with one more to play – but we have done enough to win the trophy!

Instead of our usual Christmas Meal here in the Village Hall, we all enjoyed a meal out at the New Inn, Abthorpe.

In February a team of 4 took part in the Middleton Cheney Tournament and after a close finish our team were announced as winners. We have enjoyed home and away friendly games against Leamington Hastings, new opponents for us.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April we will be holding our Annual Memorial Tournament and six clubs have been invited to compete for a trophy and shield. Our season will end with our AGM in May.

Overall the Bowls Club have had a successful year.

#### ***APPENDIX C: Richard Prior – Flood Warden report - April 2019***

Unlike last year, there has been no significant snowfall or heavy spells of rain this winter, which caused any flooding around the Moreton Pinkney Brook at the Banbury Road, or through to the Ford at Brook Street.

Although our little weather station down here at home showed ½" of rain in 1 hour on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018, and the wettest month of 2018 was December with over 3 inches of rain, but

apart from the usual streams of runoff water coming down the Banbury Road from both directions, the Brook coped without any problems.

We still receive regular weather updates from **Northamptonshire Emergency Planning Team** , but nothing that caused any worries to our area.

I took up the offer of a Flood Warden training day at Nene Whitewater Centre in Northampton on 26 th September 2018, including methods of Reducing Flood Risk, Watercourse management, & Ditch clearance. There was also a flood representative from Helmdon village on the same course, and comparing notes with him, we seem to have similar problems with road and field run-off during heavy and persistent downpours.

Again thanks to all who continue to care for the Brook and it's surrounding area through the village, it seems to have had a great effect on combatting flooding problems in the last few years.

Regards

Richard Prior ( Moreton Pinkney Flood Warden)

Old Mill House, Banbury Road, Moreton Pinkney. NN11 3SQ

Tel: 01295 768414

#### ***APPENDIX D: Mrs Judith Bryant - Path Warden report 2019***

Dear Mr Chairman,

Despite the continued dire financial predicament of our county council, we have managed to get some work done on our rights of way around the village. Firstly, at long last, improvement was made to the gateway onto the level crossing on Byway AV22. This has been a great success and vastly improves accessibility. We have also succeeded in having padlocks removed where they had been illegally placed on Footpath SD9.

As usual, there is more to be done. Currently, following the collapse of a footbridge, we are waiting for 2 new footbridges on Footpath AV3 which runs across the fields adjacent to Plumpton Lane. We are extremely lucky to have an excellent Senior Rights Of Way Officer (Katie Angel) at Northampton County Council. Katie has swiftly conducted inspections whenever I have reported a problem to her and can be relied on, despite budget cuts, to do her best to sort things out. The current awaited repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

Anyone spotting a problem along our rights of way can contact me and I'll try to sort it out. Alternatively, contact Northamptonshire County Council via their Street Doctor site. I will continue, armed with my trusty secateurs, loppers and pruning saw, to walk as many paths as possible in an effort to keep them passable.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Bryant (Mrs) [judith.bryant@gmail.com](mailto:judith.bryant@gmail.com)

## **APPENDIX E: Cllr Dorothy Brooke - Village Hall report April 2019**

The Village Hall has been kept busy this year with regular bookings of Yoga, The Auction, Bowls Club, Table Tennis, Parish Council, The Gardening Club and many other Private Bookings.

The main project this year was the installation of a new Ladies toilet. The Village Hall Committee managed to secure a grant of £5,000.00 from the New Homes Bonus Community Fund. The grant enabled the toilet area to be altered with new tiling and fittings and also to have much needed work carried out on the drains to accommodate the new facility.

We are happy that the 'Film Night' organised by Jane Wheeler and Barbara Keane continues to be a great success with large audiences enjoying an evening out, a great way for the community to get together. It was also nice that the children were invited to a free film showing that we understand was well attended and everyone enjoyed.

The Quiz Night was also well attended, we had a new Quiz Master, held a raffle, provided a bar and Pizza. Proceeds from the evening were put towards the running costs of the Village Hall.

Pub Night has also become a nice social event, meeting up with neighbours for a drink and fish and chips.

Christmas Eve 'Carols on the Green' has become one of the events that everyone seems to love. We must thank Richard Lingard who organises the carol singing and does such a splendid job of getting everyone to join in. Also Ben Vincent who, every year, kindly allows us to use his facilities so we can serve the mulled wine. We should also thank Father Christmas who is always good fun! The numbers who attend has certainly grown with a lot more visitors from outside the village. Thank you also to everyone who puts money in the bucket to donate to charity.

The Village Hall also welcomed a new caretaker, Deborah Lewis, who is doing a great job. Thank you also to Jane Wheeler who keeps the Village Hall diary, taking care of the bookings and so much more.

We are currently organising a 'Village Summer Fete' to be held on the 13 th July , we have received a lot of support but anyone wanting to get involved will be made very welcome. Please look out for the posters and notices advertising the day's events nearer the time.

Finally a BIG thank you to everyone who continues to support the Village Hall, we can't survive without you!

Dorothy Brooke  
Secretary MPVHC

## **APPENDIX F: Hilary Foxton - Garden Club report on 2018-19 activities**

Our acting chairperson stepped down during the year. The committee thanked Linda for her contribution in the role. Linda remains a member of the club.

Richard Lingard kindly returned as chairman, resigning (again!) last month, when I was elected chairman. The committee thanked Richard for stepping into the role again and for his very many years of service to the club as its chairman.

This year has been a busy one for the club with several events including -

- Garden competitions in both the spring and the summer, revealing lovely gardens in the village.
- The very popular Plant Sale which offers locally grown plants and a chance to catch up over coffee.
- The Annual Horticultural Show was particularly successful this year, with a record number of entries in the children's section, from our younger members.
- The Macmillan coffee morning raised £200.28 for the charity whilst providing an opportunity for friends and neighbours to meet up to drink coffee and eat cake!

Our Annual Dinner was upgraded this year, outside caterers provided a superb meal. Good food, a beautifully decorated Village Hall and great company provided for a very successful evening.

More recently the club has become affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society which provides many benefits to the club and its members. We are looking forward to a visit to RHS Wisley later in the year.

I would like to thank everyone in the committee who work so hard to make the club what it is and to provide an interesting programme for members. I am delighted to report that the whole committee was re-elected at the AGM, including Richard who will remain as a committee member.

Now in its 77<sup>th</sup> year, the club is showing no signs of ageing. The club is thriving, with membership growing, and the programme of events extending. We look forward to a successful year in 2019/20.

Hilary Foxton, chairman of the committee

## **APPENDIX G: Simon Shephard-Walwyn – St Mary's Church Warden**

### **Church Activities**

Our regular cycle of services aims to appeal to a wide cross-section of the village population, and we try to ensure that we welcome new villagers as well as more established residents. We are looking at ways to broaden the appeal of our services: for example, we held a special procession last Palm Sunday, featuring Esther the donkey. We also plan to hold a 'Hymns and Pimms' evensong later this year, when villagers will be invited to nominate their favourite hymns.

We were delighted to host the revival of the Christmas concert last December, and this will be repeated this year.

Of course, the Harvest Supper continues to be a popular event, and we will be holding another social event, such as the Beef and Beer evening, later in the year.

### **The building**

We were fortunate to have received a generous bequest, which has allowed us to reinstate the clock chimes.

This year, the old clock mechanism, which has stood at the back of church since the bells were re-hung, has been restored to full working order – thanks are due to Richard Gough, Ian Chappell, Martin Rowling and Steve Walker. A dedication service was held in February, led by the Archdeacon.

This year, we have not been faced with any issues as dramatic as we did with the lead theft, but maintaining an old building such as St Mary's does require regular work. We did have had to repair a roof leak last year.

### **Finances**

Since recovering from the roof theft in 2015 Moreton Pinkney Church's finances are looking fair. Expenses are higher than income but we do currently have a buffer in the bank. Perhaps of greater concern are the poor financial positions of the Peterborough Diocese and the Church of England which could ultimately have a negative impact on ministry in the benefice and this parish.

### **Volunteers**

Following her retirement in May 2018, we should also record our gratitude to Rosaline Gough for her many years of dedication as churchwarden.

We are very grateful to all those who continue to support our church – whether providing coffee and biscuits after church, flower arranging, cleaning the building, maintaining the graveyard, or serving on the PCC.

The church bells continue to be rung regularly, though the number of ringers is dwindling. We would welcome anyone who would like to learn the fascinating art of campanology.

### **A question for the Parish Council**

The path leading from the road to the church gate is in poor repair, and there is potentially a risk of injury. We believe this to be a public right of way, and so would request that you look into having this repaired?



## **APPENDIX H: Brian Collett - Moreton Pinkney Charities statement 2019**

The financial statement is presented below. The account balance is a healthy £1,247.77. This is reflected by a donation from the Safari Supper during 2018 for £404.

We received three applications for student grants and it was agreed we would award them £200 each. Short term assistance is available from the fund for anyone who has needs. This can be applied for in confidence to any one of the trustees:-

To date the Moreton Pinkney Charities has made 374 grants to higher education students through the youth assistance scheme.

The Moreton Pinkney Charities Trustees are

Mrs Elaine Nichols.

Rev Brian Fairbank.

Mr Brian Collett.

Mrs Audrey Keeves.

Statement of Accounts as at 01.04.2019

<b>Balance</b>	<b>01.04.2018</b>	<b>£363.54</b>	
Deposit	08.05.2018	£360.00	Rent to 31.03.2018
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£723.54</b>	
Interest	30.06.2018	£0.23	
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£723.77</b>	
Deposit	01.10.2018	£360	Rent to 30.09.2018
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£1,083.77</b>	
Deposit	16.10.2018	£366.50	Donation from supper
Deposit	16.10.2018	£37.50	Donation from supper
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£1,487.77</b>	
Cheque paid	31.10.2018	<b>-£200.00</b>	Student grant
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Cheque paid	31.10.2018	<b>-£200.00</b>	Student grant
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£887.77</b>	
Deposit	01.04.2019	£360.00	Rent to 31.03.2019
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£1,247.77</b>	

## **APPENDIX I: Cllr Andrew Jalland - Parish Council summary 2019**

Thank you very much everyone for attending this annual meeting of Moreton Pinkney. On reflection it has been quite a busy year for the Parish Council. I would first like to thank all councillors as they have had some quite tricky decisions to make this year and even though there have been some differences of opinion, the one thing we can rely on is that all councillors only want the best for the village. I would also like to thank our Footpaths Warden Judith Bryant. And Flood Warden Richard Prior for all that they do in their roles.

We lost two long-standing members of the Parish Council this year. Richard Lainchbury, who I think completed 9 years as Chairman, and Les Tucker who had served as a Councillor for many years. So a big thank you to them. This brings me onto the appointment of Peter Gaydon who has replaced Richard Lainchbury - a warm welcome to him and later this evening hopefully the second vacancy will be filled.

One of the most notable events in the village this year was the installation of a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign and hopefully a second sign later in the year with the help of public support funding. Two new benches commemorating the end of the first world war were also purchased with the help of funding from the new Homes Bonus scheme, one of which has been installed in front of the village hall. The second is awaiting installation.



We have recently appointed a new mowing contractor for the village and although they have completed only one cut so far, there was a very positive response from village members

about the quality of the work. Let's hope this continues.



At long last there has been news on the pub! Details of when it will open are not yet known but hopefully it won't be too long.

The Village Hall, probably Moreton Pinkney's most valuable asset, has benefited from funding available to the Parish Council via the New Homes Bonus scheme. Money has been well spent by the Village Hall Committee with the upgrade to the ladies toilet facilities, outside drainage repairs and soon to be new gutters and fascias.

Villager participation in tolts of activities held in the village continues to be high. Probably the most notable of these are the film nights here in the village hall, along with the fish and chip supper which is also available on the pub nights.

After many years absence, the Village Fete will be back! The date of 13<sup>th</sup> July has been set, so keep this date free.

On a more contentious note, whatever your feelings on the matter, HS2 has made a start. The works locally around Thorpe Mandeville, Greatworth and down to Aston le Walls could affect villagers greatly, as there will be various road closures for long periods.

On a personal note, and I am sure on behalf of everyone else as well, I would like to thank Gary our Parish Clerk for all his hard work, a lot of which goes unnoticed, but which is nevertheless very important.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for their offers and help and support to me whilst recovering from foot surgery. I may have been the only councillor to attend Parish Council meetings whilst plastered!! Sorry, in plaster!

Andrew Jalland, Parish Council Chairman.

### ***APPENDIX J: Cllr Peter Davies - South Northants District Council April 2019***

The past year has been dominated by the fallout from the financial failure of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC). Twelve months ago, NCC had just issued a Section 114 Notice, the local government equivalent of a bankruptcy notice. It should be noted that some other county councils have been hovering on the brink. They mostly claim the reason is the year-by-year reduction in central government funding and the increasing demands for child and adult social care. NCC looks after over a thousand children in social care.

Max Caller, the inspector appointed by the government concluded that a solution to NCC's financial problems was not achievable without a far-reaching reorganisation of local government. His recommendation was to abolish NCC and all seven district and borough councils. They would be replaced with two unitary councils; one in the north encompassing Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough and East Northants; one in the west taking in Daventry, south Northants and Northampton Borough.

Commissioners were appointed to take over the running of NCC. At the same time all the districts and boroughs were invited to submit proposals for the future governance of the county. Any new council had to have above 300,000 population, existing boundaries could not be divided and a single county proposal was not allowed.

In effect only Max Caller's proposal met all the criteria and in August all the councils, excepting for Corby, submitted a proposal in this sense to the Secretary of State. So far he has not replied but the councils are going ahead with planning on the assumption he will agree. One surprise element is that the commissioners have managed to achieve a balanced budget at NCC but there is still the outstanding debt to be dealt with.

SNC's successful partnership with Cherwell has to be unravelled. This process will be completed by June. In December an order was passed in parliament to delay elections that were due in 2019 until 2020. The timetable is likely to be:

- Parliament approves the new structures in May

- A 'shadow' West Northamptonshire Council (and a 'shadow' North Northamptonshire council) will be formed two weeks later. The WNC 'shadow' will comprise all of the members of the three councils comprising WNC plus those from NCC which represents this area.
- The two Shadow Councils will elect their shadow executive to prepare for Day 1.
- The new Unitary councils will come into being on 1 April 2020. SNC will cease to be a council on 1 April 2020.
- Elections to the new WNC and NNC unitaries will be on 7 May 2020.

Obviously there is a huge amount of preparatory work to ensure the new structures come into operation smoothly.

The number of SNC councillors represented in the new WNC will reduce from 42 to 21, so there will be an amalgamation of wards, but not of parishes.

SNC finances remain in good shape, with balanced budgets for 2019-20. The total amount available for funding community projects this year is over one million pounds. This includes all the New Home Bonus money that was previously allocated on an individual parish basis. Over the past four years SNC has provided £3.5 million in community funding.

SN population is currently 89,960 and rising. 83% of the working age population is employed and employment levels rose 9.7% last year.