

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11th MARCH 2024

AT MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr K BriggsThomas, Cllr G Brown, Cllr C Bullock, Cllr J Davey, Cllr P Davis-White, Cllr L Moxon-Jones, Cllr S McDermott (Chairman), Cllr G Wilkes, Cllr P Yuille, Shropshire Cllr R Tindall

In Attendance: Officer S D Skurr (Clerk)

Members of the public: 3

24.19 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

24.20 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES – Cllr R-L Brown, Cllr J Cantrill, Cllr A Pitchers.

24.21 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – None

24.22 PUBLIC SESSION – No Issues

24.23 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY 2024

Cllr J Davey drew attention to an error on item 24.17 regarding the commitment by Shropshire Council to have road repairs last for the life of the road. This to be amended to 90% of the repairs. All agreed to accept the minutes subject to the amendment being made. Cllr P Yuille proposed acceptance and Cllr J Davey seconded.

24.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr P Yuille advised the Council that she had completed the mapping of the parishes.

24.25 ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE

Chris Rowe is progressing with cleaning gullies and drains throughout the Parishes as identified through the surveys and Cllr observations.

24.26 BIODIVERSITY POLICY UPDATE

The draft Biodiversity Plan includes Green corridors/Natural Flood Management [NFM] and Restore Shropshire Verges Project [RSVP]. The MiddleMarch Community Land Trust conferences that Cllr P Yuille & Clerk S Skurr attended have proved very useful for learning about both and for networking. Cllr P Yuille is working on Green Corridors/NFM along Mor Brook and it's catchment with the National Trust and a representative of Shropshire Council. The Chairman of RSVP has said he will do a site visit in April and look at the verges that Cllr P Yuille has identified as possibilities.

+24.27 ROAD SAFETY FUNDING

Cllr J Davey expressed an interest in funding for Road Safety, though there are many criteria to meet. He has looked at 'The Road Safety Trust' and would like to see some calming measures introduced in Morville. Cllr Davey has suggested that a working group is set up to investigate further. Cllr P Yuille, Cllr K BriggsThomas and Cllr L Moxon-Jones have some information. Investigation to establish:

- 1) What funding streams are available?
- 2) What goals do the Council want?

Cllr P Yuille, Cllr P Davis-White and Cllr L Moxon-Jones volunteered, Cllr J Davey to co-ordinate.

24.28 ST GREGORY'S CLOSE

Cllr S McDermott met with the School representatives from the Diocese of Hereford, who manage the school, and it was agreed that they and Morville Parish Council are willing to contribute and share the cost of repairing the section of St. Gregory's Close that leads to the entrance to the school car park. Cllr R Tindall and Cllr S McDermott emailed Shropshire Council requesting a contribution of 50% of the total cost of the repairs. Shropshire Council has indicated that they have passed responsibility to Star Housing.

Cllr S McDermott has written to Star Housing, making them aware of their responsibility to contribute 50%. Morville Parish Council has obtained two quotes and are awaiting a further two quotes. Two options have been discussed; 1) To patch the road as a short term measure, 2) To carry out a full refurbishment and propose that the road be adopted by Shropshire Council.

Cllr S McDermott will make enquiries to see if the CIL money can be used. It was noted that the School have earmarked funds for the repairs.

24.29 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Tindall's report covered Agenda items.

24.30 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT The Planning Inspectors are continuing to scrutinise the Local Plan. Cllr S McDermott is communicating with other Parish Councils.

24.31 CLERK'S REPORT – Financial matters, to advise the Council in section 24.33.

24.32 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

- It was noted that The Planning Application for Highclear, Monkhopton submitted by Mr Will Pugh has now been modified to accommodate the objections raised. Cllr R Tindall stated that Highclear must be regarded as a settlement and took photos of the signpost on a recent visit.
- Cllr R Tindall is to meet with the Planning Officer at Home Farm Monkhopton on Thursday 11th April, several Cllrs expressed a wish to join the visit. Morville PC will contact the Agent, Ms Dyanne Humphries to advise of Cllr numbers.

24.33 FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk advised the Council of significant progress with Scribe accounting software and produced an example report.

Morville PC is now registered for PAYE and the Clerk asked the Council to approve the adoption of DMPayroll Services. Cllr S McDermott proposed, Cllr K BriggsThomas seconded, All in agreement.

A list of outstanding invoices and Clerk's expenses were distributed to Councillors for approval. Additional approvals for payment: Conference donation - £40.00, Purchase of replacement Defibrillator Pads - £64.74 and reimbursement to Cllr L Moxon-Jones - £14.68 for providing refreshments and heating (£6.00) for the First Aid Training day.

Cllr G Brown proposed, Cllr C Bullock seconded, All in agreement.

24.34 INFORMATION ITEMS

Cllr P Davis-White to take on monitoring of the Defibrillators.

Cllr C Bullock noted that the First Aid Course had good feedback and several members of the Council suggested that another should be held in the autumn.

24.35 PARISH MATTERS

A grant application was made by the Mother and Baby Group for a donation to replace play equipment which deteriorated in a shed throughout Covid. (This application was too late to add to the Agenda}. The Council agreed a figure of £250.00. Proposed by Cllr C Bullock, seconded by Cllr L Moxon-Jones, All in favour.

Cllr K BriggsThomas Proposed that the Council should adopt a Social Media Policy – Cllr S McDermott agreed to consider this.

Cllr P Yuille advised the Council that Brown Clee Medical Practise have found a new Partner.

24.36 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Social Media Policy

Flooding

Discuss Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting ended at 19.56

Signed

Date: May 13th 2024

Chairman