

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

### AT MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL

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

**In Attendance:** Sarah D Skurr - Clerk to the Council  
Members of the public: 2

#### **24.37 WELCOME**

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

**24.38 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES** – Cllr J Cantrill, Cllr J Davey, Cllr A Pitchers.

**24.39 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – None

**24.40 PUBLIC SESSION** – No Issues

#### **24.41 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

Cllr P Yuille proposed acceptance and Cllr G Brown seconded. All in favour.

**24.42 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** - None

#### **24.43 BIODIVERSITY POLICY UPDATE**

The draft Biodiversity Plan includes the Restore Shropshire Verges Project and Green corridors/NFM. Rebecca Haddon-Gill and Star Housing have now agreed a scheme for the verge in front of St Gregory's Close. Cllr P Yuille is currently concentrating on the Green corridors/NFM project, working with the National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Shropshire Council. There is a site visit by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust [WWT] on 14<sup>th</sup> June and a site visit by the National Flood Forum to consider the formation of a Local Flood Action Group is imminent. As secretary of Bridgwalton Quarry Habitat Management & Restoration Group [HMRG], Cllr P Yuille is having meetings with Salop Sand & Gravel [SS&G] about their Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion.

#### **24.44 ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

Cllr L Moxon-Jones presented a report from the Road Safety Group. The aims of the Group are to improve road safety in Morville Parish with a working aim to get vehicles to observe the speed limits on the B4368 within the Parish. The Group have identified some general actions in terms of looking at funding sources, past work in this area, and liaising with relevant bodies. Specific actions will include Police involvement, Shropshire Council help, and Publicity through social media. They will also work to gauge the opinion of Parishioners. The Group are aware that this is a long-term task and acknowledge the need for expediency as and when funding sources become available.

It was suggested that Councillors vote to contact Nick Newton, the Highways Engineer for Shropshire Council to request VAS signs, preferably speed cognisant. Cllr P Yuille suggested that white gates could come within her Verges Project. Proposed by Cllr S McDermott, seconded by Cllr P Davis-White. All in favour.

#### **24.45 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FORMAT**

It was agreed that the Council put the subject of the Annual Parish Meeting on the January meeting Agenda in 2025. It was also proposed that the Police report should be early on the Agenda to allow the PCSO/s attending, time to present their findings.

**24.46 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Attached at the end of the minutes.

**24.47 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – Attached at the end of the minutes.

#### **24.48 CLERK'S REPORT**

- Scribe set up and running, all invoices and income have been entered from 1st April 2023
- Bank Recs completed and year closed
- Reports available
- Meeting with Auditor, he has folder with all necessary documents for the AGAR. He will return with comments at the end of this week.
- VAT report ready to send to HMRC for recovery
- MPC now set up for PAYE
- Payroll services set up, reports and payslips can now be generated
- Invoices approved tonight will be paid online through Lloyds AC

#### **24.49 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

- 1) **Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion - Salop Sand And Gravel Supply Co Ltd Bridgwalton Quarry Morville Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 5NR**  
**Salop Sand & Gravel scoping opinion at present, not yet applied for planning**
- 2) **Erection of annexe accommodation ancillary to main dwelling - Aldenham Mill Acton Round Bridgnorth Shropshire**  
**No comments from the Council**
- 3) **Demolition of rear lean to extension and erection of single storey and two storey extensions at the rear and sides to provide subservient accommodation, removal of conservatory repair of garden wall and six stables and creation of archway in wall for pedestrian access, erection of swimming pool, loggia and gazebo - Stable House Morville Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 4RN**  
**No comments from the Council**

#### **24.50 FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

The Councillors were presented with the Annual Return and the Clerk provided a brief explanation of variances. A summary of receipts and payments was provided as created by Scribe, the accounting software. The councillors were asked to approve payments as listed: Environmental Maintenance £81.00, Web Host renewal £120, SALC £416.29, IT services £30.50, Clerk's expenses £953.70 = Wage £741.05, HMRC £185.20. Cllr C Bullock proposed, Cllr G Brown seconded. All in favour.

**24.51 INFORMATION ITEMS - None**

**24.52 PARISH MATTERS**

This item was brought forward and presented between items 24/46 and 24/47.

A Parishioner attended to present for consideration his application for a single plot affordable home on land owned by himself and his family and which he and his wife intend to retire to. They have strong local links having lived in the area for many years.

Cllr S McDermott proposed, Cllr C Bullock seconded. All in favour.

The Parishioner left the meeting at 19.45.

**24.53 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

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**ST GREGORY'S CLOSE**

Due to the confidential nature of this business it was proposed by Cllr S McDermott, seconded by Cllr R-L Brown and agreed by all that the public were asked to leave whilst sensitive issues were discussed.

Meeting ended at 20.30

Signed

Date: June 3rd 2024

Chairman

**Morville Parish Council**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Agenda Item 24/46. Shropshire Councillor's Report**

First, many will have heard on Shropshire Council's efforts to balance its budget. One area that will impact directly on residents will be the possible closure of one of the two HRCs in South Shropshire- these being at Bridgnorth and at Craven Arms. Alternatively there has been a suggestion that the HRCs are closed one day a week and a system of prior booking introduced. The other suggestion is that residents pay £52 per year to have their garden rubbish taken away.

I have experience of all three proposals with another local authority and the system works well.

Secondly, despite the huge back log (largely caused by chronic underfunding over many years), Shropshire Council is trying to catch up with road repairs in general and potholes in particular. When residents report a problem on FixMyStreet there doesn't seem to be a method of copying the local councillor in so it is difficult for me to follow what has and what has not been done. I will try and see if the programme can be amended to accommodate such a function. If I personally report a problem I like, all others, do get informed when the work has been completed.

Thirdly, Shropshire Council's Local Plan is still being reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate who have raised questions regarding the Green Belt.

Finally, and as ever, if there are any problems in the parish, please let me know and I will see what I can do to help.

CLlr Robert Tindall  
Brown Clee Electoral Division  
Shropshire Council

9th May 2024

## Chairman's Report for May 13th 2024

### Agenda item 24/47

At our March meeting, it was agreed that I should consider composing a Social Media policy for the PC. Although I have considered it, I have not composed it. After reading similar policies adopted by other Parish Councils, I came to the conclusion that it really isn't necessary for Morville PC to adopt complex regulations for the way our Facebook page is used – it is primarily for providing information to its readers. Our website already contains a page of Terms and Conditions that covers all the necessary legal aspects.

For instance, the Facebook page currently includes a post informing parishioners of the Shropshire Council consultation regarding possible closure of local waste disposal sites, and the possibility that green bin collections will be charged for. This consultation closes on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

An application form has been received from Shropshire Council for an EMG Grant for this year. Last year we didn't apply for this, and I would suggest that we don't apply this year either. Our expenditure on Environmental Maintenance didn't add up to the £1500 that would match-fund the grant - our contractor, Chris Rowe, was able to carry out all of the work that was needed for far less than this. This would have necessitated re-payment of a significant percentage of the grant, and considerable ensuing administrative work for our Clerk. Cllr S McDermott proposed, Cllr P Yuille seconded. All in favour.

We continue to be very grateful to the volunteer parishioners who pick up a variety of litter from the roadsides around the parish.

The Examination of the SC Draft Local Plan is continuing, and we have been invited to make a submission to the consultation that is currently open until June 11<sup>th</sup>. The section of the DLP that is particularly relevant to Morville Parish is that concerning the updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper. Cllr. Pitchers and myself have been assessing and discussing this, and, if councillors agree, I propose to complete our submission within the next couple of weeks. Cllr P Yuille proposed, Cllr G Brown seconded. All in favour.

I have been in contact with STAR Housing, who are now responsible for the upkeep of St Gregory's Close, which is confirmed by the Land Registry as owned by Shropshire Council. Discussions are ongoing, and I hope to be able to present a further report at our July meeting.