

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10th March 2025

AT MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr K BriggsThomas, Cllr G Brown, Cllr R-L Brown, Cllr J Cantrill, Cllr J Davey, Cllr P Davis-White, Cllr L Moxon-Jones, Cllr G Wilkes, Cllr P Yuille,

In Attendance: Sarah D Skurr - Clerk to the Council
Members of the public: 13

25.21 The Clerk welcomed all to the Village Hall

25.22 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr S McDermott (Chairman), Cllr A Pitchers, Cllr C Bullock, Shropshire Cllr R Tindall.

In the absence of the Chair the Clerk read out the Apologies and called upon the Council to elect a temporary Chair for this meeting. Cllr G Brown proposed Cllr J Davey as Chair and Cllr P Yuille seconded. All in favour.

25.23 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr L Moxon-Jones declared an interest in a planning application (25.33)

25.24 PUBLIC SESSION

A group of parishioners from Morville attended the meeting.

One parishioner, Coll MacDonald highlighted the danger to pedestrians when walking the footpath between the Acton and the school and requested clearance of the soil and vegetation that has caused it to become narrowed.

The second, Chris Brown welcomed the funding for the SIDS to help with reducing traffic speed in the village but highlighted statistical data that shows that the best results are achieved when multiple measures are in place. He urged the council to support the funding of White gates.

25.25 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th January 2024.

Cllr P Yuille proposed, Cllr Moxon-Jones seconded. All in favour.

25.26 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

25.27 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Shropshire Councillor Robert Tindall had hoped to be present at the meeting but was unable to do so. Cllr J Davey read his report to the Council (written report on page 5).

25.28 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk provided an updated spreadsheet for income and expenditure, additional papers requiring payment approval including replacement lighting for the defibrillator phone box and a copy of the financial reserves policy. The Chair proposed that discussion on Financial matters be postponed until Cllr A Pitchers is available for comment.

25.29 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – No report at this time

25.30 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk advised the Council that the Election papers would be distributed at the end of the meeting and further information on the Election would be sent via email. Election notices were distributed for posting on the Parish noticeboards.

25.31 ROAD SAFETY REPORT

Cllr P Yuille distributed a report prior to the meeting, updating the Council on progress of the road safety measures in Morville:

1 Morville SIDs

The Council has received a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office for the cost of the SIDs not including £200 for installation which will be paid from the Council's Reserves. Cllr P Yuille proposed that the order be placed immediately in order that the invoice is paid within the time frame dictated by the grant. Cllr P Davis-White seconded, All in favour.

2 Morville White Gates

Cllr P Yuille has obtained a quote for 4 x White Gates at a cost of £4,317 + VAT with a further £1,000 for installation. The Council asked for clarification of the expenditure and what benefit was hoped to be gained. Cllr P Yuille noted that in areas where SIDs and White Gates are installed together the traffic calming is more effective. Cllr P Davis White and Cllr K BriggsThomas raised concerns about the cost to the Council and it was noted that further quotes would be desirable. Cllr P Yuille suggested that there are few companies conducting this work and that the Council should go ahead with the order as quoted by JACS. Cllr Yuille asked that a record be kept of Cllrs votes on this matter although no objections were raised in principal. Cllr L Moxon-Jones proposed that the order should be placed and Cllr P Yuille seconded. All in favour.

3 Morville Footpath

Cllr P Yuille obtained a quote of £2,000 plus VAT to clear the path between Acton Arms and the School. Several Councillors suggested that the quote is too high and that further investigation is needed, the Council proposed that a decision is deferred until further quotes can be obtained.

25.32 BIODIVERSITY POLICY UPDATE

- a) Cllr L Moxon-Jones reported that she is in the process of finalising an application on behalf of MPC to the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust's conservation fund, as discussed and agreed at the January MPC meeting.
The project title is 'Study and Monitoring of Pine Martens & Dormice within Shropshire Hills National Landscape area'. The funding, if successful, will pay for 3 x trail cameras and accessories, 25 x dormice boxes, and associated training and installation costs.
The grant sought is for approximately £1800, excluding in-kind funding which must be at least 25% of that sum. Cllr LMJ explained that the project will contribute towards fulfilling the council's Local Nature Recovery Plan obligations, in halting the decline of species abundance. She stated that she would let councillors know whether or not the application is successful.
- b) Cllr P Yuille asked the Council to approve the proposed RSVP which will increase wildflower growth and address the species abundance goals of the Council. Each cut will cost £1,500. Up to three cuts are needed in the first year and one or two in subsequent years. The first cut needs to be made between 10th March and 5th April.
Cllr G Brown proposed, Cllr G Wilkes seconded. All on favour.

25.33 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

- a) The Chair proposed that the Procedure for commenting on planning applications submitted by Cllr A Pitchers should be deferred until Cllr Pitchers is available to discuss
- b) Poplar Cottage - refused at Planning
Campsite at Hurst Farm - refused at Planning
- c) Erection of agricultural building at Meadowly Farm – Granted at Planning
- d) Discharge of condition 5 at Beaconhill - No comment

- e) <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SRUIDGTDFWQ00>
Cllr L Moxon-Jones left the room (see point 25.23) No objections were raised.

25.34 THE MORVILLE ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

Cllr K BriggsThomas presented a report on the work carried out for the Morville Annual Community Event (Formerly the Annual Parish Meeting) by the volunteer group.
(Full report on page 4)

25.35 INFORMATION ITEMS

- Cllr J Davey acting as Chair advised the Council that, given the Local Plan has been scrapped by SCC there is little to be gained by commenting further on the Taseley Village proposal at this time.
- Openreach are hoping to upgrade the Broadband offering in some of the Parishes. Cllr J Davey and Cllr K Briggs Thomas met with Openreach representatives prior to the meeting to gain further insight into their offering.

25.36 PARISH MATTERS - None

25.37 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Update on SLT grant application

25.38 NEXT MEETING – Monday May 12th 2025

Meeting ended - 20.27

Signed
Chairman

Date: 10/03/25

THE MORVILLE ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT MAY THE 19TH 2025

This event strives to provide members of the community the opportunity to meet whilst also accessing local service providers in a welcoming & friendly environment. Mostly informal, people can freely move around and talk with each and every one, whilst small stands will guide them to the services on offer, opening the opportunity to network, discuss any concerns and make suggestions. An information table/board will be on display for local clubs, business's etc who are not exhibiting to showcase information.

We will have seating & tables, with free refreshments available.

Event Time Plan

6pm: Exhibitor set up.

6:30pm: Doors open to public to access exhibitors & refreshments.

7:00pm: Exhibitors pause, welcome message & chairman's report.

7:10pm: Morville Community Award presentation.

7:20pm: Morville Parish Meeting officially closed. Public continue to access exhibitors & refreshments.

8:30pm: Doors close to public & clear away.

Exhibitors

To include: Village hall committee, WI, Police, Fire & Rescue, National Trust, Morville PCC. Full list to be confirmed.

MPC Stand

This is an opportunity to meet parishioners & informally chat or discuss current & previous MPC projects, road safety for example.

Notes to be made of any public concerns raised & discussed.

Stand information

- Photos of clerk & councillors, with additional information.
- Planning information.
- Suggestions/comments box.
- 2025 MPC meeting dates.
- Facebook page & website

Parishioners and Councillors

We are hoping for a good turnout of local people, responding to the promotion and award presentation.

Hopefully Councillors representing all our wards will be present to meet their electors in person.

REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR ROBERT TINDALL

My report is as follows:

1. Shropshire Council has decided not to try to rectify the problems pointed out by the Planning Inspectorate to its Local Plan. Instead, the Council will start work on a new Plan. This does mean however that there will now be a free for all as the county will no longer be able to control planning development through a Local Plan.
2. I see in the Bridgnorth Journal that the road, and I quote "*from Foggy Lane junction to Harpswood Bridge, Middleton Priors*" will be resurfaced during the next municipal year 2025/2026. Exact dates are not yet known.
3. As I am sure you know I am not standing at the Local Elections on the 1st May. Having been a Shropshire Councillor for the 16 years since its inception and as a Bridgnorth District Council Councillor for four years before that I feel the time has come to retire. May I thank you all for putting up with me for so long and for your support. I wish the very best for Morville Council in the future.

Robert Tindall

Shropshire Councillor for the Brown Clee Electoral Division

(please acknowledge safe receipt of this email, many thanks)

Best wishes,

Robert Tindall

Shropshire Councillor for the Brown Clee Electoral Division

