

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12th May 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: 5

25.39 The Clerk welcomed all to the Village Hall

25.40 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr J Cantrill

25.41 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

25.42 PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Mike Skinner spoke to the Council on behalf of five families with regard to their concerns regarding road safety on the A458. Please see **APPENDIX A**
In response to this it was suggested that Cllr G Hollyhead arrange a meeting with Parishioners.

25.43 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th March 2025.
Cllr P Davis-White proposed, Cllr P Yuille seconded. All in favour.

25.44 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

25.45 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Newly appointed Shropshire Councillor, George Hollyhead introduced himself and assured those in attendance that he is keen to listen to them. Cllr P Yuille advised him that the Council are very keen to improve road safety throughout the Parishes and the County and gave Cllr G Hollyhead a brief overview of the Council's work to provide SID's and White Gates in Morville. Cllr L Moxon-Jones suggested that a 50mph limit county-wide would be desirable.

25.46 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr J Davey advised the Council that he would like to set up three sub-committees to concentrate specifically on these aspects of council business:

1. Road Safety Committee – with focus on the B4368 and the A458
2. Planning Committee
3. Footpath Committee

25.47 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk advised the Council that the AGAR had been completed and that it will be necessary to have an external audit as funds have exceeded £25,000. The Clerk provided the Councillors with their 'Acceptance of Office' forms to sign following the election at the beginning of the month.

25.48 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. To agree the Financial Reserves Policy, Cllr A Pitchers advised the Council that funds should be designated into three separate accounts:
 1. Current account - £9,000
 2. General reserve account - £6,000
 3. Reserve account – Specifically for CIL money (Community Infrastructure Levy)Proposer Cllr G Brown, seconded by Cllr K BriggsThomas. All in favour.

- b. The Clerk provided an updated spreadsheet for income and expenditure. Cllr A Pitchers presented the accounts as listed. The Council reviewed the income & expenditure as at 30th April 2025, the bank accounts and bank rec at 30th April 2025, the budget for 2025/26 and the end of year account. Cllr A Pitchers proposed acceptance of the accounts, Cllr L Moxon-Jones seconded. All in favour.

The Clerk provided copies of the AGAR prior to the meeting for the Council to approve sections 1 & 2. Cllr P Davis-White proposed and Cllr A Pitchers seconded. All in favour.

The Clerk asked the Council to approve invoice payments and Clerk salary. Cllr K BriggsThomas proposed, Cllr P Yuille seconded. All in favour.

25.49 ROAD SAFETY REPORT

- a. The Clerk advised the Council that Morelock Signs, the company supplying the SIDs has indicated that they hope to install at the end of this month.
- b. The Clerk had spoken to JACS, the company supplying the White Gates in Morville and obtained an installation date of 07/06/25
- c. Cllr P Yuille reported that the footpath in Morville between the Acton Arms and the school has been cleared, she led a working party of volunteers and the soil and vegetation was collected and deposited on local land with prior agreement. Cllr J Davey, Cllr P Davis-White and Cllr P Yuille volunteered to be on the new Road Safety Committee.

25.50 BIODIVERSITY POLICY UPDATE

- a. Cllr Moxon-Jones reported having obtained a grant, on behalf of MPC, from the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust, for a project on the study and monitoring of pine martens and dormice and said their first training day had gone very well.
- b. Cllr P Yuille said that Parishioners she has spoken to are happy with the litter-picking and verges management. She advised that SC would collect bags after litter-picking but volunteers will have to be found to conduct the task and asked that Councillors advertise via social media.

25.51 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

- a. Cllr A Pitchers presented the Planning Applications Procedure document. Cllr J Davey has suggested setting up a Planning Committee, comprising Cllr G Wilkes, Cllr R-L Brown, Cllr P Davis-White and Cllr J Davey. The Council wish to minute a 'Thank You' to Cllr A Pitchers for creating the planning document.
- b. The Council reviewed the planning applications presented on the agenda.
 1. Ref 24/01156/SCO – No comment
 2. Ref 25/01164/EIA – No Comment
 3. Ref 25/00981/AGR – N/A
 4. Ref 25/01336/DIS – N/A

25.52 THE MORVILLE ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

Cllr K BriggsThomas advised the Council of the final details for the first

Morville Annual Community Event, confirming volunteer rotas and list of exhibitors.

APPENDIX B

25.53 INFORMATION ITEMS - None

25.54 PARISH MATTERS – Cllr K BriggsThomas noted that a parishioner had complained about flooding. Cllr P Yuille advised that the Council cannot help in this matter but there is a local Flood Action Group (FAG) who can provide information.

25.55 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING - None

NEXT MEETING – Monday July 14th 2025

Meeting ended - 20.40

Signed
Chairman

Date: 14/07/25

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Morville, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 4RN.**

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What3WordsSatNav USE WV16 4RS [nearest to Park Grange]

To Morville Parish Council 12-5-2025

I speak on behalf of :

Phil & Mel Rowley, Poplar Cottage [Rowley Racing]

Alex & Christie Macdonald Aston House

Tim & Caroline Heatley, Park Farm

Carol Skinner, Park Grange

Pat Legg , Fairfield farm

I have come to ask for assistance in getting the County Council and Police to implement some measures to regulate traffic speeds and improve road safety along the local stretch of the A458. We are particularly asking for action regarding the stretch of road between Morville Village and Muckley Cross/Beggar Hill – although many of the problems on this part of the A458 exist along its length between Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury.

Problems:

URGENT:

1] Road surface and markings very poor or worn away - Poplar Cottage to Beggar Hill Top.
Central and Verge lines together with Ghost Island Hatching. Cat's Eyes missing.

2] Double white lines could help on some sections with limited vision.

3] Sections of road surface require attention.

LONGER TERM

4] We believe a 50mph speed limit would significantly improve road safety.

5] ACCIDENTS

There have been many [mostly unreported to Police] collision involving vehicles [Cars, Lorries and Tractors] turning right into House and Field entrances over the past 25 years.

I know of accidents at Poplar Cottage, Deercote Lane, Aston House, Aston Farm, Park Grange, Park Farm, Aldenham Weir and Rose Cottage

Many of these are anecdotal and unreported as there is only vehicle damage but several have resulted in injury and visits to hospital with several fatalities.

6] SPEEDING

There is very little speed monitoring on this road and this is clearly needed. There are numerous gaps in hedgerows where vehicles have left the road at speed.

There are many anecdotal reports in conversation with local drivers who have been travelling at or near the 60 mph limit and being overtaken at speed.

Many Parish Councillors will be aware of the Motorcycle race from an assembly point near to Bridgnorth to a finish point in North Wales. .Motorcycles are regularly seen speeding at weekends and holidays.

Many attempts at asking for an adequate resolution to these issues have met with only partial success.

Improved road marking near Morville School in 1998

Speed Limit in Morville village reduced from 60 to 40 mph in 2002 and then to 30 mph in 2008.
Crash Barrier outside Morville School around 2005?
Some white lining and Ghost Islands in 2009

We ask for a concerted effort to implement an action plan to meet all these concerns to prevent further injury and/or fatalities.

Mike Skinner

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.