

SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at South Moreton School

Present: Cllrs L. Deeley (Chair), W. Brown, T. Kendall, D. Ayres and S. Hart.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk) and District Cllr J. Murphy.

1. Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)

Cllr Deeley reported that a resident had asked when The Crown would reopen. Cllr Kendall confirmed that it is hoped it will open in early April.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors

District Cllr Murphy reported that a £218m deal for infrastructure for Didcot has been agreed.

Cllr Murphy also suggested the residents club together to obtain better Broadband. She agreed to send details of the scheme the Parish Council.

3. Apologies for absence

There were none.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that today she had received a response from HMRC regarding the over claimed VAT of £1923.24. The Clerk will find out about repaying the VAT by cheque as the Council does not currently have electronic banking.

7. Agree Accounts for Payment

The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerk's Salary and expenses	432.00		432.00
HMRC - PAYE	108.00		108.00
OALC – Subscription	115.81	23.16	138.97

8. To appoint and Internal Auditor

Cllr Ayes proposed that IAC be appointed as Internal Auditor this was seconded by Cllr Hart.

9. To agree review of Council Policies

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Risk Assessment
- Complaints Procedure
- Freedom of Information Policy

The policies were reviewed and Cllr Deeley proposed they were adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Kendall.

10. To consider Recreation Ground Matters

All is well on the recreation ground. The school has offered a set of goal posts and basketball hoops to the Council however it was agreed to ask why the school could not use them before accepting the offer.

It was agreed to mark out a rounders pitch and football pitch.

11. To consider Allotment Matters

There are two available allotments. It was agreed they should be offered to residents before being offered to existing plot holders.

12. To consider public footpath and highways matters

Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence

Dr Templeman had written to the Council regarding his concerns about the letting of the school sports hall. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the increase in fees and 10pm finish time were not unreasonable. The Clerk will compare with other local facilities and respond to Dr Templeman.

14. Items for report and inclusion on the next Agenda

Cllr Kendall will write to the owner of the abandoned car.

15. To agree a date for the next meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May 2019 in the school.