

South Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2017 at South Moreton School

Present: Cllrs L Deeley (LD) Chairman, T Kendall (TK), W Brown (WB), S Hart (SH), and Mr and Mrs Searle.

2.1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Murphy (SODC), D Ayres (SMPC)

2.2 To receive declaration of interests

WB declared a pecuniary interest in item 2.6b and withdrew from the meeting for that item. Councillors were reminded to review their Register of Interests forms.

2.3 To receive comments from the public

a. It was AGREED that the Hughes be requested to cut hedges along footpaths bounding their fields.

b. There was a lengthy discussion on activities of the Crown Action Group.

The Group requested £5000 + vat for a barrister (or £2500 + vat for junior barrister) to represent the Group at a tribunal on 18 July 2017. The motion was defeated by 3-1.

2.4 To consider the minutes of the 3 May 2017 meeting

It was AGREED that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and were signed by LD.

2.5 To consider planning applications received since the last meeting

The following planning applications had been registered in the period:

16 May 2017: P17/S1569/FUL: Chislehurst Hithercroft South Moreton OX11 9AL
New four bedroom dwelling with garage.

16 May 2017: P17/S1567/FUL: Chislehurst Hithercroft South Moreton OX11 9AL
Demolish existing dwelling and ancillary buildings. Replace with new four bedroomed house with double garage and gym/office over.

25 May 2017: P17/S1956/DIS 5 Crown Lane South Moreton OX11 9AQ
Discharge of Condition 4 Proposed external materials. P17/S0299/FUL Demolition of single storey element of existing house and detached garage. Construction of a replacement 2 storey side extension. Construction of a new detached dwelling within the curtilage with associated external works.

30 May 2017: P17/S1789/LB: The Chestnuts High Street South Moreton OX11 9AG
Creation of 1800 x 1200 aperture in kitchen wall Installation of new 3-pane wooden window

SODC had been informed that there were NO STRONG FEELINGS on all.

2.6 Financial Matters

It was noted that the payment agreed at the previous meeting (minute 5c) for a payment of £200 for a church tennis event had not been paid because the event had been cancelled.

A form for reclaiming VAT (£934.13) up to 30/05/2017 had been prepared, signed by Chairman and submitted to HMRC.

The following invoices and payments were reported and AGREED:

a. £75 (cheque #605) to J Herman-Stokes for strimming April 2017 – May 2017

b. £964 (cheque #606) to W Brown (Absolute Building Services) for work on the Recreation Ground.

- a. £175 (cheque #605) to S Norman Stokes for swimming April 2017 – May 2017.
- b. £964 (cheque #606) to W Brown (Absolute Building Services) for work on the Recreation Ground.

2.7 To consider the Annual Return for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2017

It was noted that D Stapleton (Acting Responsible Financial Officer) had completed Section 2 – Accounting statement of the Annual Return, supplied a Bank Reconciliation, and explanation of significant variations in transactions compared with the previous year. He also declared that he had now left SMPC.

- a. Section 1 – Annual governance statement was discussed and it was acknowledged that ‘Yes’ responses to items 1-8 were appropriate. Chairman and Acting Clerk signed the declaration referring to this minute.
- b. Section 2 was then approved and signed by Chairman and Acting RFO referring to this minute.
- c. Dr R Templeman would be asked to complete the internal audit for the agreed fee of £20 + VAT on 30/06/2017. Cheque #607 for £24.00 to CD2ROM Information Services.

2.8 To consider management of risk

SMPC’s insurance had been renewed and Employer’s Liability Certificate received.

A ROSPA playground safety review by Playsafety was ordered for 4 July 2017.

2.9 To receive correspondence and AOB

TK has Didcot Town Garden planning booklet.

It was AGREED that LD would ask Roger Templeman to help with completing the annual return and act as temporary Clerk.

2.10 Date of next meeting

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be held on 20 September 2017.