

SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of South Moreton Parish Council held at South Moreton School on 7 February 2018 starting at 1930

Present: SMPC Cllrs L Deeley (LD), W Brown (WB), S Hart (SH), T Kendall (TK), D Ayres (DA); SODC Cllr J Murphy (JM); OCC Cllr S Clarke (SC); SMPC Clerk R Templeman (RT); Parishioners J. Mcleod (JM2), N Rowton-Lee (NR)

0218.1 To receive councillors' declarations of interests

Councillors were reminded to keep their registers of interests up to date. No interests declared for the meeting.

0218.2 To record apologies for absence

None

0218.3 To receive comments from the public and District & County Councillors

1. JM2 discussed with councillors the plans for a development on his property for which he has recently submitted a planning application (SODC P18/S0048/FUL) including relative ridge heights with neighbouring houses. He said he would like councillors to make a site visit. The matter was discussed under item 0218.14.1
2. LD thanked SC for visiting South Moreton with Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Leader of OCC) and JM on Saturday 4 February to discuss the highways problems in the parish: potholes on the High Street and Hithercroft, and blocked drains on High Street were inspected. Rubbish left at the footpath/Anchor Lane Bridge opposite Brookside was also mentioned. SC apologised for missing previous meetings due to health issues. He described the 'super user' on FixMyStreet for reporting highways problems and suggested SMPC could nominate a councillor to take on the role (see 02813.14.2): training would be provided. He announced he was hoping for a £15k fund to be approved when OCC sets its budget, and parishes in his ward would then be able to bid for grants to address local problems, but expected to match the value of the grant from their own reserves. The current High Street problems were discussed and the need for road sweeping and drain clearing to complement pot hole repairs. For pedestrian/child safety it was suggested a 20mph limit be introduced on the High Street, and a bollard or railing installed where a footpath emerges onto the High Street.
3. JM announced plans for setting up an environmental team funded to tackle local problems for which parish councils could request action. She also mentioned a Charitable Lottery is being introduced this spring by South Oxfordshire District Council to help raise funds for local good causes. The lottery will give residents the chance to enter a £1 weekly online draw and be in with the chance of winning prizes, ranging from free prize draw tickets to a jackpot up to £25,000. 60p will go to good causes and the local community. Players will be able to choose which cause they support when they purchase tickets. The rest of the money will go to the prize fund and running costs – the council will not receive any of the proceeds.

0218.4 To approve the minutes of the 6 December 2017 SMPC meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by LD. DA ebsite

0218.5 To consider matters, not taken elsewhere, arising from the 6 December 2017 minutes

Nothing raised. was asked to add these to the w

0218.6 To consider Recreation Ground matters including bike track proposal

WB gave plans for the proposed bike track to JM to pass onto SODC Planning and indicated the location for the track within the Rec. It was confirmed that SMPC has put aside funds for the construction to be paid in instalments to be agreed once the plans have been approved. WB confirmed that a RoSPA inspection had taken place in July(?) 2017 and significant defects that had been reported had been repaired.

0218.7 To consider Millennium Garden matters

Strimming of paths had been done, but otherwise the area has been left to mature.

0218.8 To consider allotment matters

Nothing.

0218.9 To consider public footpath and highways matters

1. footpaths

Nothing to raise

2. highways

In addition to comments under 0218.3.2, it was noted that some potholes on High Street had been filled on Friday 2 February (unfortunately at school finishing time which caused traffic chaos) and on Sunday 4 February when other holes were marked for attention.

0218.10 To consider public transport matters

No progress to report, despite RT making suggestions to Thames Travel about possible service improvements. Thames Travel are bidding to continue the Schools' buses to Didcot Schools for next year: assuming that is successful the current term time only 94A service should continue (8am to Didcot, afternoon return). It appears the Tesco free bus on Tuesday mornings will continue. There is no information to hand about plans for services organised by DVTG.

0218.11 To consider financial matters

1. current financial summary

RT commented on a circulated spreadsheet detailing the current financial situation indicating the balance in the Lloyds account to be about £4.5k, the exact figure depending on outstanding grants expected, and payments due. A bank reconciliation at end of December (date of last bank statement received) was good.

Absolute Building Services are to supply VAT invoices for previous which will allow a VAT refund of ~£800 to be submitted to HMRC, who have just announced a change in the way claims are made – details not yet supplied.

2. approval of payments

The following payments were approved:

£30.00 to J Herman-Stokes for Rec strimming by cheque #624

£144.00 to CD2ROM Information Services for Clerk work by cheque #625

£550.00 to Mrs C Moxon for Pig Roast by cheque #677

£62.80 to SODC for dog bin emptying by cheque #678

£144.00 to CD2ROM Information Services for Clerk work by cheque #679

£180.00 to CD2ROM Information Services for Clerk work by cheque #680

£1381.30 for materials for 'Save our Pub' estate agents signs by cheque #681

£120.00 to JustRight Marquees by cheque #682

£408.36 to settle miscellaneous payments for Crown project by cheque #683

Note: the last three payments are supported by an income/expenditure spreadsheet for the Crown Again project, and invoices for all items.

2. bank mandate and statements

The Lloyds bank mandate was discussed and a form obtained by LD completed. It was agreed to maintain the requirement for two signatures on cheques and for TK and WB to be added as signatories, and remove previous councillors Nicholas Woollen and Helen Ball.

3. report from The Crown Action Group Committee

TK announced that South Moreton Community Benefit Society Ltd had been set up with Francesca Taylor as Secretary. It was intended to register the company for VAT. As a result the SMPC Crown Committee would disband..

4. installation of defibrillator

The defibrillator is about to be installed at South Moreton School, financed by a grant of £1000.00 from SODC and £374.00 from South Moreton School. Training for its use would be investigated, with LD to ask North Moreton Parish Council how they obtained training.

5. noticeboard

LD has organised a new SMPC noticeboard made by a local craftsman. Delivery and invoice expected within days.

0218.12 To consider planning matters

1. report on planning application decisions

Applications determined since the last meeting are:

22 November 2017: P17/S3999/LDE

Willowbrooke House 1 Mill Lane South Moreton OX11 9AJ

Change of use from paddock to residential garden.

This application follows SMPC alerting SODC to development without planning permission. It was agreed that SMPC would not express strong views on this application, but would put down markers that any further land use change applications would be opposed. Certificate of Lawful Use or Development issued on 16th January 2018. Other developments at the site under review.

7 September 2017: P17/S3222/FUL. Erection of Grain Store, Fulscot Manor. Application amplified by landscaping plan (planting of trees and hedge) 22 Nov 2017. Planning Permission on 14th December 2017

3 October 2017 P17/S3529/HH The Manor House Paper Mill Lane South Moreton OX11 9AH

Creation of Natural swimming pond with decking area. SMPC No strong views. Planning Permission granted on 11th December 2017

24 October 2017 P17/S3798/O. Land East of St Hughs Rise Didcot OX11 9UY

Construction of up to 84 dwellings, new open space, associated landscaping and site infrastructure and access. SMPC returned NO STRONG VIEWS to SODC. Still under consideration by SODC.

13 October 2017. P17/S3623/FUL. Hall Farm Mill Lane South Moreton OX11 9FD. Extension to the South Moreton Boxing Club. SMPC return to SODC was to Approve. Planning Permission granted on 6th December 2017

2. consideration of outstanding applications

24 January 2018 P18/S0048/FUL. Walnut Tree Cottage High Street South Moreton OX11 9AG

Demolition of an existing single garage, new driveway to new chalet style bungalow to rear of existing property.

See 0218.14.1

0218.13 To assess risk and its management

Covered in previous items

0218.14 To respond to correspondence and discuss matters arising from item 3

1. In considering planning application P18/S0048/FUL councillors felt it prudent not to make a formal response to SODC before taking into account any opinions that neighbours might post on the SODC website and possibly make site visits.. A decision by email discussion will be made in time to meet the SODC deadline.

2. A deep clean should be organised in July. It was decided that LD be nominated as SMPC's Super User for FixMyStreet.

0218.15 To take AOB at Chairman's discretion

Nothing raised

0218.16 To schedule the next meeting

The next meeting was set for 28 March provisionally. It could be moved later if consideration of the external audit is not in early April: audit arrangement documents not yet received.

0218.17 LD declared the meeting closed at 2115

Signed as true recordLyn Deeley.....

Date.....28 March 2018.....