

SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at South Moreton School

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

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk).

1. Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)

A letter from a resident regarding the use of the path at Crown Lane was discussed. The Clerk will prepare a letter to all residents of Crown Lane regarding the path.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors

The SODC report was noted and is held on file.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ayres and District Cllr J Murphy.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2018

The minutes were agreed with one amendment and signed by the Chair.

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was noted.

7. To discuss recommendations of Clerk's Report

The employment status of the Clerk was discussed. The Clerk will take advice from OALC to deal with the reclaimed VAT and register the council as an employer with HMRC. The need to pay back the wrongly claimed VAT plus potential other costs was noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk should be employed for 4 hours per week as per the NALC recommendations and a pension scheme offered as per current legislation. The Clerk's salary from April to be reviewed in line with NALC payscales.

It was agreed a laptop should be obtained for the use of the Clerk in order to keep records in one place and help with the transition between clerks. Cllr Kendall to investigate.

The information on the website is to be updated in line with Transparency Regulations.

All policies are to be updated over the coming months.

It was agreed Council would meet every other month.

It was agreed to book all councillors onto the OALC Roles and Responsibilities Training on 19th June.

8. Budget 2019-20

The budget was reviewed and discussed. The Precept request to be finalised at the next meeting.

9. Agree Accounts for Payment

The following accounts for payment were approved.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerk’s Salary and expenses	488.75		488.75
SODC – Emptying dog bins	54.57	10.91	65.48
Azalea Lanscapes – Grounds Maintenance	2000.00		2000.00
J. Herman-Stokes – grass cutting	30.00		30.00

10. To discuss Christmas Lights

It was agreed to use solar lights rather than a generator. Cllr Ayres to obtain the lights and Cllrs Kendall and Brown will put them up.

11. To consider Recreation Ground Matters

It was agreed to consider further work to improve the recreation field.

12. To consider Allotment Matters

All allotments are in use.

13. To consider public footpath and highways matters

The Clerk to chase up the footpaths officer regarding the bridge.

14. To consider Public Transport matters and thank Dr Templeman for his work

Dr Templeman continues to fight for improved public transport for the village.

15. Planning Report

Reference	Description	SODC Decision
P18/S2813/FUL	The demolition of the existing dwelling, and the erection of a replacement dwelling, with associated works. Chislehurst, Hithercroft South Moreton	Approved

16. Correspondence

There was none.

17. Items for report and inclusion on the next Agenda

- Set Precept
- Siting of new noticeboard

18. To agree a date for the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 9th January 2019.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9pm.