

## Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Parish Council

### MINUTES

**Meeting:** Extraordinary Council Meeting

**Date:** 27 April 2022

**Time:** 7.30 PM

**Venue:** Moreton Village Hall

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#### **PRESENT:**

**Councillors (9):** Cllr A Stuart (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Busch, Cllr Crosbie, Cllr Dawson, Cllr Darken, Cllr Hall, Cllr Leverich, Cllr R Padfield, Cllr Radbourne

**Also in Attendance (1):** Gurdip Paddan – Clerk

**Members of the Public: (0)**

**Members of the Press (0)**

#### **PC.148 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Collins, Cooper, Foulser, Kessock-Philip and Martin.

#### **PC.149 OTHER ABSENCES**

None.

#### **PC.150 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

#### **PC.151 JUBILEE FUNDING**

Members considered the Briefing Note which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that this meeting was being held specifically to deal with the approval of funding for the events listed within the Briefing Note to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. It was clarified that the activities listed below for consideration were for Moreton and Bobbingworth. There had been discussions on the Queen's Jubilee celebrations over the past few months. Some discussions had taken place via email. The request was for £550 in total for the funding; Cllr Hall had kindly listed the events and the cost for each event as follows:

##### **The Fun Dog Show £150**

- £50 rosettes (£2.75 each for ten Queens 2022 Platinum Jubilee Rosettes and 3 packets of ten well done rosettes at £7.50 per pack)
- £100 estimated cost for straw bales (£2.00 each for 50). Of course, we will also look for a farmer who may wish to donate the bales or buy these from us post event. This is a contingency funding request in case no bales are donated.

##### **The Queens Green Canopy £420 - this idea has been deprioritised and FUNDING NO LONGER REQUIRED.**

- £20 tree for The Lavers - cancelled
- £20 tree for Moreton - cancelled
- £20 tree for Bobbingworth - cancelled
- £120 British Legion Queen's Green Canopy commemorative plaque for The Lavers - cancelled

- £120 British Legion Queen's Green Canopy commemorative plaque for Moreton - cancelled
- £120 British Legion Queen's Green Canopy commemorative plaque for Bobbingworth - cancelled.

### **Marketing £50**

Kelly Stone charges £50 to create a Save The Date design which we'll use for leaflets, social media, parish boards etc.,

### **Morris Dancers £100**

- Donation to Blackmore Morris dancers for their participation in the event.

### **Chelsea Pensioners £100**

- A volunteer has agreed to provide 2 days accommodation for the Chelsea Pensioners
- We seek £100 to contribute to the travel expenses for Chelsea Pensioners to arrive/return Moreton.

### **Bell Ringing & Choir £100**

- We wish to make a donation to St. Germain's £50 and St. Mary's church £50 volunteers for providing bell ringing services and for these donations to contribute to projects associated new ropes or other needs associated with bell ringing.

### **Other £50 (5% contingency)**

- Miscellaneous contingency £50 for other expenses incurred but not yet known e.g. donation to Horticultural Society to cover expenses.

The following points were raised and discussed:

- 1) It was confirmed that the event(s) being considered were for Moreton and Bobbingworth and did not include The Lavers. Members noted that The Lavers were holding a separate event and it would be self-funded.
- 2) An overview of the Parish's finances had been provided – from 2018 to 2023 projected closing balance via email to all Members before the meeting.
- 3) A discussion was held on the use of reserves and the need for preserving such funds for unforeseen procedures. It was noted that in the past the Parish Council had needed to utilise reserves for legal advice – Tilegate and Nags Head. The Parish Council has built up sufficient reserves but it has taken time. The amount in question can be funded.
- 4) If more time had been available; Cllr Hall added that additional funds would have been raised via alternative channels i.e. fund raising/donations.
- 5) A number of activities have been arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> June. Some of these events are being funded by the local community. This request was for such funds in the event materials needed to be purchased prior to the event. It is anticipated that donations may be available to help with funding.
- 6) Cllr Hall explained the type of events being considered. The rolling display of photographs previously agreed for Moreton Village Hall will now be in The White Hart pub. Most of the events are listed above. There will also be a hog roast at The White Hart pub.
- 7) In the event sufficient funds are raised at an event there would be no invoice presented to the Parish Council for payment.
- 8) The request of £550 has been put forward for approval as a worst case scenario – basically a contingency.
- 9) During the discussion a number of historical points were brought up which were not relevant to the proposal and therefore dismissed. A discussion ensued on the Council's priorities and how these are perceived within the community.
- 10) Tree planting would have been supported by a number of Councillors but this item had been axed. Reference was made to the Oak tree in Matching, which had been planted to mark Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

- 11) It was suggested that the Parish Council discusses planting of trees at a future meeting to mark the Jubilee. As trees are planted in Autumn and it was agreed that this item be placed on a future agenda for discussion.
- 12) Members were reminded that at a previous meeting, Cllr Hall had agreed to co-ordinate the Jubilee celebration for Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers. It was noted that The Lavers were co-ordinating their own event and Cllr Hall would be looking at activities for Moreton and Bobbingworth.
- 13) If a profit is made, the monies could go to Community Spirit but there has been no conversation about profits being utilised. Cllr Hall confirmed that there had been no conversation with Community Spirit on this matter. No discussion on surplus funds had been agreed.
- 14) It was clarified that the Parish Council's Insurance would not be covering the events, as these have not been organised by the Parish Council.
- 15) Cllr Hall clarified that no insurance had been taken out for the forthcoming events, as the turnout is likely to be low level and people would be attending events over a few days. It was noted that no road closure or licenses had been sought by the organisers of the events.
- 16) It was noted that there would be a Gin Festival on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2022, this being organised by The Dog and Pickle pub.
- 17) A discussion ensued on if people step forward to arrange such events they could find themselves tied up in funding liability. Cllr Hall stated that she had been networking with people in the parishes and the community would like the Council to be more proactive with other activities besides planning. It was confirmed that Planning is part of the Parish Council's remit and the Council is a consultee on planning applications.
- 18) Tree planting and plaques to commemorate the Jubilee event had been removed, as per the list above. Cllr Hall explained that it was the wrong time to plant trees and agreeing the location of plaques was proving a challenge in itself. The community was concerned about theft and who was going to give permission, as to where the plaques could be located. If plaques were placed on stakes they would be at a high risk of theft. Due to this logistical reason the item in respect of trees and the plaques was withdrawn from the list.
- 19) It was proposed by Cllr Darken that the Councillors consider the activities individually and include the trees and plaques and not as one event but this proposal was withdrawn. The reasoning behind agreeing individual items was that it would allow the Council to confirm which activities it wishes to support financially. As some Councillors felt that some items should not be funded by the Council.
- 20) Cllr Hall clarified that the community is looking for a funding pot and the whole point of putting forward the request for £550 was that funds could be transferred between activities to support another that needed extra provision. If the Council approves individual items, this would mean that Cllr Hall would have to put in a separate request, in the event that one activity comes up higher than the estimated amount and the funds cannot be used for another activity, as they would be earmarked for a specific activity. By having a Jubilee fund, a sum for all activities would provide flexibility. If all of the activities raise sufficient revenue there would be no invoices submitted to the Parish Council.
- 21) Cllr Hall advised that a resident had agreed to provide bed and breakfast to Chelsea Pensioners and therefore this reduces the cost. Members were advised if there was sufficient time, Cllr Hall would have carried out fund raising and no request would have been made to the Parish Council.
- 22) It was suggested that perhaps the profits from the events be used to purchase trees and plaques. Cllr Hall confirmed that she would not be co-ordinating the tree planting and plaque initiative.

The Chairman summed up the proposal and stated that this event was for the Parishes of Moreton and Bobbingworth and the amount requested of £550 was in effect a contingency. If sufficient funds are raised by an activity and if one activity exceeds the estimated cost, the funds will be transferred between activities. If there was a profit at each activity there will be no invoices submitted to the Parish Council. The Council was not looking to make money out of this event.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council's Insurance was not covering the event, as the event had not been organised by the Parish Council.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Busch and SECONDED by Cllr Radbourne and **AGREED**

Vote: 6 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.

That the request for £550 be approved for Moreton and Bobbingworth Parishes to mark the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Meeting closed at 20.10 hrs

Chairman.....

Dated .....