

Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Parish Council

MINUTES

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: 9th March 2021

Time: 7.30 PM

Venue: Video Link

PRESENT:

Councillors (12): Cllr John Collins (Chairman), Cllr Baines, Cllr Busch, Cllr Jim Collins, Cllr Cooper, Cllr. Devereux, Cllr Foulser, Cllr Padfield, Cllr Radbourne, Cllr Schwier, Cllr Stevens

Also in Attendance (1) : Julia Milovanovic – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: (0)

Members of the Press (0)

D.033 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dackombe, Cllr Silk, District Cllr Ian Hadley and County Councillor Maggie McEwan

D.034 OTHER ABSENCES

None

D.035 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

D.036 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th January 2021 were agreed subject to Cllr Foulser's name being removed from the in attendance list.. This was PROPOSED Cllr Busch SECONDED Cllr Cooper

D.037 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

D.038 REPORTS

a) Bobbingworth Nature Reserve

Cllr Cooper gave an update on the forthcoming litter pick.

b) District / County Councillor Reports

None

c) Parish Councillor Reports

None

D.039. HIGHWAYS

a) Speed, parking and congestion survey Church Road, Moreton

This has been further delayed due to the most recent Covid restrictions.

b) Church Road footpath outside Moreton Primary School

The meeting was updated that work on the footpath had been suspended and would resume during Easter.

c) Request for speed restriction on Watery Lane and through Little Laver

No update was available.

d) Request for depth signage at Watery Lane

This had been submitted to the LHP but was unlikely to be actioned until at least 2022 as the current year's budget had been allocated.

D.040 CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Details of the wildlife photography competition would be forwarded to the school for information.

D.041 DEDICATED E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COUNCILLORS

In view of the close proximity of the election issuing the new e-mail addresses would be delayed until after the May elections.

D.042 REPAINTING OF PHONE BOXES

This would be completed as soon as the weather improved. Cllr Cooper confirmed that the recycling box had been removed from the Moreton phone box.

D. 043 DEFIBRILATOR

The update on the Agenda was noted and a retrospective payment of £726 to enable the project to be completed was APPROVED. PROPOSED Cllr Foulser. SECONDED Cllr Cooper

D.044 NEW RURAL POLICING UNIT

NOTED as per the Agenda. Cllr Cooper received a phone call during the meeting from a resident who advised that travellers had been seen checking the Nags Head Car Park. The Clerk advised that the vehicles or something similar should be used to obstruct the entrance as a temporary measure and that she would issue further guidance by e-mail after the meeting on further action to be taken if needed.

D.045 INTERNAL AUDIT 2019/20

The contents of the Internal Audit report were APPROVED. PROPOSED Cllr Busch. SECONDED Cllr Foulser

D.046 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Housing Needs survey and letter were AGREED and would be distributed post lockdown. PROPOSED Cllr Busch. SECONDED Cllr Cooper.

D.046 STOP STANSTED EXPANSION

The Clerk advised that the enquiry had already closed and a decision would be advised sometime in May.

D.047. FORMAL COMPLAINT TO EFDC RE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND MALTINGS FARM APPLICATION

The current position as per the Agenda was NOTED.

D.048 CLIMATE CRISIS

Cllr Devereux provided an update on the Climate Conference.

The Chairman advised that he was a member of the Moreton Village Hall Committee and that he would raise the issue of obtaining funding for rebuilding

the village hall. He asked the Clerk if she could provide details of possible funding sources.

It was also suggested that as it is understood that the church may be taken out of use it could be used as a village hall. Concern was raised that it is just outside of the village centre but it was pointed out that sufficient parking is available.

With regard to the allotments Cllr Cooper advised that he had spoken to the owners and ascertained that only one resident currently had an allotment. A campaign to encourage take up of allotments would be arranged by the Parish Council post lockdown.

D.049 EPPING COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SHOPPER BUSES

This was NOTED and Councillors thanked the Clerk for following this up and obtaining a positive outcome.

D.050. BIOGEN PLANT

This had been rearranged for 12th July, time to be confirmed, subject to lockdown restrictions easing.

D.051 ELECTIONS

NOTED as per the Agenda.

D.052 NOTICEBOARD LOCKS

NOTED as per the Agenda.

D.053 SALT BINS

It was AGREED that an additional salt bin (200 litres) be purchased for Pensons Lane at a cost of £186.00 plus VAT. PROPOSED Cllr Cooper. SECONDED Cllr Radbourne.

D.054 CHATTERBOX

The Chairman provided a verbal update on the first meeting where there had been some general discussion and a quiz.

D.055 CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman advised that he had reconsidered the matter and as there may be some significant changes in the Council he would remain as Chairman if elected.

The position with regard to the Vice Chairman was noted.

D.056 CLOSER WORKING WITH COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Deferred until the next meeting.

D.057 PLANNING

1. NOTED as per the Agenda.
2. The planning decisions were NOTED as per the Agenda.

D.058 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- i) The payments as per the Agenda, reproduced below, were APPROVED. PROPOSED Cllr Busch and SECONDED by Cllr Foulser.

Payment Number/met hod	To	For	Amount
SO	Julia Milovanovic	March Salary	£498.51
SO	Julia Milovanovic	April Salary	£498.51
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	January Overtime**	£173.04*
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	February Overtime	£230.72
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Home Office expenses 9 March – 11 May 9 x £10	£90.00
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Mileage Dunmow-MBL to update notice boards @45p per mile	£13.50
BACS	Viking	Ink x 3**	£105.41
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Reimbursement of zoom fee**	£119
BACS	First Rescue	Defibrillator and cabinet**	£1504.80
BACS	Defib World	Defibrillator signs for glass	£168
BACS	V Butler (Vikatechost)	Domain fee**	£24.00
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Wix Website annual fee	£122.40***
BACS	Ann Wood	Forensic and 2019/20 audits	£250
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Notice Board Lock + extra key	£24.66

- ii) The Bank Balances as at 4 March 2021 were NOTED
- iii) The bank reconciliation as per the Agenda was NOTED.

D.059. CLERK'S HOURS

It was AGREED that the Clerk's contracted working hours be increased to 12 per week. PROPOSED Cllr Busch SECONDED Cllr Jim Collins.

D.060 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman formally thanked those Councillors, who had decided not to stand for re-election.

D.061 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be the Annual meeting on 11th May at 7.30 pm