



MORETON IN MARSH TOWN COUNCIL Council Minutes 1 December 2020

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Present: (Councillors) M Berry, D Bryson, M Danks, E Hamilton, D Henshaw, E Viviani, C Webster

In attendance GCC Cllr N Moor, 3 members of Moreton Christmas Light committee, a representative from the Croquet Club, Assistant Clerk, Clerk

1 **Apologies** All the councillors were present

2 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Hamilton and Cllr Webster declared that they were on the Christmas Lights Committee but did not have a pecuniary interest.

3 **Public Session including any reports from the District and or County Council**

A contribution towards the cost of a footpath has been provided by Fosseyway Garden Centre but it was understood that GCC was delaying its construction until funds from the Dunstall Farm development became available. Cllr Moor responded that WS Atkins has been instructed to design a scheme a meeting will be held in January to discuss the funding for the additional work. MTC, GCC and CDC were urged to work more closely together to ensure the timely delivery of infrastructure projects.

The Town Council was asked to take on the maintenance of new estates rather than expect residents to pay a management service charge.

Cllr Moor submitted a written report which can be viewed on the Town Council website. The Town Council has received a £1000 grant towards the cost of youth work. GCC aims to be carbon neutral in 2021. GCC Highways will be replanting trees following the removal of ash trees affected by die back.

Christmas Market: The Council considered the risk assessment provided by the Christmas Lights Committee and were satisfied with the mitigation measures proposed to ensure social distancing. The Committee was thanked for their work.

4 **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLVED To confirm as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2020.
Voting 5 in favour Cllr Berry and Cllr Danks abstained.

5 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Item 6 Planning Application Ref. No: 20/03865/FUL Land To West Of Aldi, Construction of a 60-bed care home (Class C2). Clerk was asked to contact the planning authority to emphasise that its support of the application was conditional on the provision of a S106 contribution for infrastructure, otherwise the Council will register an objection.

6 **Parking and Movement Consultant** – This item was considered in camera

PROPOSED To appoint a Parking and Movement Consultant to undertake a review of traffic movement and parking and to make recommendations to the Council.

10 **Correspondence**

- a) **Croquet Club** It was agreed that the clerk would contact the solicitor to find out the easiest way to amend the lease to the Croquet Club to remove the club's responsibility for the path.
Clerk to contact Bromford to enquire whether residents have access to the open space from their garden boundaries.
Clerk to ask the police for an update on their investigation of incidents of criminal damage to the club.

7 **Finance**

a) Council noted the financial summary of all accounts held by the Council

b) **RESOLVED** To approve the following list of payments. Voting 7 in favour

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Date	Details
3413	006036	£65.00	2900	12/11/20	Fields In Trust - subscription
3259	006037	£540.00	6500	26/06/20	Fast Forward Land Services - Survey RBL site - Japanese knotweed.
3422	006038	£450.00	3200	01/11/20	JS Fisheries - reissued- Pond maintenance Aug - Oct
3380	dd	£27.58	2400/5	01/10/20	Richard Coglan Ltd - Printing
3415	dd	£36.68	2400/5	01/11/20	Richard Coglan Ltd - Printing
3414	dd	£59.43	2400/1	06/11/20	British Gas - Gas
3421	dd	£72.41	2400/1	18/11/20	Everflow - water

RESOLVED To donate £565 to the Moreton Christmas Lights to cover the cost of the two Christmas trees. Voting 7 in favour.

c) Council received the budget monitoring information

d) Market Fees: **RESOLVED** to continue to charge the market at the 50% discounted rate until April 2021. Voting 7 in favour.

e) Budgeting & Precept setting. The Council will meet informally on the 15th December to discuss the 2021-22 budget.

Cllr Danks left the meeting during item 9

9 **Recreation Areas**

The Council considered the report from the Recreation Area Working Group and agreed to progress the action points listed which included:

- QVG - the removal of dated equipment, undertaking a resident's survey and inviting selected companies to produce costed designs.
- Multi Use Games Area, London Road; to review the track and the siting of Gym equipment.

10 **Correspondence**

b) **GAPTC Ethical Standards Consultation.** Given the short timescale the Council will not be submitting a response to this consultation

11 **Reviews** – Item deferred

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| a) Assets | c) DD's and SOs and contracts |
| b) Insurance provision | d) Risk Management |

12 **Meeting Reports**

Council received a report of the North Cotswold Cluster Meeting – 20 November

13 **Website**

Councillors will meet informally on 8th December to discuss the new website

14 **Date of next meeting**

A remote Council meeting to be held in January. Date to be confirmed

15 **In Camera Meeting**

RESOLVED To exclude the public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings Act) 1960 and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Voting 6 in favour 1 absent

Cllr Henshaw left the meeting during item 6

6 **Parking and Movement Consultant**

Having previously considered four quotes and interviewing two of the firms it was **RESOLVED** to engage The Transportation Consultancy and to appoint a community engagement specialist to undertake the Parking and Movement study. Voting 5 in favour, 2 absent.

16 **Former Royal British Legion Site** There was no discussion on this matter.

17 **Close of Meeting** 9.04pm

Signed

Dated