

# MORETON-IN-MARSH TOWN COUNCIL

	<p><b>Minutes</b>  <b>Estates &amp; Community</b>  <b>Committee</b>  <b>10<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b></p> <p>Council Offices, Old Town, Moreton-in-Marsh          GL56 0LW          T: 01608 651448          E: <a href="mailto:clerk@moretoninmarshtowncouncil.gov.uk">clerk@moretoninmarshtowncouncil.gov.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.moretoninmarshtowncouncil.gov.uk">www.moretoninmarshtowncouncil.gov.uk</a></p>
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## Meeting of Estates & Community Committee held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6.30pm

Present: J Blackbeard, O Jobson (Chair), E Viviani, C Webster and M Berry

In attendance: Assistant Clerk

ITEM	TITLE
1.	<b>No apologies for absence</b> were received
2.	<p><b>Declarations of Interests and Dispensations</b></p> <p>a) No declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda were received            b) No requests for dispensation relating to items on the agenda and those made in writing relating to pecuniary interests were received.</p> <p>Councillor M Berry entered the meeting at 6.32pm</p>
3.	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>No members of the public were present at the meeting</p>
4.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>Item 9 – in AFTERNOTE, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, change £19000 to £15000.            The Minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022  <b>Proposed: CW. Seconded: EV. 4 in favour. 1 abstention</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b></p> <p><b>5a. Croft Allotment issues:</b> A letter is still to be drafted to Solicitor <b>Cllr MB</b>  <b>Clerk to chase</b>  <b>Developer for</b>  <b>hedging</b></p> <p><b>5b. Gym Equipment:</b> The final piece of equipment had been installed            at FIT Site. Awaiting replacement handgrips. <b>Clerk to chase</b></p> <p><b>5c. Welcome Back Fund:</b> See Item 7</p> <p><b>5d. Christmas Trees:</b> had been removed</p> <p><b>5e. Remembrance Parade 2022:</b> A working group to be set up to review</p>

Action list/schedule.

**5f. Spring Market:** To suggest a one day market sometime in 2023

**5g. Blenheim Meadow/B/Blenheim Way maintenance complaints:**

To investigate works required and undertake if possible by Council

**Clr Berry/  
Council Workman  
to look at on 17<sup>th</sup>  
March and carry  
Out works as  
necessary**

**9. Grass cutting: Council agreed that there was insufficient time** to put a tender out for the grass cutting contract which was due to start in April 2022. **PROPOSED** to extend existing contract by one year if the rate does not increase.

**Proposed: OJ. Seconded: MB. 4 in favour. 1 abstention**

**10. Parkrun:** A test run is proposed to see how the surface holds up.  
To discuss approaching GWR about using the station car park at the next meeting

**6. Queen Victoria Gardens:**

- a. Work will start on the safety fencing in April by Council Workman
- b. Vandalism to bench to be rectified
- c. Hospital Road Bridge –
- d. Greenfields contacted to remove the accessible roundabout and make the ground good. Date TBC

**7. Playground Equipment Upgrade:**

Ongoing

The safety surfacing under the swings in Tinkers Park play area had been scheduled for repair at the same time as the roundabout in QVG, but work had been delayed due to roundabout being removed. The swing area was still closed off

**PROPOSE** to instruct contractor to make the safety surfacing good to enable re-opening of The swings at the same visit to remove the roundabout in QVG.

**Proposed: OJ. Seconded: MB. All in favour**

**8. Allotment & Cemeteries Working Group**

Men in Sheds: have submitted a planning application for a ramp into the Facilities into one of the 'sheds'. Ongoing

**10. Wild towns:** To investigate 'rewilding' other areas apart from Blenheim Meadows. Contract to be looked at

**12d. QVG Signage:** Photos to be taken of current signage at each entrance and then go back to CDC for available options

**Council  
Workman  
to take  
photos by the  
next meeting**

**13.** See Item 8 below

6.	<b>Horsepool Contract</b> <b>PROPOSE</b> to renew the contract for 2022/2023 <b>Proposed: OJ. Seconded: EV. All in favour</b>
7.	<b>Welcome Back Fund</b> It was decided to spend the grant on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 signature planters/plants</li> <li>• 4 signs displaying town logo and name</li> <li>• Plants to fill the planters</li> <li>• Seasonal plants to bring some colour to the town centre</li> </ul> All of the above to be completed ideally in time for the Platinum Jubilee weekend. A litter pick to be arranged along with a planting party to complete the works.
8.	<b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Oak Trees for the Queen's Green Canopy – date TBC for planting</li> <li>• 10-15 Platinum Jubilee flags will be purchased to be interspersed with the Union Jack flags placed on High Street properties</li> <li>• They also wish to be supportive of any organisations/individuals that may wish to hold other events in the town</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
10.	<b>Close of Meeting</b> 8.41pm