

MORETON-IN-MARSH TOWN COUNCIL

	<p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE Date: Tuesday 9th January 2024 Time: 6:30PM</p> <p>Venue: Council Offices, Old Town, Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 0LW Telephone: 01608 651448 E clerk@moretoninmarshtowncouncil.gov.uk www.moretoninmarshtowncouncil.gov.uk</p>
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Present: Cllrs E Viviani, M Berry (chair), J Blackbeard, D Curry

In attendance: S Hart - Clerk, T Maull – Deputy Clerk; 5 members of the public

ITEM	TITLE
1.	<p>Apologies Apologies RECEIVED Cllrs R Eastoe, F Matthews, M Swift Absent Cllr O Jobson, M Danks, S Brokenshire</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interests and Dispensations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) There were no declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda. b) There were no requests for dispensation relating to items on the agenda or made in writing relating to pecuniary interests.
3.	<p>Reports from County and District Councillors were NOTED. See Annex A.</p>
4.	<p>Public Participation Topics raised by a member of the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RH Insurance • Item 6e - Transfer of funds suggestion • Item 7iv - Grants policy suggestions • Item 7vi - Publication Scheme suggestions • FOI deadline missed • QVG playground surface/edging differential to grass
5.	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The following amendments were made to the minutes of 5th December 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Those present – replace Malcolm S with M Swift. ii. Item 11a – change Offcom to OFFCOM. iii. After item 15a – add 'D Curry left'. b) The minutes of 5th December 2023 were then AGREED and SIGNED as an accurate record. c) The following amendment was made to the minutes of 11th December 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Those present – replace Malcolm S with M Swift. d) The minutes of 11th December 2023 were then AGREED and SIGNED as an accurate record.
6.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was NOTED that the high electricity bill was due to Men in Sheds having electric heaters on constantly (on the advice of an electrician). The Deputy Clerk is in touch with Men in Sheds and Cotswold Friends to find out more so that the council can make a decision regarding what action to take. b) The list of payments was APPROVED. c) The November finance reports were NOTED. d) It was AGREED to have a meeting on Monday 22nd January to finalise the precept and budget for 2024/25. e) It was NOTED that the insurance settlement for the Redesdale Hall insurance claim has been received into the bank account; there was no excess taken so the full sum of £40,000 has been received.

	<p>f) It was AGREED to transfer £80,000 from CCLA to Lloyds for payment of the Kompan QVG playground invoice and to re-stock from Evelyn as soon as practicable.</p> <p>g) It was NOTED that Cllr D Curry has resigned from the Finance and Governance Committee.</p> <p>h) To APPOINT a member to the Finance and Governance Committee. This item was DEFERRED.</p> <p>i) It was AGREED that councillors Berry and Viviani would attend the meeting with the Highways consultant to discuss the GCC parking review.</p> <p>j) To APPROVE attendance/expenditure for the council's traffic consultant (TTC) to attend a meeting regarding the GCC Highways parking review. This item was DEFERRED until the council has received the final plan from TTC and until the council has more information regarding the purpose of the meeting with the Highways consultant and the GCC parking review. Clerk to chase TTC regarding the final design.</p>
7.	<p>Finance Committee Recommendations</p> <p>a) It was AGREED that in response to comments from the external auditor, the chair of the finance committee will act as a second pair of eyes to check the transposing of figures on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).</p> <p>b) Further amendments were made to the Complaints Procedure, Snow and Ice Policy, Grant Awarding Policy, Privacy Policies. Clerk to incorporate the amendments and bring back to council for a decision.</p> <p>c) The amended Publication Scheme was DEFERRED.</p>
8.	<p>Planning and Infrastructure Committee</p> <p>a) It was AGREED to update the Planning and Infrastructure Committee Terms of Reference to include a cascade list for appointing members to attend external meetings where there isn't time to agree attendance formerly, in advance of the meeting date. The members will attend and can re-iterate comments already agreed by the committee and report back.</p> <p>b) The proposed cascade list was amended by the council to include J Blackbeard:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee Chair - E Viviani 2. M Berry 3. R Eastoe 4. J Blackbeard 5. F Matthews 6. M Swift 7. O Jobson <p>c) It was AGREED that the Planning and Infrastructure Committee can appoint members (from the Planning and Infrastructure Committee membership) to the cascade list as and when needed.</p>
9.	9:03 pm It was AGREED to extend the meeting by 15 mins.
10.	<p>QVG Play Area Update</p> <p>a) A report of the new QVG playpark was reviewed. It was AGREED that the clerk would contact RoSPA and Kompan regarding signage to provide clarity to users regarding use of the area and equipment.</p>
11.	It was RESOLVED to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the following items.
12.	<p>Grant application – office windows</p> <p>a) To AGREE a specification for the office windows replacement. This item was DEFERRED.</p>
13.	<p>QVG Playarea Update</p> <p>a) To NOTE the inspection report for the zipwire. This item was DEFERRED.</p> <p>b) To APPROVE expenditure for fixing the zipwire. This item was DEFERRED.</p>
14.	<p>Grasscutting review</p> <p>The clerk was asked to gather further information for consideration at a future meeting.</p>
15.	The meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Signed.....Date.....

Annex A

County Councillor Report

Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council

Meeting 9th January 2024

Report from GCC Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

• **Local Road Closures:**

Moreton, Stow Road (Spitfire dev), National Grid single lane closure 15th Jan – 2nd Feb

Stow, Church Walk walkway repairs 19th Aug – 16th Feb 2024

Stow, Digbeth Street – Thames Water 8th – 10th Jan 2024

Great Rissington, Rectory Lane – Gigaclear 9am – 4pm, 21st March to 22nd April 2024

Great Rissington, Sherborne Lane – Gigaclear 9am – 4pm, 5th March to 20th April 2024

• **Highways – The Big Community Offer.** A new approach to give you a better say in the management of highways in your area. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/extra/highways-yourway
Community Action - will help with such things as winter issues, Rights of Way, HGVs, street lighting, flood warnings etc.

Community Match – if you feel you badly need some improvements GCC will go 50/50 with your parish and your Councillor may help as well.

Community Top-up – a list of services and equipment can be bought direct from the GCC. For example, traffic surveys etc.

• Let's have your views on the 2024/25 budget for Gloucestershire. Details have just been released of a budget of £609m, an uplift of £42m on the current fiscal year.

Notably the county is receiving £15m from Javelin Park, the incinerator just off the M5 south of Gloucester, by generating power back into the National Grid.

We continue investing £100m into our roads by resurfacing and repairing 50,000 potholes.

£37.4m is being invested into the new J10, M5 and the significant 'park & ride' at Arle Court, on the west side of Cheltenham, near GCHQ.

£19.8m is going into new and improved schools.

£8.3m to the Disabled Facilities Grant fund to improve and adapt disabled people's homes. £7.8m is specifically earmarked for the most vulnerable adults in our county.

£23m of savings have been identified through more efficient working practices.

The average Band D Council Tax will rise by £6.34 per month.

For full details: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2024-25

• Have your say on a new political map for GCC. The Local Government Boundary Commission is looking for feedback on their proposals to redraw the Divisions so as to even up the number of electorates in each. Currently there are 53 Divisions and it is proposed that this will increase to 55. Details can be found at: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/gloucestershire

• Gloucestershire has been successful in bidding for a further £4.4m funding to expand The Robin bus service, currently operating in The Forest of Dean and north Cotswolds. The expanded service will now include the rural areas around Tewkesbury, Stroud and south Cotswolds, plus an enhanced service in The Forest of Dean. The funding will now make it possible to reintroduce some of the services cancelled by Stagecoach last year. The cost of fares has been reduced for the next 12 months from £2.50 to £2.

• As a consequence of shelving the northern section of HS2 the government is passing out additional £2.8m immediately and a similar sum next year towards pothole repairs. This is addition to the £87.9m awarded over the next 10 years alongside the £100m the GCC is investing. Use the new highways reporting site:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/foxmystreet

• County Councillors have access to a further £10,000 in their Build Back Better funds, aimed at Levelling Up, targeting issues such as digital exclusion, cost of living, online harm and community transport. Additionally, £3,000 Youth Fund, specifically targeting such things as sport, recreation, leisure activities, wellbeing, mental health and digital innovation.

• Record number of care leavers are going to university. Currently 34 care leavers are at university, the highest on record. 12 have recently started and 8 have just graduated. These include those going on to Paramedic Science, Social Work, Psychology, Accountancy and Sports.

• Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service have proudly teamed up with Stagecoach, GWR & Co-

Operative Food to develop a ground-braking educational approach for children with Special Educational Needs. They will be using their SkillZONE at Gloucester to teach them all about looking after themselves, whether within the home or out and about.

- Gloucestershire continues to support Ukrainians fleeing the war. 238,300 visas have been issued with 1,821 in Gloucestershire of which 1,549 (69%) people have arrived. Currently 180 guests are living with 63 families in the Cotswolds

- Gloucestershire Flood Guide – In light of the recent heavy rains the attached link shows you around what you can do in the event of flooding. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planningand-environment/flood-risk-management/flooding-information/flood-guide/>

- Missing Link A417 update.

Overnight closures in January 9pm to 6am between the Air Balloon roundabout and Brockworth junction

Mon 8th – Fri 12th

Mon 15th – Fri 19th

Mon 22nd – 26th

Mon 29th – 2nd Feb

Full weekend closure at A436, 9pm to 6am, Fri 19th to Mon 22nd Jan.

MM-C/8th Jan 2024