

MINUTES of Morcott Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 in the Village Hall.

100/17 Attendance Register; newly co – opted Rachel Ellis was welcomed and her declaration of office received by members.
Cllr’s Johnson (chair), Ellis, Harding, Holley & Traylen.

101/17 Apologies for absence: None. (County Councillor Edward Baines sent his apologies)
A letter of resignation had been received addressed to the clerk from David Joyce. Members requested that, as demanded by protocol, the clerk should write to him and request the resignation letter be addressed to the chair of the Council and, although not mandatory, a reason for the resignation be given.

102/17 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation: None

103/17 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2017: Proposed by Cllr Traylen, seconded by Cllr Harding, that the minutes be a true record of the meeting. 4 in favour, 1 abstention.

104/17 To approve the minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2018: Proposed by Cllr Holley, seconded by Cllr Harding, that the minutes be a true record of the meeting. 4 in favour, 1 abstention.

105/17 Democratic 10 minutes:

A Morcott resident raised the subject of the White Horse Inn and suggested that as 94 villagers had voted in favour of the proposed development, council should actively engage with Burghley Estates to move the project forward.

106/17 Clerk’s & Councillors reports and actions since the last meeting;

- i) **Enforcement officers report Seaton Road:** An enforcement notice was served on 31/1/18 requiring the removal of the fencing or reduction to one metre in height above ground level. The effective date is 5/3/18 and land owner has indicated an intention to appeal against the notice before this date. An appeal has been lodged. As no plans had been submitted to council they are unable to comment.
- ii) **Consideration of meeting dates for approval at the Annual;** Council meeting dates will be presented at the Annual Parish Council meeting. Members agreed to continue with quarterly meetings on the first Wednesday in the month.
- iii) **Speed Indicator device:** The SID had been in place for some weeks, the clerk was requested to request data from Rutland County Council.

- iv) **Symposium for all Tree Wardens:** As David Joyce would no longer be acting as Council's tree warden, Cllr Harding agreed to take up the position. There was no interest in attending a symposium.

107/17 Allotment field: A copy of the agreement had been studied by council members and apart for a couple of typos, section 4.2 the word user (use) and insertion of hectares section 5.10, it was proposed by Cllr Traylen, seconded by Cllr Harding, that the clerk signs the agreement on behalf of council. Unanimously agreed.
The agreement was duly signed and witnessed by Cllr Johnson. The cheque for the accompanying invoice for £125 plus VAT was also signed.

108/17 Burghley Estates, White Horse Inn and Paddock:

- a. **Update:** An in-depth discussion took place, with council reiterating their support for the proposals by Burghley Estates (to build houses on the paddock / land at the rear of the public house, and to refurbish the White Horse Inn) following the positive result of the village poll. It was agreed that council should be seen to carry out the wishes of the electorate on behalf of the residents of Morcott and a letter be sent to Burghley Estates requesting progress be made.
- b. **Memorandum of understanding:** Burghley Estates (David Pennell) had previously agreed that a draft Memorandum of Understanding be produced. It had been suggested that this would be issued prior to this meeting but it was not forthcoming. Within the letter to Burghley, a request to be made for the draft to be presented prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting scheduled for 16th May 2018.

Members agreed, that a draft letter be prepared by the clerk and circulated to councillors for approval prior to being sent

109/17 To consider Councils response to the draft Review of Rutland Local Plan:

Cllr Harding had prepared a report for consideration by Council. Members agreed that a copy be placed in the next issue of the Village Parish Magazine and attached to these minutes.

110/17 To receive the income and expenditure to date: Received by members. Cllr Traylen advised that there was a problem with the church clock and a repair was imminent which meant there would be an additional cost to council.

111/17 To action the Certificate of Exemption, smaller councils: A new auditing regime will be in place for the financial year 2017/2018 for council's with less than £25,000 income and expenditure. To qualify, a Certificate of Exemption needs to be signed and forward to LRALC'S appointed auditors. Members agreed, and the certificate was duly signed. It will be forwarded after the financial year end when the draft accounts.

112/17 Bus Stop enhancement wish list 2018/2019, Rutland County Council: Members agreed, that a request be made to have a safe standing place opposite the bus shelter outside the Old Rectory in the High Street. At present when the bus stops on the opposite side of road there is no safe place for getting on and off the bus.

113/17 Planning applications:

- 1) **Schedule to date:** Received by members
- 2) **2018/0149/FUL – Two storey side and rear extension, new gable feature above front entrance to existing café/restaurant, and a change of use to a mixed-use café/restaurant and quest house. Country Lounge Cafe and Bar. 5, Glaston Road, Morcott, LE15 9DL. Mr Alan Freeman:** It was noted that this was a retrospective application and the work had been completed. Council had no objection to the build but raised concerns that, as there was additional guest accommodation now identified, that parking did not seem to be adequate.
- 3) **Consider any other applications received in time for the meeting:** None received.

114/17 Correspondence:

Data Protection Toolkit: A copy had been sent to members all 63 pages of it.

Rural Council Achievement Awards 2018: Two suggestions had been put forward.

115/17 Date of next meeting: Annual Parish meeting, 7 pm Wednesday 16th May 2018.
Annual Parish Council meeting 8 pm Wednesday 16th May 2018.

116/17 Items raised during the democratic 10 minutes: Responded in 108/17.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

THE RUTLAND LOCAL PLAN 2017. A very brief guide.

N.H. 9/2/2018.

The approval and adoption of the ‘RUTLAND LOCAL PLAN’ will put in place a strategy and guidelines for future development in Rutland until the year 2036. If implemented in the spirit of its intention the plan will guide sensitive planning decisions that can protect and enhance the character of Rutland countryside and heritage but also facilitate development.

The plan comprises three sections: - Core Strategy Development Plan.
Site Allocations policy. Mineral Core Strategy & Dev’t control Policies.

“SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS AN OVER-ARCHING AIM OF THE RUTLAND LOCAL PLAN” [page 27. 4.5.]

“PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT” [RLP 1 page 26

“SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES POLICY” [RLP 2 page 27]. The detail of the above sections is worth studying.

“THE SETTLEMENT HIERACHY FOR RUTLAND” [pages 28,29,30,31.] This section identifies settlements that are suitable locations for most development in Rutland and places Morcott in the ‘Small Village’ category.

“SPECIAL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT” [RLP 3. page32] states: -

“70% of residential development needs to be accommodated within and on the edge of Oakham and Uppingham”. “The remaining 30% of residential needs to be accommodated through allocated re-development and infill opportunities within local service centres”. “Small villages are not considered sustainable locations to accommodate further development unless it is limited to infill within the settlement or development of previously developed land which will result in a positive environmental input”.

It should be noted that Settlement Hierarchy categories will be reviewed as necessary where services provision may increase or decrease. [4.19. pages 29,30].

The above, and many more issues pertinent to MORCOTT are contained in the RUTLAND PLAN which can be viewed online at rutland.gov.uk.

Morcott Parish Council believe that it is important that all residents should read the RUTLAND LOCAL PLAN and be aware that neighbouring villages of Barrowden, Wakerley, and Wing are taking the sensible action of creating Neighbourhood Plans for their villages. Morcott needs to engage with this process to shape and secure the future of MORCOTT AS WE WISH IT TO BE.