



MORETON-ON-LUGG PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026 at 7pm at Moreton on Lugg Village Hall, HR4 8DE.

Members present: Cllrs N Deacon (Chairperson), B Forsyth, C Anning and A Adams

Officers present: L Law (Parish Clerk)

Others Present: The Playpark Volunteer, and three members of the public present at the meeting including a representative from Yeomans Travel, Mr A Angell.

26/59 Apologies for absence: To receive apologies and approve any for absence.

LGA 1972 S85(1)

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires that a record be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk as it usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Apologies had been received from Cllr Parry as he had a prior engagement. **Noted.**

26/60 Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensation:

Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No 1159

Localism Act 2011, Part 1, Chapter 7, Section 28 (2)

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) and any other registerable interests in items on the agenda as required by the Moreton on Lugg Parish Council Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011.

Requests for dispensation must be in writing addressed to the Clerk and received as soon as possible before the meeting. Cllr Deacon and Cllr Forsyth declared a interest in agenda item 26/68 Village Hall Committee. **Noted.**

26/61 To approve the minutes of the Council.

LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held by the council on 12th May, 2026. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May were **approved** as a correct record and the Chairperson signed a copy.

26/62 Ward Councillor Report: To note any report from the Ward Councillor Hamblin. Cllr Hamblin was not in attendance at the meeting. Any report received will be circulated to members and published on the Council website. **Noted.**

26/63 Public participation:

Residents are invited to give their views and raise questions to the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Individual members of the public are permitted to speak for no more than 3 minutes. Members of the public may not take part in

any other part of the Parish Council meeting itself and the Parish Council cannot pass a resolution on matters raised during public participation. Members of the public raised concerns over the following items:

- buses waiting in St Peter's Close, (agenda item 26/64)
- parking of vehicles at the entrance of St Peter's Close
- visibility splays at the junction of St Peter's Close being compromised
- condition of the bus stop on the A49 and the two waste bins located there
- condition of the paths in the wooded area of the playpark (agenda item 26/67.2)
- biodiversity of the wooded area
- recruitment of new councillors
- accessibility for council meetings in person and virtually
- possibility of an NDP for the parish

These comments were **noted** by members.

26/64 Buses waiting in Moreton on Lugg. To receive an update and consider any actions. Mr Angell, representing Yeomans Travel, attended the meeting to discuss Route 492, which serves the village. He explained that recent instances of missed services had been due to driver shortages and confirmed that the company is actively recruiting and training additional staff to improve service reliability.

Mr Angell advised that drivers have been instructed to use the bus stop adjacent to St Peter's Church as the preferred layover location, rather than waiting on the corner of St Peter's Close. However, buses will still need to stop at the corner to pick up and set down passengers and will continue to undertake the existing turning manoeuvre at the junction.

The Chairperson emphasised that the Parish Council does not wish to see the service withdrawn, but is keen to ensure that it remains safe and accessible for passengers, pedestrians and motorists. The Council welcomed the change in layover arrangements as a sensible measure to help improve safety in the area. They agreed that information regarding bus timetables would be made available on the council website.

Cllr Deacon thanked Mr Angell for attending the meeting and for the information provided. **Noted.**

26/65 Traffic Calming Measures S106 update. For members to receive an update from the Clerk. The Clerk reported that an update had been received regarding the proposed traffic calming scheme. Design work has been completed and the scheme is understood to be ready to proceed to tender. Progression has been delayed pending coordination with a potential resurfacing programme. Further information on the programme and the status of the associated Section 106 funding is being reviewed and a more detailed update is expected in due course. **Noted.**

26/66 Finance:

1. To consider payment of the following invoices:

- Clerk's Salary May £473.85
- Playpark Volunteer Reimbursement £17.98
- Leo Pest Control SI110997 £162.00
- DC Gardening SI2467 April 2026 £1008.00
- DC Gardening SI2486 May 2026 £624.00

All the invoices were **approved** for payment. Cllr Anning checked signed the invoices for verification.

2. Bank Reconciliation. To receive and approve the bank reconciliation for 26th May 2026. See finance report. Members received and **approved** the bank reconciliation for 26th May

3. Budget tracker and year-to-date expenditure. For members to receive and approve the year-to-date expenditure. Members **approved** the year-to-date expenditure with no queries.

26/67 Playpark. For members to consider the following items:

1. To receive a verbal report in regards of the Basketball court and consider any actions needed. The Parish Council is currently awaiting quotations for the proposed basketball court project to better understand the options available, the potential scope of works, and the likely budget requirements. Once this information has been received and reviewed, a consultation with residents of Moreton-on-Lugg will be undertaken. **Noted.**

2. Path Clearing. To consider clearing paths in the woods. It was **resolved** that the Council would await a quotation from the Lengthsman for the required path clearance works. Should the Lengthsman be unable to undertake the works, quotations would be sought from local contractors.

26/68 Village Hall Committee. For members to receive an update regarding the Village Hall from Cllr Forsyth. Cllr Forsyth reported that the Village Hall Committee continues to seek suitable building insurance and has recently obtained an electrical safety certificate for the hall. However, roof repairs are still required and remain a priority.

A number of events are planned for June, including talks by guest speakers Bob Walters and Richard McMahon, together with a World Cup-themed bingo evening.

The Village Hall AGM is scheduled to take place in July. In addition, an application has been made to Cllr Hamblin for funding towards seating and floral displays at the entrance to the Village Hall. **Noted.**

26/69 Correspondence. For members to note any correspondence received.

- Correspondence had been received on Herefordshire Parking Strategy Consultation.
- Dr Ellie Chowns MP upcoming surgeries; Ledbury 21st July, Leominster 3rd July and Ledbury Public meeting on 26th June.
- Police Report. **Police Report – March to May 2026.** The Hereford Rural North Police Team reported two road traffic collisions on the A49 near Moreton Business Park during March 2026. In both incidents, no injuries were sustained and the roads were reopened promptly following emergency service attendance. An attempted banking fraud targeting an elderly resident was also highlighted; fortunately, no financial loss occurred after the resident sought advice before acting. In April, damage believed to be deliberate was reported at the local park, although no CCTV evidence was available. The Police reminded councils to submit quarterly Community Charter priorities, encouraged community engagement, and promoted the Neighbourhood Matters service as a means of receiving local policing updates.
All correspondence was **noted**.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm

Signed:

Dated:

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