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1. Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council holds meetings every month (apart from August and January) on the first Wednesday of the month. The meetings commence at 7:30pm and are held in the Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend these meeting and the details are emailed (for those on the MMPC contact list) and posted on the Maids Moreton Facebook group. There is no meeting in August. the next meeting is on 7th September 2022 in the Village Hall.

Month/Date	Meeting type
Wednesday 7 th September 2022	Full Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	Full Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	Full Parish Council Meeting

Your Parish Councillors

Graham Maw (Chair)

Patrick Hardcastle (Vice Chair)

Ausra Mohandas

Carolyn Cumming

Fiona Powell

Kenneth McClintock

Mark Byrne

2. Parish Council Actions

In addition to our regular management activities on behalf of the Village since our Spring 2022 Newsletter was issued, we have also:

1. Organised a village wide celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the Playing Fields, including lighting of the beacon at 9.45 pm as part of a national event to light beacons at that time.
2. Replaced the storm damaged streetlight on Avenue Road between the junction with South Hall and the playing fields as well as wiring up the streetlight by the Scout Hut.
3. One of our councillors now has responsibility for regular inspections of all streetlights and other street furniture but please do continue to report any damage to these to the Parish Clerk. Streetlights appear to know when they have been checked and then fail shortly afterwards!
4. Play Around the Parishes has been booked again this year. It will be run on the Playing Field on 5 August from 10 am to 3 pm and is free. We hope the weather will be rather better than it was last year for this fun event! See the back cover for details of this event.

Overhanging vegetation – in case you missed this last time!

As the weather warms up, trees hedges and other vegetation are starting to grow rapidly. We would like to remind people that it is the responsibility of the property owner or occupier to keep hedges and trees that are adjacent to roads, pavements and footpaths trimmed. If you have difficulty doing this, please let the parish clerk know and we shall try to assist you if we are able to do so.

3. Planning and Development

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan has now reached the Consultation stage, which runs for 6 weeks from 13 July to 24 August 2022; this makes the Plan available to interested parties. We have done this by posting two documents on the website; these are The Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Version and the, updated, Heritage Assessment, which reviews the Conservation Area and deals with conservation of both the historic and natural environments.

These two documents can be downloaded from the links at the bottom of this page on our website:

<https://www.maids-moreton.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

Hard copies are available for viewing at Buckingham library and will be there for the whole of the consultation period. During the consultation period, we shall arrange two or three open sessions in Maids Moreton where anyone interested can come along, view the hard copies and speak to us about the plans. The dates, times and location will be publicised in due course.

It is a requirement of legislation that only comments made in writing can be considered as responses to the Consultation version of the Neighbourhood Plan. These must state clearly the page number and section of the plans and can be sent by email to any of the following addresses:

The parish clerk: -maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com

Chair: gmaw@maids-moreton.co.uk

Vice chair: phardcastle@maids-moreton.co.uk

Or by post to:

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Response

c/o Corner Cottage

Main Street, Maids Moreton MK18 1QS

If anyone wishes to have a hard copy, please request this by email or post, as above.

Once the consultation period is completed, all comments will be reviewed and changes made, if required, to the two reports that constitute the Neighbourhood Plan. Thereafter, a Consultation Statement is prepared listing all representations, the action taken and the rationale for this action.

The next stage is preparation of a Basic Conditions Statement. This lays out how the plan is in general conformity with national legislation and local plan policies and requirements and how it contributes to Sustainable Development. MMPC then has to formally approve the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement and the plan is submitted to Buckinghamshire Council.

They will then appoint an Independent Examiner, who has to be agreed by MMPC from a list of possible persons. The examiner confirms that the plan conforms to legal requirements, and that the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement are properly delivered and may request changes before it is signed off. Note that the examiner is only required to check conformity with legislation and the local plan, not the details and recommendations in the plan. The relevant local plan in this case is the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, which was adopted, giving it legal force, in September 2021.

Once the Independent Examiner's approval is given, Buckinghamshire Council organises a referendum in which eligible electors in Maids Moreton parish are asked whether they accept or reject the Neighbourhood Plan. The referendum result, based on a simple majority of those eligible electors who voted to accept or reject the plan, is binding. If the majority accepts it, the Neighbourhood Plan then has full legal force. It must be specifically considered in all planning decisions affecting Maids Moreton and it takes precedence over the Local Plan in planning decision making, provided it is not in breach of adopted local plan policies.

The rule is that when two adopted plans are in conflict, the most recent one takes precedence. If and when the new county-wide Buckinghamshire local plan comes into force, the Neighbourhood Plan would need to be reviewed and, if necessary, updated and go through the process leading up to its adoption by referendum.

It is a tortuous process but our Neighbourhood Plan adviser will be on hand to guide us through it – fortunately!

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4. Queens Jubilee Event



This was a wonderful occasion for all who were there. The weather was fine and more than 250 people joined it over the course of the evening. It was a pleasure to see so many families enjoying themselves with children running about and playing games. The picnic benches proved very popular and we are planning to increase the number of these as and when funds allow.

The highlight was the lighting of the Beacon by our Parish Councillor, Carolyn Cumming, in her role as a Deputy Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire and resplendent in her ceremonial uniform. We thank Olly Wilson for outing up the pole with the beacon basket, which was made by Mark of Harris Brothers then fuelled by Matt Dale-Evans and Gary Robinson, who assisted with the lighting.

Carolyn made a moving speech reflecting the unique seriousness of the celebration and the lighting was accompanied on the bagpipes by Ken Stewart playing a specially commissioned piece. A truly memorable occasion for all.

Thanks also due to the stall holders, Rebecca of Greystone Candles the WI, Lyn Robinson and Men-in-Sheds, and to Simon Page, of Tribal Chilli, whose burgers and hot dogs were very well received and greatly enjoyed.

5. News from St Edmund's Church



Sunday August 7th, 14th and 21st we plan to have outdoor services (weather permitting) which will be very children friendly. For example on 7th we will be learning about the Sea of Galilee using a paddling pool to sail boats.

All at 10.30 am. Adults are very welcome too.

On Monday 29th August, in the afternoon, we will have our annual summer garden party/church fete.

Messy church will be Saturday 10th September at 4 pm.

Forest church will be Saturday 24th September at 4 pm.

Our community coffee mornings will continue every Wednesday morning from 10 to 12 noon, with tables inside and outside. These are registered with Bucks County and are dementia friendly.

Harvest festival will be Sunday 2nd October, and we plan to have our annual Scarecrows competition that weekend.

6. News from Maids Moreton CE School

We are now approaching the final weeks of the Summer term at Maids Moreton CE School and have lots of lovely events planned for our children to enjoy. This includes our sports day, the End of Year Service, our Summer Fayre and our class assemblies. Following the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, we held a special Focus week where our children learned all about the Queen, her 70-year reign and the Royal Family. Activities included following a recipe to make a jubilee trifle, sewing the Union Jack, writing about the Coronation, designing a commemorative plate, and learning about the Commonwealth. We concluded the week with a Jubilee tea party organised by our fabulous PTA. The children had a great time and were very excited to get to meet "the Queen," and play the games on offer, including hunt the corgis and pin the hang bag on the Queen! Each child received an especially engraved platinum Jubilee medal to keep as a memento. The Queen enjoyed our rendition of the National Anthem and commented on how polite all our children were.



At the end of term, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Burman, who is leaving Maids Moreton after 7 years to move closer to her family in Gloucester. She has taught in Year 3 and Year 1 and has been an inspiration to many of our children. We also say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Reece who will be going on maternity leave. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Littlewood and Mr Troup, our new teachers for September as well as welcoming three new part time teaching assistants, Mrs Wildman, Mrs Pallett and Mrs Wood to our team, as the school expands.

We have had another busy and successful year as our school continues to grow and expand. Next year we will have our first Year 4 class, as well as welcoming 15 new children to our Reception class.

We look with great anticipation to the year ahead. Keira Ainsworth Headteacher

7. News from Maids Moreton WI

We would like to thank everyone who supported our cake stall
at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the 2nd June.

Carol of Buckingham was the winner of the large Celebration Cake.

We had another cake stall at Maids Moreton School Fayre on 18th June.

The subject of our 13th July Meeting was 'A Talk on Tennis by Simon Burn'.

We do not meet in August but in September we look forward to welcoming

Jean Yates to give us a talk on '**Ladies of the Grand Tour**'.



8. News from Maids Moreton Conservation Group

Maids Moreton Conservation Group would like to thank everyone who came along to their Jubilee events. We have had so many appreciative comments about the village hall display 'Seven Decades in Maids Moreton' with many requests to repeat it. The tea and cakes were thoroughly enjoyed.

Our Jubilee Tree Walk was packed with information both historical and arboreal and we must offer huge thanks to Pat Hardcastle who has such knowledge and was so happy to share it with us.

We hope you also enjoyed reading through our booklet 'A Canopy of Green', a copy of which we have sent to the Queen.

Our final thanks must go to Maids Moreton Parish Council. Anyone who was at the lighting of the beacon will not forget being part of the history of Maids Moreton.

9. News from Maids Moreton Allotment Association

I feel sure many of you know that as well as managing the allotments some of us really enjoy the social events and on 22nd May, Maids Moreton Allotments Association Events Committee had a busy day. It was Rogation Sunday and were joined by some plotholders, families and friends for a 'walk around the plots' service by Margaret Culley who blessed the plots along the way. Then an oak tree, to mark our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, was planted by some of the children of plotholders. A plaque, donated by Rob and Andy Phillips from Akeley, marks the tree. All that was followed by our first lunch, which was a super ploughman's plus a variety of desserts. Thankfully, the weather was good, so we were able to be outside on a lovely sunny day.



If anyone is interested in having a plot or a half plot, please contact our secretary or myself.

David Goodger, Chairman, MMAA



**FREE
Event**

Play around the Parishes

2022

For children aged 1 -11, there's lots to explore,
with arts and crafts, fun activities and more.

So make a note of the dates and hope for some summer sun,
to enjoy a day full of family, friends and fun.

Maids Moreton

Maids Moreton Playing Fields,
Avenue Road, MK18 1QA

Friday 5th August - 10am to 3pm

For more information visit
buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parishplaydays
or call 01296 585298

