

Maids Moreton Parish Council Newsletter



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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. The next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 in the Village Hall.

All village residents are very welcome to attend the meetings and bring up any village issues that they would like the council to discuss. If you cannot attend a meeting, then you can contact our Parish Clerk. Also, if you would like to be included in the MMPC contact list, then please email or phone the clerk:

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Patrick Hardcastle (Vice Chair)

Ausra Mohandas

Carolyn Cumming

Fiona Powell

Graham Maw

Kenneth McClintock

Schedule of meetings 2021/2022

Month/Date	Meeting type
January 2022	No Meeting Planned
Wednesday February 2 nd 2022	Full Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday March 2 nd 2022	Full Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday April 6 th 2022	Full Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday April 27 th 2022	Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday May 4 th 2022	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Village Street Lights

We are responsible for maintaining street lights in the village, but are not always aware when they stop working. Our residents are the eyes of the parish council. Now the nights are drawing in, if you see a street light that is not working, please let our Clerk know.

The streetlights at the end of Glebe Close and at the junction of Main Street/Foscote Road/Church Street have both been repaired. Many thanks to those residents who highlighted these issues to us.

We are aware that the streetlight on Avenue Road, near the BUC/21/1 footpath was removed when the tree came down in the high winds. This light belongs to Buckingham Town Council and they are aware that it needs replacing.

There was also a streetlight on the telegraph pole on Avenue Road, just past Pine Close. This belongs to Maids Moreton Parish Council, and we are working on having this replaced.

Community Grants

The Parish Council has a budget to help community groups in the Parish of Maids Moreton for the financial year 1st April - 31st March. If you would like to bid for some of this money, this coming year, please download the Grant Awarding Policy and send it with the relevant documents to the Clerk by 1st November each year.

Visit our website and click on: Parish Council – Grants, to view the Grant Awarding Policy and the Grant Application. Or contact our clerk.

We currently have 1 application from the Maids Moreton Conservation Group for contributions towards their Newsletter and a booklet on significant trees in and around Maids Moreton.

2. Parish Council Actions

In addition to the management of the Village resources, such as grass cutting, litter collection, street lighting, and the maintenance of Village assets, *e.g.*, Playing Fields, Playpark, Scout Hut and Cricket Pavilion the Council also undertakes other tasks. Since our Spring Newsletter was issued, we have achieved these actions:

1. A number of planning reviews relating to the parish have been completed. These are all detailed on our website.
2. We have instigated a village a Speed Watch Group, which is a scheme to help people reduce traffic speeding through their neighbourhood. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally.
3. The Play Area Working Group has proposed the work to replace the play equipment. This has been agreed by the Parish Council. The group is now working on their tender report and an application to FCC Community Action Fund, which will enable us to purchase new equipment. Without the FCC funding, we would be unable to progress this proposal any further.
4. Events: The Queens Platinum Jubilee – we are planning for the event to be held on June 2nd and will report back once again after a meeting in early February. Play Around the Parishes has been booked for Friday 5th August 2022.
5. A replacement Dog Waste Bin has been ordered to replace the broken bin on Duck Lake. This should take place during December 2021.
6. We have agreed the budget for 2022-23. This includes the precept, which is the financial contribution from the residents. The agreed precept is £32,565 which will be collected by Buckinghamshire Council as part of their council tax bill.
7. We have agreed to apply for a grant from the Buckinghamshire and Villages Community Board for event equipment. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Christmas Quiz

1. If you are born on Christmas day, what's your star sign?



2. Which animal carried Mary before she gave birth to Jesus?



3. Which ocean can Christmas Island be found in?



4. Where was baby Jesus born?



5. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?



6. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?



7. When Santa got stuck up the chimney, what did he have in his sack?



8. What gifts did the Three Wise Men give to Jesus on his birthday?



9. What are you supposed to do when you find yourself under the mistletoe?



10. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?



Joining our Community Speed Watch Group

Excessive speed through neighbourhoods is one of the issues most commonly raised with our Council and has an impact not only on road safety but on the quality of life for those residents that endure it.

Community Speed Watch seeks to promote safer driving in our village by educating rather than prosecuting individuals. Data collected by Community Speed Watch groups will be passed to Thames Valley Police, who may then undertake speed checks which will result in drivers being prosecuted.

Should you wish to be part of this village initiative, please contact the clerk on maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com or by phone on 01280 814483.

Elmer's Charity

In May 1653, William Elmer left land and financial endowments to benefit people in need in five parishes in north Buckinghamshire, one of which is Maids Moreton. The fund is able to provide small grants, most are less than £200, for individuals and also to contribute to activities that benefit the community more widely. William Elmer also created a small, second fund specifically to support education. Small grants are available to support individuals in education at schools and at higher institutions, as well as assistance for those seeking to enter a trade or profession.

Recently, we were able to provide assistance for a family in the village. If you wish to have further information for yourself, or on behalf of a vulnerable person you know, please contact the Secretary, Karen Phillips, by email to elmerscharity@gmail.com or telephone 01908 563 350. Alternatively, contact Councillor Pat Hardcastle, who is a Trustee on behalf of Maids Moreton Parish Council, either directly or through the Parish Clerk.

All communications with Elmer's Charity are kept closely confidential and information is shared only among the Trustees and used solely for the purpose of approving applications.

3. Planning and Development

Walnut Drive Planning Application for 170 Houses (Application ref. 16/00151/AOP)

We continue to monitor this application together with our three Buckinghamshire councillors, who together have requested it be called back to Committee for further discussion. So far, Buckinghamshire Council has not agreed to this call in.

As some residents will be aware, there is widespread concern among Maids Moreton residents over the disposal of wastewater, foul and surface drainage, from this site. While Anglian Water is legally bound to deal with wastewater from any approved development site, there is currently no spare capacity at the Buckingham treatment plant. This matter remains ongoing.

At today's Cabinet meeting, Members underlined their commitment to notify & involve local people in our planning policies & decision-making by approving our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

The SCI aims to make public & community involvement in planning more transparent, accessible, collaborative, inclusive & consistent.

Neighbourhood Plan

This continues to progress albeit slowly due to the workload involved in responding to other planning matters. We are aiming to have the draft version completed early next year.

4. St Edmunds Church Christmas Services



Christmas Services dates and times:

19th December - 4pm Christingle

24th December

4pm – Crib Service

6pm – Carol Service

11:30pm – Christmas Communion

25th December – 10:30am Christmas Family Service

26th December – Parish Communion

5. News from Maids Moreton Conservation Group

Maids Moreton Conservation Group would like to wish all the residents
in our lovely village

A very happy Christmas and a great 2022.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16th February, 2022 at 7.30 pm in
the village hall.

Everybody is very welcome to attend.



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Capricorn
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***Maids Moreton Parish Council wishes all our residents an enjoyable
Christmas season and a Happy New Year.***



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