

Moreton Pinkney Parish Council newsletter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Moreton Pinkney Parish Council. This month we would like to let you know how Parish Councils work and the latest news.

How do Parish Council meetings work?

The **agenda and minutes** are a vital way of telling the community what the council is doing, what decisions are being made on behalf of residents and are a way of involving local people in the life of their community. The **agenda** is circulated at least 3 days before the meeting. You can find these on the bus shelter notice board or on our new website www.moreton-pinkney.org.uk No decisions can be made unless they are on the agenda.

Our Parish Council meetings start with Public time. This is the time when you as a villager can represent views of local people; tell us about what is concerning you; answer questions or give evidence relating to anything that is on the agenda. However the Parish Council cannot make decisions during this time and any matters raised by the public are decided on later when the relevant agenda point comes up later in the meeting or are placed on the agenda for the next meeting. This means we make sure no decision is made without prior notice on the agenda. We would always like to invite you, as a villager, to remain after public time so that you can hear what decisions are made on topics that may interest you.

Have a look at our **agendas** and they will tell you what is to be discussed at a meeting and what decisions are to be made on your behalf.

After a meeting **minutes** will be produced. These have a heading telling you what the minute is about, a narrative that briefly summarizes what took place and the decision. Any decision will be separately highlighted for ease of identification and the outcome of any vote will be shown.

Moreton Pinkney PC has meetings ten times a year, every six or seven weeks on a Wednesday evening. We hope you will come and listen and see what goes on. If you would like more information please contact our Chair James Smith 768989.

Covid 19 Mutual Support Group

Following the Prime Ministers announcement of a second lockdown, Moreton Pinkney Parish Council is setting up the Covid 19 Mutual Support Group again. Are you unable to leave home or concerned about it because of Covid 19? Do you need someone to run errands – do your shopping, cook food or pick up a prescription etc..? Or would you like someone to talk to if you are feeling isolated? If you need help with any of this please ring Lesley on 760748, Stevi 760112 or Claire on 760790 and we can find someone to help.

Would you like a free food box?

As with the previous lockdown, free food boxes can be supplied to people who are unable to access sufficient food during lockdown, whether it is for health or economic reasons. Food is supplied through the FareShare network which reclaims surplus food for redistribution rather than going to waste. If you would like a food box please contact Lesley, Stevi or Claire.

Bus service for Moreton Pinkney

The Community bus service is travelling from Moreton Pinkney to Banbury and back every Thursday. Please register before you use the service and you will need to book your seat www.abilitycic.org.uk/register If you would like more information please contact Claire Poulton 760790 or Andrew Jalland at the garage. This bus service is running for a trial period.

We will tell you more about how you can get involved in the work of the PC in later newsletters. Please contact Gary Denby, our Clerk clerk@moreton-pinkney.org.uk or James Smith chair@moreton-pinkney.org.uk for more information or a zoom link for a Parish Council meeting.