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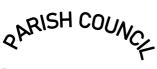
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**JULY and AUGUST 2025** 

An Extraordinary Meeting of **Morville Parish Council** was held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to discuss the Outline Planning Application from Bloor Homes and Taylor Wimpey for 1,500 residential dwellings,14.6 ha of employment land and more....

#### PLANNING REFERENCE: 25/01722/OUT

This was attended by a large number of parishioners and, after listening to the many points raised by them, councillors voted unanimously to oppose this development.

You can view our reasons on the Morville Parish Council website

https://morville-pc.gov.uk together with guidance how to post your comments on the Shropshire Council Planning Portal. The direct link is

https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SVYH6HTDHRM00&activeTab=summary

We encourage all parishioners to do this, whether you object or support the development it is important your views are registered – and remember that not to object to the planning application is the same as supporting it.

# Please note comments should be made before the extended consultation period ends on MONDAY 30TH JUNE.

We would also recommend sending a letter to the relevant Bridgnorth elected members at Shropshire Council and our local MP, Stuart Anderson. Letters can voice concerns about the decision to allocate the Tasley site and be based on your response to the Outline Planning Application. A list of relevant councillors with their titles/responsibilities and email addresses is on the website and here: Local Councillors • Councillor Susan Eden – member for Bridgnorth East and Astley Abbotts division (Email: susan.eden@shropshire.gov.uk) • Councillor Rachel Connelly – member for Bridgnorth West and Tasley division (Email: rachel.connelly@shropshire.gov.uk) • Councillor Colin Taylor – member for Bridgnorth South and Alveley division (Email: colin.taylor@shropshire.gov.uk) • Councillor Peter Husemann – member for Bridgnorth Castle division (Email:

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# **Restore Shropshire Verges Project**

**RSVP** -Despite Shropshire Council having asked their contractor NOT to cut the verges between Morville and Muckley Cross, this was unfortunately done in early June, leaving macerated litter. Cllr Yuille is therefore deferring a second "cut & collect" until later in the year. Cuttings full of macerated litter cannot be dumped on the Rowley's muck pile so she is pressing SC to fund the next "cut & collect" and dispose of the resultant litter-contaminated cuttings.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm

# **Shropshire Rural Support**

## Doing nothing is not an option

Shropshire is one of the most beautiful counties in England from the Teme Valley to the Long Mynd to the rolling land in the north of the county. The farms that make up and manage this beautiful pastoral scene are run by farmers and their families who are in one of the most stressful and, at times, isolated of occupations with sadly amongst the highest levels of suicide in the UK.

Many of the farms are multigenerational family businesses with up to 3 generations working together on the farm with all the ups and downs of family businesses with the added complication of living on top of each other. Also, not only do they have to put up with vagaries of the weather, but also with continually changing government regulations and the dominance of the supermarkets controlling prices.

Some 30 years ago, in a year when suicide incidents peaked in Shropshire, **Shropshire Rural Support** was set up to support farmers, their families and people living and working in rural Shropshire at times of need. The enquiries we receive cover both business issues and personal issues including bereavement, loneliness, domestic abuse, family fallouts, succession and divorce. Our role is to ensure the caller is signposted to a safe place where they can access the help that they need to address their particular issue, though sometimes it is a case of our being there to listen.

We are a self-funding charity run by volunteers, most of whom have a farming background and understand the issues of running a farm. Assisted by the volunteers the day-to-day operation is delivered by 2 part time coordinators and the support service is available 24/7/365 via a free phone helpline that ensures that whatever the time-of-day people can readily access our confidential service. For those, particularly the younger generation, who prefer to text message rather than talking on a phone, we have recently launched a free confidential 24/7/365 text messaging helpline.

Doing nothing is not an option, if you know of someone you are worried about, please encourage to them they get in touch by ringing the confidential **free phone number 0300 123 2825 or text SRS to 85258**. There is also a wealth of information is available on our website <a href="www.shropshireruralsupport.org.uk">www.shropshireruralsupport.org.uk</a>

#### Morville W I

We changed things around a bit for our June meeting although it started as always with a welcome to everyone from our president, followed by "Jerusalem".

Business for the night was moved to later in the evening so that we could tuck into some delicious picnic food that our members had brought to share, and a rather good glass of Pimms was served by the committee to accompany the food.

The weather that had been changeable all day came through for us and at 8pm we were able to go outside where Laura's trailer was waiting.

Laura, together with her lovely mum Jeanette are the duo behind "Laura's delicious icecream". Laura explained that after finishing university with a degree in Food Manufactuing she returned to the family's farm in Cleedownton where her dream of making a product using milk from the farm's dairy herd became reality in September 2021 when she started making icecream.

They make small batches by hand from their milk and add cream from Mawley Town Farm, this forms the base mix to which they add only natural colourings and flavourings. Laura explained that they make different flavours depending upon the time of year so look out for Christmas Pudding flavour!

Laura was a very engaging speaker who is passionate about her product. It was fascinating to hear about the robotic milking system that they use on the farm, the process of making icecream, the inspiration behind her branding and where she bought her amazing trailer, before we got to sample some of the product. We all agreed that it was definitely delicious and were keen to know where we could buy more. It was a lovely evening.

Our July meeting is an outing to Wildwood Alpacas in Albrighton, so we won't be at the Village Hall again until 10th September when we look forward to welcoming Tania West who will be speaking about Overcoming Life's Curve Balls.

If you would like to come along and see what Morville WI are all about you would be very welcome. Our meetings which are usually held at Morville Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month, start with a welcome drink at 7.15. We have a competition, raffle and a delicious tea.

You will find more information on our Facebook page.

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#### **Postponed Picnic**

As some of you already know, Derek & Gill were having a shared picnic on the lawn on Sunday  $6^{th}$  July. This has now been postponed for the time being

#### A458 ROAD SAFETY

I addressed a recent Morville Parish Council Meeting in the Public Session regarding the problems that residents are experiencing from speeding vehicles and the general condition of the road surface and markings between Morville Village and Muckley Cross/Beggar Hill.

The main points were:

#### URGENT:

Road surface and markings very poor or worn away - Poplar Cottage to Beggar Hill Top. Central and Verge lines together with Ghost Island Hatching. Cat's Eyes missing.

#### LONGER TERM:

We believe a 50mph speed limit would significantly improve road safety.

#### ACCIDENTS:

There have been many [mostly unreported to Police] collisions involving vehicles [Cars, Lorries and Tractors] turning right into House and Field entrances over the past 25 years.

#### **SPEEDING:**

There is very little speed monitoring on this road and this is clearly needed. There are numerous gaps in hedgerows where vehicles have left the road at speed.

Many residents will be aware of the Motorcycle Race from an assembly point near to Bridgnorth to a finish point in North Wales.

The Parish Council were very supportive and carried a motion to establish a sub-committee to deal with the problems outlined plus issues along the Corvedale Road.

Many attempts have been made in the past to persuade the Police and/or the County Council to take action on these issues. It has been the usual "Catch 22" situation where both bodies have said they could not take action without "evidence of need" but they are the ones who have the statutory authority to assemble the evidence.

To break this log-jam I suggest we form a group of interested/affected people to record all incidents involving people/vehicles/cyclists/animals along this stretch of the A458.

I would be willing, initially to act as the collator/co-ordinator for this record and then pass it on to the Parish Council to use during discussions with the County Council/Police and Crimes Commissioner.

Please feel free to contact me via the Editor at Morville Parish Newlsletter:

Email: Newsletter@Morville.org.uk

Mike Skinner - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator [Morville & Muckley Cross]

#### Morville School News

Hello from the Morville school family.

The sun is shining, the children are smiling, and they are once again making the most of this wonderful weather.

This week 15 of our Year 5 and Year 6 have travelled to the Pioneer centre for a residential trip. Situated within stunning countryside in rural Shropshire near Kidderminster, the centre's 25-acre site offers a real taste of the outdoors. The children will be taking part in some adrenaline fuelled outdoor activities such as wall climbing, a high ropes aerial trek course as well as raft building, fencing and an inflatables challenge. There are also plenty of opportunities to experience the natural environment by learning about local wildlife and plant life too. This residential trip offers the children of Morville an amazing opportunity to build relationships, improve confidence, develop communication and learn new skills. We cannot wait to hear more about it once they return to school later this week.

Recently a choir of children took part in the local Shropshire Sings concert at Bridgnorth Endowed School. The children worked with Mrs Bennett as part of an after-school club all the way through the summer term to practise the songs and it has been wonderful to hear their voices ringing out from the classroom. At the event on the big stage the children sang beautifully, and the support from home in learning the songs was truly appreciated. We already have children asking us what next year's concert will be like and if we can look into having a school choir.

Earlier this month the children of Morville enjoyed a live workshop with Baroness Floella Benjamin to celebrate the 30th anniversary of her book "Coming to England".

Floella shared some of her experiences growing up as a Black child in England and although it was saddening to hear some of her more difficult experiences, her story is one of hope and resilience as she talked passionately to the children about overcoming adversity and showing perseverance during hard times. She was truly inspirational, and the children really enjoyed hearing her story and message.

Last week Morville held their annual sports day with the 68 children attending school split across the three house groups (Siskins, Starlings and Sparrows). Sports Day is always a wonderful way to further encourage our children to have fun, to get active and to work together in various fun physical activities and challenges. The children took part in a huge variety of activities including javelin, long jump, running races, egg and spoon, sack race and relay race. We also enjoyed a fantastic family egg and spoon race and a toddler race.

On Friday the children from Year 6 will be going to an annual event called Crucial Crew. During this event our pupils will be given a number of different scenarios to help raise awareness of safety issues. The skills and topics covered throughout the day are valuable tools which they will carry with them as they continue with their educational journey as they transition to Year 7

We are also pleased to share that our Friends of Morville School (FoMS) are also going to be hosting an end of term disco at the village hall for the children to celebrate another fantastic year with music and dancing. Their last disco was a huge success and along with other fundraising events have raised money for school to be able to purchase items from the children's wish list. This has included items such as bikes, tennis nets and new sports equipment. We are so grateful to them for their support.

Looking forward to sharing our next update - Miss Docherty

Darkness and light are often a shorthand in our western popular culture for the forces of good and evil. We know instantly in films and television who the heroes and villains are often by the colour of their clothes. So often arguments in our culture are often presented as binary choices between right and wrong, good and bad, left wing or right wing, etc. Just look at the reporting in our news media about world events and you quickly see that we are presented with clear choices rather than any sense of nuance. I was listening on the radio as I prepared to write this, and what was being suggested was that when it comes to political debate most people would prefer nuance to bold binary statements.

In many other cultures too, darkness represents evil or hidden unsavoury activities. Alongside this we may find that many of our human fears revolve around darkness and what hides in it. Yet what has struck me recently is that in scripture the idea of darkness is not always so binary. I want to challenge you to look again at what the writers of the bible say and begin to understand darkness with the eyes of faith rather than through the lens of culture. In Psalm 139 the psalmist talks about darkness from God's perspective:

"Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You." Psalm 139:12

God does not differentiate light and dark in the way we do, after all he created both of them. We do not live in a 'ying and yang' universe of two equal powers of good and evil or opposing forces of light and dark like a celestial chess set. We don't live in a Star Wars like universe with mystical forces at play that are held in balance with a constant struggle of the dark side and the light side!

The bible however does use the ideas of light and dark to differentiate between those who love and follow God and those do not. Isaiah in his prophecy about the coming Messiah reminds them that when God comes to live amongst them then the light of the kingdom will shine on them. The prophet reminds them in a powerful metaphor that the light of the kingdom will dispel and overcome the darkness.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone." Isaiah 9:2

We should however never equate that with two equal and opposite powers. Instead, it is an analogy which helps us understand that we have choices and God represents the best choices available to us. Many of the New Testament writers talk about the Christian faith as choosing to live in the daylight rather than in the night time. They want the early church to understand that we need to live consistently, transparently and in the open so people can see the difference our faith makes to the way we live our lives. John in the great prologue to his Gospel uses exactly this picture reminding us that God cannot be overwhelmed or swept away by the darkness.

"What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.." John 1:5 Message

It reminds us too that even at the very darkest moments of our lives God has not walked away from us, he is not absent, and he stands alongside us. Matthew in his Gospel recognises this when he records these words from Jesus to his disciples.

"What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops." Matthew 10:27

Jesus wants the disciples to know that he is with them and alongside them at every stage and he will not turn his back or walk away from us. It is the Holy Spirit given to us at Pentecost who whispers to our hearts and guides us in our daily lives, it is the Spirit who will give us the words to speak when we don't know how to pray. If as you read this because of life's circumstances you feel trapped in the darkness, remember that God stands in it with you.

The Venerable Derek Chedzey Archdeacon of Hereford

# **SERVICES FOR JULY and AUGUST**

# MORVILLE

JULY Sun Sun Thurs Sun Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am 11.15am 2.30pm 11.15am 11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay) Morning Prayer (JP) Refreshments Morville School Leavers' Service Morning Prayer (Lay) Holy Communion by Ext. (JP) Refreshments			
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Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB/VD)			
MONKHOPTON						
JULY Sun AUGUS	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)			
Sun	3rd	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)			
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JULY Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB)			
AUGUST Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am Morning Prayer (Lay)						

#### Morville Readers and Readings for July and August

#### July

		First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	$6^{th}$	Galations 6: 1-16	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
		(Alison Foxall)	(Helen Smith)
Sun	$13^{th}$	Colossians 1: 1-14	Luke 10:25-37
		(Louise Shropshire)	(Tim Heatley)
Sun	$20^{th}$	Colossians 1: 15- 28	Luke 10: 38-end
		(Tim Morris)	(Elaine Crisp)
Sun	$27^{th}$	Colossians 2: 6- 15	Luke 11: 1-13
		(Hilary Evans)	(Mike Skinner)

#### August

		First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	$3^{\rm rd}$	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 12:13-21
		(Mike Skinner )	(Helen Smith)
Sun	$10^{th}$	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32- 40
		(Louise Shropshire)	(Tim Heatley)
Sun	$17^{\rm th}$	Hebrews 11: 29 -12: 2	Luke 12: 49-56
		(Tim Morris )	(Elaine Crisp)
Sun	$24^{th}$	Hebrews 12: 18-end	Luke 13: 10-17
		(Hilary Evans	(Alison Foxall)

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You can: **Donate food** in the form of tinned meals, dry goods (pasta, rice, pulses) teabags, coffee, long-life milk **Provide** baby items, cleaning materials and toiletries **Donate** cooking utensils or kitchen equipment

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