

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held at Moreton Say Village Hall
on Thursday 25th November 2021 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors C Dutton, P Duffy, G Turner, R Hughes, A Wickett, P Smith
and Unitary Councillor P Wynn, also present Mrs J Evans (Clerk).

Apologies: None

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – As above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There was one member of the public present who addressed the Council regarding the issue of the field at Smythmoor. The Council were advised that there were now six metal storage containers on the field and there was a 40-foot-wide bonfire which is being added to weekly. Sometimes combustible materials are burnt which have exploded and when the fire is not light then vermin are around. The bonfire is adjacent to a public right of way and local people are now intimidated and will not walk this way. Cllr Wynn had received correspondence in Sept from the Enforcement Officer stating that there wasn't a problem here and the case had been closed. Everyone at the meeting agreed that there is still a problem of unregulated tipping of waste, and possibly obstruction of a Right of Way, and both Cllr Wynn and the Clerk will report all issues again to Shropshire Council and the Environment Agency. After this item the member of the public left the meeting.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 23rd September and the Extraordinary Meeting on 14th October 2021** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of both these minutes and it was resolved that they were a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters** – The following information was provided to up-date the Council regarding various on-going issues not on the agenda:
 - a. The Clerk advised that she and Cllr Turner had undertaken the HSBC safeguarding telephone interview on behalf of the Council.
 - b. An email had been received today from John Blessington regarding the trees between Moreton Say Village Hall and Pinfold Cottages. The Clerk will email the full email to all the Cllrs but basically nothing will be done about the trees at present as they are not considered dangerous.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn advised that the election for the Parliamentary Seat for the North Shropshire Area will be on 16th December. He went on to advise that Adult and Social Care is 85% of the Shropshire Council budget and relates 3% of the population. This figure goes up by 9% per year but Shropshire Council are only allowed to claim 3% of that back. London gets 3 times more per head and this inequality of funding needs to be addressing as Shropshire has an aging population.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – Cllr Turner reported back on the North SALC meeting he had recently attended where there had been presentations relating to the Ambulance Service and Shropshire Council's Local Plan. Cllr Dutton, Cllr Turner and the Clerk had attended the AGM of the Millenium Green and a committee has now been reformed to maintain this village feature and it is hoped that more Trustees can be appointed. Cllr Dutton advised that even though the Parish Council had paid for a survey on all the trees around the car park, including around the pool area, when signing the lease with the Diones, it should be noted that at some point in the future a letter needs to be sent from the Parish Council to the Millenium Committee disclaiming any responsibility relating to the trees around the pool.
8. **Planning** – The following planning applications were considered and **comments agreed**:

22/05231/LBC - Repositioning of attic staircase including infilling of existing opening affecting a Grade II Listed Building - Longford Old Hall, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PW - **Support**

Determination of Planning

21/04203/FUL - Erection of a single storey timber framed garage and regularisation of works associated with Haystack Barn - Haystack Barn, Poppiefields, Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3QY - **Permission Granted**

21/04746/FUL - Erection of an agricultural building - Greenbank Farm, Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PX – **Permission Refused**

The Clerk advised that since the agenda for this meeting had been published 4 planning applications had been received and it was unanimously decided to call an Extraordinary Meeting of this Parish Council on Thursday 9th December 2021 for these planning applications to be discussed and comments from the Parish Council to be made.

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Expense	Chq No	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
Chris Jordan	Grass cutting	75	£145.00		LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
Jane Evans	Clerk quarterly reimbursements	76	£31.10		LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - November 2021	SO	£243.76		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£663.62	£0.00	

The Council resolved to agree these expenses.

b. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward 1 st April 2021	£ 20,165.80
Add: Receipts to date	£ 14,074.13
Less: Payments to date	£ 11,460.00
Closing Balance	£ 22,770.93

Bank Balances as at 31st October 2021:

Current Account	£ 7,456.48
Deposit Account	£ 15,233.45
Less: un-presented payment	£ 00.00
Total Bank Balance	£ 22,779.93

- c. **Budget** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a draft budget for 2022/23 and this was agreed in principle and will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting when information has been received from Shropshire Council regarding the precept.
- d. **Internal Auditor** – The Clerk advised that the Internal Auditor, Mrs Sue Hackett, had expressed an interest in undertaking this role for the Year Ending 31st March 2022 and it was unanimously agreed to appoint her again.

10. Highways & Environmental – The Council discussed the following issues:

- a. The pothole on A41 at Bletchley – This has been reported numerous times and Cllr Wynn agreed to take this forward.
- b. After roadworks have happened signage is not taken away, and also cones on the verges, Cllr Hughes advised that there had been a sign on the verge at Longslow for 9 months – The Clerk will report this.
- c. Pothole on the road by Moreton Mill Farm – The Clerk will report this.

- d. The lane between Longford and A53 is getting worse and as this has also been reported numerous times Cllr Wynn agreed to take this forward.
- 11. Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs** – The Clerk advised that on her way to the meeting she had noticed that the light opposite Longford Grange was not working and she will report it.
- 12. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Turner reported that there was a meeting due next week to discuss the latest draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 13. Code of Conduct** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a copy of the new model Code of Conduct recently adopted by Shropshire Council. It was unanimously agreed that this Parish Council should also adopt this Code of Conduct.
- 14. Market Drayton Town Council Boundary** – The Clerk advised that there had not been any further meetings with Market Drayton Town Council regarding this matter.
- 15. Correspondence** - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received and no additional correspondence had been received.
- 16. Parish Matters** – No further matters were raised.
- 17. Agenda Items** – No further items were suggested for the agenda for the next meeting on **20th January 2021** when the Precept will be set.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 25th November 2021

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 20th January 2021

Signed by the Chairman