

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held at Moreton Say Village Hall on Thursday 20th January 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors C Dutton, G Turner and C Wellon and Unitary Councillor P Wynn, also present Mrs J Evans (Clerk).

Apologies: Councillors R Smith, R Hughes, A Wickett and P Duffy (given via message during the meeting)

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – As above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the public present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 25th November and the Extraordinary Meeting on 9th December 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 had been trying to chase up progress regarding the website but unfortunately had not received any replies. Cllr Wellon said that she would try to find out what was happening about this.
 - b. The Clerk had reported all the Highways issues to Shropshire Council from the last meeting.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn advised that at their recent meeting Shropshire Council had agreed to increase their levy on Council Tax by 3.99%. Over 85% of Shropshire Council's budget is spent on adult social care and there was also £10m in the budget for highways and the swimming baths at Shrewsbury and Whitchurch were in the budget to be rebuilt, although they had received a grant to help with the cost of the Whitchurch project. The roll out of the purple-lidded wheelie bins for glass, tin and plastic recycling was due in Spring with residents being asked to request a bin. Cllr Wynn went on to advise that he had been out to meet the resident who spoke at the last Parish Council meeting, he had inspected the area and also a Shropshire Council officer had been out. Cllr Wynn had been advised that the site would be visited again this week by two officers and he will continue to chase this matter.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – The Clerk reported on a North SALC meeting that she had attended as Cllr Turner was now unable to attend meetings on Monday evenings. She advised that there had been a presentation by the group from South Shropshire that were Restoring the Verges in the area, there was information regarding the next Chairman's meeting (which she had passed on to Cllr Dutton) and one of the Hinstock Cllrs had suggested that the A41 Concerns Group reconvene so she had contacted this Cllr to say that Moreton Say Parish Council would be interested in this.
8. **Planning** – The following planning applications were considered and *comments agreed*:

21/05914/FUL - Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1995 for the retrospective erection of one polytunnel, Garden Shed and Chicken Enclosure - Bletchley Manor, Bletchley, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RZ – **No comment**

21/06002/FUL - Erection of a garden room and motorcycle shed - Bletchley Manor, Bletchley, Market Drayton Shropshire, TF9 3RZ- **No comment**

21/05973/FUL - Change of use of land to allow the siting of a holiday cabin - Styche Farm, Moreton Say, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RR - **Support**

Determination of Planning

21/05396/FUL - Erection of a steel portal framed building for Rearing Calves - Moreton Hall Farm, Moreton Say, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RS – **Permission Granted**

21/05334/FUL - Change of use from Residential Care Home to D1 Non-Residential Education - Shavington Grange, New Street Lane, Market Drayton, TF9 3RH - **Withdrawn**

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Expense	Chq No	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
I C O	Data Protection Registration	D/D	£35.00		LGA 1972 s 111
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - January 2022	SO	£243.76		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£522.52	£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	£ 14,074.52
Less: Payments to date	<u>£ 12,128.62</u>
Closing Balance	£ 22,111.70
Bank Balances as at 31 st December 2021:	
Current Account	£ 6,877.86
Deposit Account	£ 15,233.84
Less: un-presented payment	<u>£ 00. 00</u>
Total Bank Balance	<u>£ 22,111.70</u>

- c. **Moreton Say Car Park** – Cllr Dutton expressed his disappointment with the way in which the car park was being used as it meant that potholes were once again being seen. He had been in contact with A R Richards, who had previously worked on the car park, and they had supplied a quote for tarmacking the outer edge of the former bowling green car park 4 meters from the outer perimeter, excluding the cemetery wall side, this quote was c £14,500. Cllr Dutton suggested that if this outer area was tarmacked then it would encourage people to park correctly and then walk around the edge to the pedestrian entrance, which would be safer for everyone. Cllr Dutton will try to get another quote, two if possible, but explained that it was very difficult to find anyone else to quote for this work. After a further discussion the Council unanimously agreed that this work needed to be done and the budget was amended to show this expenditure. Cllr Dutton will take this matter forward. Cllr Turner, also mentioned that cars have been parking right in front of the defibrillator at the Village Hall and wondered if the school could circulate a note that this area must be clear in case of need, the Clerk will take this forward.
- d. **Budget and Precept 22/23** – The Council discussed the budgets and the precept requirement and unanimously resolved that the Precept would remain the same with 0% increase in view of the fact that they still had large reserves to cover any shortfall between expenditure and income.
- e. **Banking Arrangement** – The Clerk advised that the Council's current bank, HSBC, had decided to start charging for local authority bank accounts and she was making enquiries to move the bank account to somewhere cheaper but as yet had no recommendations to put to the Council.

- f. **Quarterly Internal Controls** - Prior to the meeting the Clerk had sent out all the financial information the quarter end and the Council reviewed and agreed this.
- g. **Review of Standing Orders and Direct Debits** - The Clerk advised the Council that it had one standing order, which related to her wages, and one direct debit, to the Information Commissioners Office relating to the annual GDPR fee, the Council agreed.
- h. **Grant requests** - The Council considered written grant requests from Moreton Say Village Hall and The Millenium Green Trust. After some discussion the Council resolved to grant £500 to the Village Hall and £400 to the Millennium Green Trust.

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

- a. The drains between the Tern Hill roundabout and Chapel Lane – The Clerk will liaise with Victoria Doran of Shropshire Highways in this regard.
- b. The ‘Give Way’ sign from Longslow to join the A53 is in the verge (Cllr Hughes reported this to the Clerk) – The Clerk will report this to Shropshire Highways.
- c. The lanes between Longford and A53 and Longford and A41 are getting worse with potholes and subsidence at the edges. The Clerk has reported both these lanes before but will contact Shropshire Council again.

11. Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs – The Clerk advised that the street light outside Longford Grange has now been repaired and there were no other issues at present.

12. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Turner reported that the Steering Group had now reviewed two drafts of the Neighbourhood Plan and were currently waiting for the next one to come from aPT.

13. Shropshire’s Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Survey – The Council discussed which Cllr would be best to take this forward and agreed that the Clerk should ask Cllr Hughes if he would like to do this.

14. Shropshire Council’s Budget Consultation – The Council discussed if they would like to undertake this consultation and it was agreed to delegate this to the Clerk.

15. Code of Conduct: Other Registerable Interests – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had forwarded information about this to the Council but they agreed that they would not take this up at the present time.

16. Correspondence - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received and no additional correspondence had been received.

17. Parish Matters – Cllr Wellon suggested arranging a working group to clear and clean the tennis court in the spring and it was agreed for Saturday 19th March, the Clerk will arrange for this to be put in the Village Crier.

18. Agenda Items – It was agreed that appointing a new representative for the North SALC meetings should be put on the agenda for the next meeting on **24th March 2022**.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 20th January 2022

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 24th March 2022

Signed by the Chairman 