

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held at Moreton Say Village Hall on Thursday 24th March 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies: Unitary Councillor P Wynn

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – At the start of the meeting the Chairman asked if Parish Council would like to show their support for the people of Ukraine, and the incredible difficulties they faced, by holding a minute's silence, this was agreed and observed.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There was one member of the public present but they did not wish to make any comments.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 20th January 2022** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of 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. Cllr Wellon and the Clerk advised that they had been trying to chase up progress regarding the website but unfortunately had still not received any replies. The Clerk suggested that she get another quote using the layout and work that she had already done on this, all agreed.
 - b. The Clerk had advised on her findings relating to changing the bank account to a cheaper but efficient, alternative now that HSBC were going to be changing and it was agreed to move to Unity Bank and start to use electronic payments.
 - c. Cllr Wellon reported that unfortunately despite the advert in the AMICA magazine, no-one had contacted her regarding the tennis court cleaning and so nothing had been done. (Cllr Smith advised that she had been but not at the same time.) Cllr Wellon went on to advise that a lot of the leaves have now gone and the moss was the bigger problem. Cllr Hughes recommended a treatment which should get rid of the moss and he will get a price for the next meeting.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Unfortunately Cllr Wynn was unable to attend the meeting due to illness but he had asked the Clerk to advise the meeting that two officers had been out to the field at Smythmoor, on two occasions, an Enforcement had been lodged, and that progress seemed to be happening. Cllr Dutton advised the meeting that issues had been reported to him again a few days earlier so asked if Cllr Wynn could please continue to press Shropshire Council on this and Cllr Hughes asked what sort of Enforcement had been issued – the Clerk will find out and advise.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – Cllr Dutton reported on the Chairperson's meeting he had attended via Zoom. Moreton Say Village Hall had also been attended where, it was reported, a programme of repainting had been agreed by the committee starting today. The Clerk asked if anyone would like to represent this Council at the North SALC meetings, approximately 3 meetings per year, and Cllrs Wickett and Smith agreed to do this between them, the Clerk will advise both of the next meeting.
8. **Planning** – The following planning applications were considered and *comments agreed*:

22/00829/REM - Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout, scale) pursuant of 18/01804/OUT (allowed on appeal) for the erection of one dwelling and detached garage - Former Slaughterhouse, Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire - **No comment**

Determination of Planning

21/04307/OUT - Outline planning application (access) for up to 100 dwellings (including affordable housing), structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation, vehicular access point and associated highways improvement works - Land North Of A53, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Permission Refused**

21/05354/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension - Audley Brow Farm, Moreton Say, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RR – **Permission Granted**

21/05381/FUL - Erection of additional stables and steel frame building for livestock, storage, and ancillary purposes, retention of an existing mobile home and enlarged manege, provision of revised site access with repositioned gates and improved visibility splays and regularisation of existing uses and structures (revised scheme) - Fordhall Grange Stud, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PR - **Permission Refused**

21/05595/FUL - Erection of an agricultural building (resubmission) - Greenbank Farm, Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PX - **Permission Granted**

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 - **Permission Granted**

21/05231/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 - **Permission Granted**

21/05382/REM - Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission 20/05326/OUT for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling - Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling Adjacent Fordhall Farm, Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire - **Permission Granted**

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 - **Permission Granted**

21/06002/FUL - Erection of a garden room and motorcycle shed - Bletchley Manor, Bletchley, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RZ - **Permission Granted**

22/00149/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of the rear utility room and timber lean-to - Red House Farm, Chapel Lane, Tern Hill, TF9 3PY - **Permission Granted**

22/00314/FUL - Installation of agricultural storage lagoon (70m x 35m x 4m) (2450sqm) for the storage of cattle slurry with surrounding 1.2m high fencing - Longford Farm, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PW - **Permission Refused**

9. Finance

a. Expenses

| Payee | Expense | Chq No | Net Amount | Vat Amount | Authority |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Moreton Say Village Hall | Grant | 77 | £500.00 | | LG(MP)A 1976 s19(3) |
| Moreton Say Millm Pond | Grant re New Trustees legal fees | 78 | £400.00 | | LGA 1972 s 137 |
| E-on | Street Light maintenance and contract | 79 | £139.99 | £28.00 | PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7 |
| Shropshire Council | Street light energy | 80 | £128.20 | £25.64 | PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7 |
| Balfours | Annual rent for Glebe Land | 81 | £250.00 | | LGA 1972 s 124 (1) |
| Jane Evans | Clerk's expenses & reimbursements | 82 | £125.85 | | LG(FP)A 1963 s 5 |
| Jane Evans | Clerk's Salary - March 2022 | SO | £243.76 | | LGA 1972 s 112 (2) |
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| | Total | | £2,035.96 | £53.64 | |

The Council resolved to agree these expenses and furthermore resolved that the invoice from A R Richards should be paid when it was received. At the last meeting it had been agreed that A R Richards would be appointed to carry out the work on the car park if a further estimate was more expensive or could not be

found. A further, more expensive, estimate was subsequently received. Cllr Dutton confirmed that A R Richards had completed the work last week, although their invoice had not yet been received.

b. Bank Reconciliation:

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| Balance brought forward 1 st April 2021 | £ 20,165.80 |
| Add: Receipts to date | £ 14,074.52 |
| Less: Payments to date | <u>£ 12,661, 94</u> |
| Closing Balance | £ 21,578.38 |
| Bank Balances as at 28 th February 2022: | |
| Current Account | £ 6,588.30 |
| • Deposit Account | £ 15,233.84 |
| Less: un-presented payment | <u>£243.76</u> |
| Total Bank Balance | <u>£ 21,578.38</u> |

c. Grants requests – The Council considered the following requests:

- Moreton Say P C C – A request had been received for £750 towards the annual costs of mowing/maintaining the church yard. The Clerk explained the legislative issues with Parish Council's granting money to Churches. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that it wanted to assist with the upkeep of this community asset and suggested that the Clerk look into whether the Parish Council should take over all Moreton Say community asset mowing. The Clerk will liaise with the Internal Auditor prior to the next meeting.
- Powa Pak Cleaners Ltd t/a Midland Masonry – A request had been received to fund a defibrillator at this company's premises at Bletchley. The company proposed putting the Defib on an external wall so that the public could possibly use it too. The Council felt that it was not appropriate to give money to a company for this purpose and that the Defib in Moreton Say was closer to these premises than a lot of the residential properties in the parish anyway.

10. Highways and Environmental Health – The Council considered the following issues:

- a. The drain at Bletchley – the cover has gone and needs replacing – The Clerk will report to Shropshire Highways.
- b. The 'Give Way' sign from Longslow to join the A53 has still not been repaired – The Clerk will report this to Shropshire Highways again.
- c. The problem of signs and cones being left, on verges etc, once roadworks have been completed – The Clerk has reported this issue but will contact Shropshire Council again.
- d. Cllr Dutton asked the Council's permission to lay telegraph poles along the edge of the grass adjacent to the car park so that people would not be able to use this grassed play area as an overflow car park, the Council unanimously agreed and thanked Cllr Dutton for taking this forward.
- e. Cllr Wellon advised the meeting that a resident had mentioned the speed of vehicles going around the corner coming off the A41 and also coming from Bletchley towards the A41, the Council agreed that it was difficult to gauge the speed of traffic due to its twisting nature and unfortunately with the speed limit throughout the parish being 60 miles per hour there was little that could be done.

11. Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs – No issues at present.

12. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Turner reported that the Steering Group were nearing the Regulation 14 stage when a summary consultation document would be sent to all residents of the three parishes, with the full proposed Neighbourhood Plan on the website and in strategic places in the parishes. Unfortunately, as we had reached Year End without spending all the grant money received, we may have to return part of it and apply again to cover the rest of aPT's subsequent invoices.

13. **We Don't Buy Crime, Smart Water Initiative** – The Council had agreed last year to finance this project but it had been postponed due to Covid. Cllr Dutton advised that a Rural and Business Crime Officer had been at the Village Hall last week and given out 138 smart water packs free of charge. Some of these packs had been given to residents of neighbouring parishes but the Council wondered if it was still worthwhile trying to undertake this initiative. The Clerk will liaise with the Crime Officer to see if his records showed exactly how many packs were given to Moreton Say parish residents so that the Council could make a more informed decision. The Cllrs would also ask neighbours and residents to see if there was still a need.
14. **Community Governance Review** – The Council discussed this issue and instructed the Clerk to write to Shropshire Council to advise that Moreton Say Parish Council saw no reason for moving the current, natural parish boundaries and would be against any such proposal.
15. **Annual Parish Meeting** – The Council agreed that it would again have the Annual Parish Meeting on the same evening as the May Parish Council meeting. The Clerk asked if it were possible to move this meeting from the previously agreed 26th May to 19th May please, all agreed. It was further agreed to start these meetings at the earlier time of 7.00 pm, the Clerk will amend the website information.
16. **Great British Spring Clean** – The Council considered this annual initiative but decided that, as this was something that the Village Hall Committee normally undertook, they would leave it to them.
17. **HM Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire's Garden Party** – Cllr Turner suggested a nomination for this event, all agreed and the Clerk will complete the application.
18. **Correspondence** - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received and additionally the Independent Monitoring Board Development Officer has written from HMP Stoke Heath regarding recruiting volunteers to sit on the Board.
19. **Parish Matters** – No further issues were raised.
20. **Agenda Items** – No further items were raised for the next meeting on **19th May 2022**.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 24th March 2022

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 19th May 2022

Signed by the Chairman 