

## MORETON SAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say held at The Clive Hall, Moreton Say  
on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 starting at 7.00 pm

1. **Welcome** – Cllr Dutton welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022** -These minutes had been circulated and published shortly after the meeting last year and all agreed that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings and they were duly signed.
3. **Chair's Report – 2022 - 2023** - Cllr Dutton:

During the last 12 months we have been consulted on 15 planning applications which have all been discussed by the Parish Councils and decisions reached.

We have, as a Parish Council, changed our banking arrangements to enable invoices to be paid via the internet banking system instead of the slower and more costly cheque system.

We have consistently reported potholes and bad road conditions to Shropshire Highways.

Councillor Turner and other representatives have kept the Parish Council informed on the progress of the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which is now nearing completion.

We have bought Smart Water kits under the We Don't Buy Crime initiative for all the residents in the Parish. This is an on-going project which some of my fellow Councillors have been implementing, thank you to all.

The car park by the Millennium Green has had some repair work done and continues to be beneficial for all.

We have maintained and managed the street lights within the Parish along with the grass around the Millennium Pool and the Old Bowling Green.

The defibrillator is situated on the wall of the Village Hall.

We have agreed grants to Moreton Say PCC and Moreton Say Village Hall.

As this is all I have to report I would now like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support over the last 12 month. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our clerk Jane Evans who, ladies and gentlemen, continues to serve this Parish Council with her incredible expertise on all different aspects which the Council experiences, Jane thank you very much. This concludes my total report to Moreton Say Parishioners on behalf of the Parish Council, thank you.
4. **Unitary Councillor's Report** – The Clerk read the following report from **Cllr Wynn**:

Good evening to you all, sorry I cannot be there in person. Just to give you a short update.

It has been a very challenging year, with more than three quarters of our budget going on social services and young people increasing around 10% each year and we can only put the precept up by 4.9.%. There are some Councils going into special measures but fortunately, as a Council we have been able to avoid this with some good forward thinking although it has come to light, we must save another 51 million pounds next year. Anyway, let us get closer to home.

The Traveller's site on the Market Drayton bypass, as you know it was passed by the planning officers and highways. I did go out and meet them on site with another colleague from the Town Council as well and put your concerns forward. The Planning officer did put a condition on that they cannot use the field for anything until they have done all the work on the lay-by.

I hope you have a good meeting.
5. **Millennium Green Trust Report** – Cllr Turner:

Since the Millennium Green Trust was set up with 8 Trustees in 2000, both the number of Trustees and the number of members of the Maintenance Committee had reduced as people moved out of the area etc until there were just 2 Trustees left to keep everything going, an onerous task.

Over the last 12 – 18 months new Trustees and committee members have been recruited and we now have 4 Trustees and a committee of 7 who meet twice a year. The Parish Council have very kindly taken over the responsibility of cutting the grass around the pool area. More members of the committee are always welcome. The new Committee identified two issues that needed resolving:

  - Capital work was required on the dam as remedial measures had not stopped the water leakage. In addition, one of the wooden bridges needs replacing.
  - The committee needed a regular income to pay the annual Public Liability Insurance and cover any regular maintenance on the benches etc.

Quotes for the dam/bridge work were received but as this was in the region of £9,700 it was agreed that the committee should apply for a National Lottery Community Fund Grant for this Community Asset – we have recently received confirmation that our application has been successful, and we are hoping that work on the dam will start shortly.

As far as the regular income is concerned, the Trust has set up a Millennium Pool 100 Club which involves people buying numbers for £1 per month for a monthly draw for half that months' income. So far, we have sold 74 numbers, with some people having 1 or 2 and some having a few more, so our monthly draw is £37 – very nice to win! We have 26 numbers available so if you would like to join, please let me or Jane Evans know. This now raises enough income to pay for the annual Public Liability Insurance with a bit over towards maintenance.

As Chairperson, I would very much like to thank Jane Evans for her support as secretary from which she has recently stepped down, and her work setting up the 100 club which, for the moment she continues to do. I would also like to thank Nick Rowe for continuing his role as Treasurer and Margaret Dutton for taking on the role of Secretary at the AGM. Also, thanks must go to Jo Turner and the Produce Show committee who donated the proceeds of last year's show towards maintenance of the pool area.

**6. Moreton Say School Report – Mrs Henney:**

Mrs Henney explained that she was nearing the end of her second year as Head Teacher at Moreton Say School, having been appointed in September 2021. Mrs Henney went on to say that since taking over the headship she had been helping the school develop not only through the academic subjects but also in areas of arts and design with a new specialise music teacher joining the team of teachers. The children have also reached the national finals of an engineering competition which has really sparked the children's interest in engineering generally.

The school is growing with last September's intake being the biggest so far at 19, this has taken the school numbers from in the 70s to 102. There are less pupils in the higher years but with a growing nursery now up to 24 pupils there is a good number to progress up through the school in the years to come.

Mrs Henney advised that she was well supportive by the school's governing body and thought that the school was a happy one for everyone and she thanked the Parish Council for inviting her to the Annual Parish meeting to give them an update of the Parish school.

**7. Moreton Say Village Hall – Mrs H Dutton:**

On behalf of the village hall committee and trustees, I give you the following report.

The village hall is again in full use post covid with children's parties, parish council meetings, training days, the annual village show and most of all Morton Say Primary School.

The office space upstairs occupancy by the AMICA Benefice has ended.


The hall suffered a burst pipe in the cold snap late in 2022, through immediate action the damage was not as serious as first thought. The insurers were involved and now the replacement door mating will be fitted in early June, and decoration commencing in the October. Other items of maintenance achieved this past year have included heating elements, roof and gutter repairs, and repairs to the floor boards.

So, it brings me to thank you all for your continued use and The Parish Council for your support.

**8. Public Session –** There were three members of the public present, one of whom spoke about issues relating to Vantage Farm odours. They advised the Parish Council that although it seems to be getting better it cannot be assumed that the problem has gone away as weekends and bank holidays there is still very bad odours about which are getting towards the threshold of reporting it to the Environmental Agency. They continued that these odours are to do with the poultry cycle and cleaning of the sheds but it is very unfortunate that they always seemed to coincide with nice weekends and bank holidays when people could be outside if the smell was not so bad. Cllr Dutton suggested that the Parish Council write to the Environmental Agency regarding this issue, the Clerk will take this matter forward. Another member of the public suggested that once the greenery had died back in the Autumn perhaps there could be a Parish litter pick, the Clerk will put this in the diary for the September Parish Council agenda.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25 pm

Minutes proposed and accepted as a true record of this meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Signed by the Chairman .....  .....