

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held at Moreton Say Village Hall
on Thursday 20th July 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors C Wellon and P Duffy and Unitary Councillor P Wynn

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – As stated above
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were three members of the public present who advised the Council that when one side of the A41 was closed for a day last week there was no public notices, no advanced warning and the result was chaos for traffic. They concluded that the only saving grace was that the work was done in one day instead of the scheduled two.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council and the Parish Council Meeting both held on 25th May 2023** - 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. The Clerk advised that all the financial information had been sent to the External Auditor, who had acknowledged receipt, and it had also been published on the Parish Council website.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Unfortunately Cllr Wynn was unable to attend the meeting.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – Reports were received from the following:
 - North Shropshire SALC – Cllr Smith reported that this meeting had recently been held via zoom. At the meeting there was a presentation on Shropshire Council's new Place Plan system. The Place Plan has not been updated since 2019 and Shropshire Council are looking for all Parish and Town Council's to engage in this process by the end of August so a review can be completed by mid-April and it can go to Cabinet for approval. The Parish Council discussed this initiative and it was agreed that Cllrs Smith, Wickett and Hughes, along with the Clerk, would meet to discuss any aspirations Moreton Say Parish Council had for the inclusion in the Place Plan which would be circulated to the rest of the Council prior to submission by the Clerk. Cllr Smith went on to advise that at the SALC meeting there were also discussions regarding: broadband in rural areas; an Emergency Planning meeting in September; ash die back; and draft guidance for Council regarding potential solar farms.
8. **Planning** –

None received

Determination of Planning

23/00089/OUT - Outline planning application for up to 100 (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 (re-submission) - Land North off A53, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Permission Refused**

23/01709/FUL - Proposed erection of agricultural building including provision of landscaping - Building 1 of 2 - Manor Farm, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PZ – **Permission Granted**

23/01711/FUL - Proposed erection of agricultural building - Building 2 of 2 - Manor Farm, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PZ – **Permission Granted**

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Expense		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
Moreton Say P C C	Grant - grass cutting in church yard	Int Bk	£750.00		LGA 1972 s 214
E-on	Street light maintenance contract	Int Bk	£95.54	£19.11	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
Jane Evans	Clerk's quarterly expenses/reimbursements	Int Bk	£92.70		LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - July 2023	SO	£270.16	-	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£1,478.56	£19.11	

The Council resolved to agree these expenses.

b. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2023	£13,300.65
Add: Receipts to date	£13,563.58
Less: Payments to date	£ 2,702.47
Closing Balance	£24,161.76

Bank Balances as at 30th June 2023:

Current Account	£24,161.76
Less: payments awaiting authorisation	£ 0.00
Total Bank Balance	£24,161.76

- c. **Quarterly Internal Control** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated all financial information for the quarter ending 30th June, this was agreed and Cllr Smith initialled the bank statement.
- d. **Additional Maintenance around the Millennium Pool** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated photos of the area around the Pool that needed cutting back and the Council agreed to the grass cutting contractor's quote of £200 to do all the necessary work and dispose of the waste.
- e. **Grant Request** – The Clerk read a letter from the secretary to the Millennium Pool Committee explaining that while the forthcoming dam work on the pool was being undertaken (a Lottery Grant has been obtained for this work) the committee would like to remove all the silt so that the pool would be cleaner. Cllr Dutton advised that the transporting and disposal of the silt would be donated and he estimated the actual silt removal not to cost more than £1,200. The Council agreed to give a grant for this silt removal work up to £1,200.
- f. **Commemorative Bench** – The Clerk explained that although it had been agreed at a previous Council meeting to purchase a commemorative bench the costs were quite varied and she asked the Council if it was a wooden or plastic bench they would like. After a discussion the Council agreed on a wooden bench, all the other benches around the Pool were wooden, the Clerk will get prices.
- g. **Play Equipment / Goals for the Former Bowling Green Site** – The Council discussed this matter and it was agreed to leave the area for the time being as all the children that played on it were happy with just the grass area.
- h. **Market Drayton Messenger** – The Council discussed the request for financial assistance with this publication and agreed that it was not something that the Parish Council wished to assist with.

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

- a. Signs on Tern Hill roundabout – The Timberlink signs have still not been removed and the Clerk will contact Cllr Wynn to chase this up.

- b. Signs on Tern Hill Farm – The Clerk will chase this matter.
- c. Vantage Farm – Cllr Smith advised the Council that there had been a serious odour problem at the end of May and she, along with other Bletchley residents, had spoken to both Shropshire Council and the Environmental Agency about the situation. Cllr Smith went on to advise that she now has the permit number to quote should there be any further problems.

- 11. **Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs** – There were no issues reported at present.
- 12. **Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council had started its statutory consultation of the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan ahead of the Plan’s formal inspection.
- 13. **We Don’t Buy Crime, Smart Water Initiative** – The Clerk advised that 21 more properties needed to sign up to this initiative for the Council to hit the 70% target. Cllr Hughes suggested contacting a resident at Styche as there were a lot of properties in that area, the Clerk will take this forward.
- 14. **Shropshire Council’s new format Place Plan** – This had been discussed under agenda item 7.
- 15. **Shropshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2024-2029 Consultation** – The Council decided that it did not wish to make any comments on this consultation.
- 16. **Shropshire Healthier Weight Strategy 2023-2028 Consultation** - The Council decided that it did not wish to make any comments on this consultation.
- 17. **Correspondence** - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received and no additional correspondence had been received.
- 18. **Parish Matters** – Cllr Turner advised the meeting that this year’s Village Show would be on Saturday 12th August. Cllr Wickett explained to the Council about a very serious matter, involving the emergency services, that she had recently been involved in and it was agreed that local MP, Cllr Helen Morgan, would be the best person to take this forward.
- 19. **Agenda Items** – Cllr Smith gave her apologies for the next meeting and there were no further items suggested for this meeting on **21st September 2023**.

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

Approval of the Minutes held on 20th July 2023

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 21st September 2023

Signed by the Chairman 