

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held at The Castle, Bletchley
on Thursday 12th January 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors P Duffy

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – As stated above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were three members of the public present but they did not wish to raise any issues.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st December 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 Clerk advised that she has emailed Rob Gittins regarding the A41 Safety Group meetings but had not yet received a reply so she will chase this matter.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn advised that Shropshire Council's Budget is currently being reviewed as some Councils in the UK have found themselves in 'Special Measures' which is a situation where central government take-over the control and this is to be avoided if possible.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – No meetings had been attended since the last Parish Council Meeting.
8. **Planning** – The following planning applications were considered and the *comments* agreed:

22/05402/FUL - Erection of a dwelling - Glencott, Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3QY – **No comment**

22/05366/FUL - Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 5 gypsy families, each with 2 caravans including no more than one static caravan/mobile home, together with laying of hardstanding, erection of 5 No. ancillary amenity buildings, installation of package sewage treatment plant and, access improvements. Access improvements to include construction of new accesses with A53, relocation of existing lay-by, and construction of new access road and lay-by - Land Off A53, Market Drayton, Shropshire. ***The Parish Council agreed to object to this planning application using some of the comments it raised when a previous application was put in for this land which are still valid. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Hughes to draft these comments and circulate them to other Councillors via email***

Determination of Planning

22/05489/OHL - Upgrade the existing pole mounted transfer and add additional wooden pole at the same location - Adjoining Longslow Farm, Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3QY - **No Objection**

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 2023	SO	£270.16	-	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£575.32		

The Council reviewed this schedule and unanimously resolved to agree the expenditure.

b. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2022	£19,732.34
Add: Receipts to date	£21,402.50
Less: Payments to date	£25,554.32
Closing Balance	£15,580.52

Bank Balances as at 31st December 2022:

Current Account	£15,580.52
Deposit Account	£ 0.00
Less: un-presented cheques	£ 0.00
Total Bank Balance	£15,580.52

- c. Quarterly Internal Control** - Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated all financial information for the quarter ending 31st December, this was agreed and a non-bank signatory will initial the bank statement.
- d. Budget and Precept 23/24** – The Budget, discussed at the last meeting, was reviewed and it was agreed that the Clerk should get quotes for a commemorative bench, for the Millennium Green area, and this could then be included in the budget. The Clerk advised the Council of the Precept information she has received from Shropshire Council and the Parish Council resolved that the Precept request should be for £13,178 which equates to a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax charge.
- e. 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.

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

- Potholes – The Council was glad to see that the potholes by Chapel Lane on the A41 were holding.
- Longslow – There is flooding in two places in this village where drains need looking at, the wall by The Old Smithy and the back entrance to Longslow Farm.
- Longford – There is flooding at the bottom of the road sloping down alongside the garden of Longford Old Hall.
- Bletchley – There is flooding by the Black and White property in Bletchley.
- Potholes on the A53 Market Drayton by-pass

The Clerk will report all these flooding issues and the potholes to Shropshire Council

- Complaints have been received regarding vehicles parking in front of Shamley Green – The Clerk will report this to the Community Liaison Officer again

11. Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs – The street light by Longford Grange has now been repaired and there are currently no further issues.

12. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Turner reported that the Regulation 14 consultation has now finished and the Steering Group are due to meet in two weeks when the comments received in this consultation will be discussed.

13. We Don't Buy Crime, Smart Water Initiative – Cllr Wellon advised the meeting that she has been calling on residents to sign them up for this initiative. Cllr Smith will join Cllr Wellon in continuing to take this forward.

14. Electoral Review of Shropshire – This matter was discussed and were different views on what this review would mean to Moreton say Parish. It was decided that Cllr Wynn would get some clarification which the Clerk would circulate so that the Parish Council could have a meeting to discuss this issue further, if required, and in the meantime the Clerk asked Cllrs to let her know their availability for a meeting before the end of the month.

- 15. Shropshire Council's Budget Consultation** – This matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council did not wish to comment on this consultation.
- 16. Correspondence** - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received and additionally the Clerk has received correspondence from the Board Development Officer at IMB Stoke Heath and the latest newsletter from Friends of Fordhall Farm.
- 17. Parish Matters** – Cllr Turner advised the meeting that the burst pipe which had caused flood damage at the Village Hall had now been repaired, everywhere is drying out and the water and electric had now been turned back on so that building would be available for the next meeting.
- 18. Agenda Items** – No further items were suggested for the next meeting on **30th March 2023**.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 12th January 2023

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 30th March 2023

Signed by the Chairman

