

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held at Moreton Say Village Hall on Thursday 28th March 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors C Dutton, G Turner, P Smith, R Hughes, and Unitary Councillor P Wynn also Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors C Wellon, A Wickett and P Duffy

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – As stated 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 Council Meeting held on 25th January 2024** - 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. Further to a discussion at the last meeting the Clerk had compiled a list of important information relating to the Parish Council records including the various passwords used. She gave a copy of these to the Chairman and had a further copy to give to the Vice Chairman so that, if anything happen to the Clerk, the Parish Council files and records could be accessed. In the event of a change in Chairman or Vice Chairman this information will be passed to the new post holder.
 - b. Since the last meeting the Clerk had contacted David Gradwell at Shropshire Highways regarding installing two lanes on the southbound approach to the Tern Hill roundabout and had circulated his response stating that this proposal would not be taken forward.
 - c. The Clerk has been running two websites for a few months and it was agreed that the Hugo Fox website should now cease and the Clerk cancel the direct debit.
 - d. Cllr Turner has, after a couple of issues, got the '. gov.uk' email working and he will liaise with the Clerk to do a set of instructions for the other Councillors to install their new email addresses.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn explained that he, and a colleague, had suggested an alternative to the closing of two out of five of Shropshire Council's recycling centres. Cllr Wynn proposes keeping all five but having them each open five out of seven days a week. He will advise the Parish Council how these negotiations proceed. Cllr Wynn also advised that it is envisaged that Shirehall will move to the building that Chester University have now vacated at Frankwell and the land at Abbey Foregate will be sold.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – Because of a last-minute change of date Cllr Smith had been unable to attend the recent North SALC meeting and it was hoped that Cllr Wickett had been able to go and would report on this meeting at the next Parish Council meeting.
8. **Planning** – The Council considered the following planning applications and following *comments* were agreed:

24/00962/REM - Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) pursuant to 23/03515/OUT for the erection of a single two-storey dwelling to include access - Proposed Dwelling North West of The Old Smithy, Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **No Comment**

Determination of Planning

24/00472/FUL - Erection of two storey extension - 2 Audley Brow Cottages, Moreton Say, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RR – **Permission Granted**

24/00085/VAR - Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3 and 4 attached to application 16/03483/REM to provide alterations to the access, layout, appearance and landscaping of Plots 6 to 9 and installation of individual bio-disc treatment plants -Land South of Church Farm, Moreton Say, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RT - **Permission Granted**

24/00087/VAR - Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3 and 4 attached to application 16/03483/REM to provide alterations to the layout, appearance and landscaping of Plots 1 to 5 and installation of individual bio-disc treatment plants - Land South of Church Farm, Moreton Say, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RT - **Permission Granted**

24/00088/VAR - Variation of conditions 1, 2, 4 and 5 attached to application 16/03482/REM to provide alterations to the layout, appearance and landscaping of Plots 1 to 7 and installation of individual bio-disc treatment plants - Land West of Moreton Lodge, Moreton Say, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RS - **Permission Granted**

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Expense	Chq No	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
Hugo Fox	Monthly website charge x 2	DD	£39.98	£8.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Shropshire Council	Street light energy	Int Bk	£122.65	£24.53	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
Balfours	Annual rent for Glebe Land	Int Bk	£250.00		LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
Med UK Group Ltd	Replacement battery	Int Bk	£195.00	£39.00	Localism Act
Moreton Say Village Hall	Room Hire - Jan & March '24 meetings	Int Bk	£40.00		LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
Jane Evans	Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	Int Bk	£152.41	£6.50	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - March 2023	SO	£292.16		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£1,384.36	£78.03	

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	£13,678.44
Less: Payments to date	£8,848.35
Closing Balance	£18,130.74

Bank Balances as at 29th February 2024:

Current Account	£765.88
Interest Bearing Account	£17,364.86
Less: payments awaiting authorisation	£0.00
Total Bank Balance	£18,130.74

c. Grass Cutting charges for 2024 Season – The Clerk advised the meeting that the grass cutting contractor had emailed to say that his prices would be slightly increasing this season. The Council review the price difference for the year and agreed to this increase, the Clerk will advise the contractor.

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

- Shropshire Council's email regarding the work on the road from A41 north of Tern Hill roundabout to Longford – the Council agreed this work needed doing and so did not comment on this email.
- Shropshire Council's email regarding work on the road from A41 to The Drumble – the Council were

very concerned that the division for these road works meant that large, and potentially long, vehicles would be traveling around the very tight bend at the A41 end of Bletchley Road, the Clerk will email Shropshire Council about this.

- c. The Council asked the Clerk to liaise with Shropshire Highways again regarding the problems with the road between the Village Hall and Pinfold Cottages.
- d. Cars parked along the road along The Drumble – The Chairman advised the meeting that he had received complaints about cars parked on the road along The Drumble but after discussing this issue the Council concluded that there was nothing that could be done as the cars were not parked illegally or blocking the road.

11. Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs – All street lights are working well.

12. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Shropshire Council have now sent through the Inspector's Final Report on the Neighbourhood Plan but unfortunately two reports that Shropshire Council had provided were not up to date and needed to be reviewed, updated, and re-sent to the Inspector. There is nothing further for the Steering Group to do and Shropshire Council are hopeful of putting the Neighbourhood Plan to the Cabinet meeting in June, after which the referendum will be arranged.

13. Glebe Land – Moreton Say Car Park and Tennis Court – The Clerk explained that she had spoken to the Diones' land agents, Balfours, regarding the tennis court surface and their response was that 'they could not see why the Parish Council could not just get the tennis court professionally clean two or three times a year'. The Council discussed this matter and agreed to get a quote for the cleaning of the tennis court in May which the Clerk will email to the Councillors. Once the tennis court has been cleaned the use needs to be monitored in some way as there was no point spending money having this done if the court was not being used. The Clerk advised the Council that she had received two quotes for resurfacing the front part of the car park in the same way as they had done for the back part it. The quotes were £17,950 plus vat from Lineal Construction Company and £15,450 plus vat from A R Richards. The Council agreed to instruct A R Richards to do the work but asked the Clerk to mention to them that the work that they are undertaking on the dam of the Millennium Pool needs to be completed ahead of the car park work but both needed to happen during a school holiday. Cllr Dutton advised the meeting that in the meantime he had arranged for the potholes in the car park to be filled at no cost to the Parish Council. The disabled parking was discussed and this will be discussed further and taken forward once the work on the car park surface has been completed.

14. Shropshire Council Consultation regarding new swimming, fitness, and leisure facilities for the Shrewsbury Sports Village – Cllr Dutton read out a statement which he proposed the Parish Council make as a comment in respect of this consultation. The Council voted on this proposal and, as the majority of Councillors agreed, the Clerk will submit this comment from the Parish Council.

15. Shropshire Council Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement 2025 – 2028 Consultation - The Council decided that it did not wish to comment on this consultation.

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 Dutton advised that Moreton Say Rectory has been let by the Diones. Cllr Turner advised the meeting that the Village Show will be earlier this year so that the school children can be involved, he will advise the Clerk of the date for her to circulate.

18. Agenda Items – The next meeting will also include the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council, as it has in previous years, so these meetings will start at the earlier time of **7 pm on 23rd May 2024**.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 28th March 2024

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 23rd May 2024

Signed by the Chairman .....