

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held at Moreton say Village Hall
on Thursday 30th March 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors C Wellon

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – As stated above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were two members of the public present who pointed out that there had been no pre-warning or notice regarding the recent four-way traffic lights at Tern Hill Roundabout which had caused considerable tail backs in all directions. The work on the road was undertaken by Severn Trent and Cllr Wynn advised that scheduled works should always have a notice period so it can only be assumed that this was emergency work, Cllr Wynn will investigate and take the Council's comments back to Shropshire Highways.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2023 and the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2023** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of both 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 had reported all flooding and potholes to Shropshire Highways and reported the parking issue at Shamley Green to the Police's Community Liaison Officer. No further reports of the parking issues at Shamley Green had been received.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn advised that he had received further comments about issues regarding the land at Smythmoor, he had immediately reported this to Shropshire Council and an officer had been out to deal with the problem. Cllr Wynn went on to advise that he is meeting an officer from Shropshire Highways next week at the layby on A53 to discuss a planning application and he will report back to the Parish Council about this.
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:

23/00888/OHL - Installation of a new wooden pole and stay, additional stay on existing wooden pole and approx. 35m new ABC bunched conductor - New Street Lane, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **No objection**

23/00854/OUT - Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling including access, plus provision of new access for existing property - 10 Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3QY – **No objection**

23/01174/OUT - Outline planning permission with highway access for single two-storey residential dwelling and detached 3-bay garage, to include removal of trees and infilling of pond - Proposed Dwelling North West of The Old Smithy, Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire – ***The Parish Council objected to this planning application as it had serious concerns regarding the access and considered a new entrance to a property on this very narrow lane with bad drainage and continuous floods to be inappropriate. The Parish Council also made the point that this planning application is within the curtilage of a listed building.***

Determination of Planning

22/03934/FUL - Part conversion of existing detached garage building into domestic annex accommodation - Marsden Lodge, 3 Smythmoor, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PP – **Permission Granted**

22/05079/FUL - Change of use and conversion of existing brick-built barn into a one-bedroom self-contained annex - Building North of High View, Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3QY - **Permission Granted**

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Expense	Chq No	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
E-on	Street Light maintenance	Int Bk	£87.50	£17.50	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
Shropshire Council	Street light energy	Int Bk	£127.03	£25.41	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
Balfours	Annual rent for Glebe Land	Int Bk	£250.00		LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
Moreton Say Village Hall	Meeting Room to end March 23	Int Bk	£80.00		LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
Jane Evans	Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	Int Bk	£108.93		LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - March 2023	SO	£270.16		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£1,193.78	£42.91	

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	£26,849.66
Closing Balance	£14,285.18

Bank Balances as at 31st December 2022:

Current Account	£14,285.18
Deposit Account	£ 0.00
Less: un-presented cheques	£ 0.00
Total Bank Balance	£14,285.18

- c. **Grant Requests** - Prior to the meeting the Clerk had received a letter from Moreton Say Village Hall committee requesting the Parish Council to consider giving a grant. The Council discussed this matter and it was unanimously agreed to grant £500 to the Village Hall committee. Cllr Dutton asked the Clerk to investigate the matter of giving grants for church upkeep ahead of any request being received from Moreton Say PCC.

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

- Potholes between Cheadle Orchard to New Street Lane – the Clerk will report.
- Longslow – Flooding where the planning application access is sought needs reporting again.
- Advertising boards on Tern Hall roundabout have not been removed yet – Cllr Wynn will chase this
- Further advertising boards by Tern Hill farm on A53 – These are also distracting and should be reported to Shropshire Council's Enforcement Officer – the Clerk will take this forward.
- Footpath at Bletchley – Prior to the meeting Cllr Wellon had been approached by a resident enquiring about the possibility of a footpath along the roadside between the Moreton Say turning off the A53. before the dual carriageway, and Bletchley Road. The Council discussed this but agreed that Shropshire Council would not agree to a footpath along the verges of major A roads and so this could not be taken further.

11. Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs – No issues had been reported.

12. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Turner reported that the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was being compiled after inclusion of some comments received from the Regulation 14 consultation.

13. We Don't Buy Crime, Smart Water Initiative – Prior to the meeting Cllr Wellon had advised the Clerk that she had signed up 3 other residents for smart water. The Clerk advised that an officer from West Mercia Police had

been in contact to see if the Parish Council needed help getting the current 29% uptake of the smart water to the 70% required for the signage. It was agreed that Cllr Smith and Cllr Wellon would liaise with the Clerk and Police to take this project forward.

14. **Shropshire Council's Customer Service Centre Opening Hours Consultation** – The Council decided that they did not wish to take part in this consultation.
15. **The Communities Prepared Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Community Emergency Planning Programme** – The Council decided not to take part in this initiative.
16. **R V S Coronation Champions Awards** – The Council discussed this but there was no-one that they wished to nominate for this award.
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** – The Clerk asked if the Annual Parish Meeting would be taking place on the same evening as the next Parish Council meeting on 25th May 2023, as in previous years, and all agreed with this. The Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.00 pm and the Clerk will make sure it is advertised on posters and social media and get refreshments for attendees. Other groups in the Parish can give a report at this meeting and Cllr Dutton will contact the school and the church in this respect.
Cllr Dutton highlighted the fact that Shropshire no longer has an Olympic size swimming pool and 250 – 300 Shropshire children now have to travel to Wolverhampton to take part in competitions. Cllr Wynn was unaware of this but will take this comment back to Shropshire Council.
19. **Agenda Items** – No further items were suggested for the next meeting on **25th May 2023 – starting at 7.00 pm.**

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

Approval of the Minutes held on 30th March 2023

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 25th May 2023

Signed by the Chairman 