

MORETON SAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say held at The Clive Hall, Moreton Say
on Thursday 23rd May 2024 starting at 7.00 pm

1. **Welcome** – Cllr Dutton welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say 25th May 2023** -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 – 2023 - 2024** - Cllr Dutton:

The Parish Council have undertaken the cutting around the Millennium Green pool area and are always on hand to assist in anyway, if required. The Parish Council has also purchased and installed a wooden bench in the pool area which commemorates the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

In order to reduce costs of administration we have changed our website to moretonsay-pc.gov.uk and, within the deal, the Clerk and Councillors now have specific separate email addresses for Council business which, incidentally, is something that all Councils are being encouraged to do.

On the horizon we have a problem with the rented Glebe land which will be discussed during the main meeting later.

As Chair, I consider that Moreton Say Parish Council continue to do what is required of them within the realms of parish matters and at this point I wish to offer my thanks to each and every one of my fellow parish councillors whose help is greatly appreciated. The street lights within our area have been serviced and are always working. Planning applications have been presented to the Council, have This is the Chairman's Report for the last year of Moreton Say Parish Council

We have continually liaised with Shropshire Highways regarding our concerns within the Parish especially pot-holes. been diligently discussed and then comments submitted.

The Council continue to be represented on the North SALC committee, the Helicopter Liaison Group, the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Moreton Say Village Hall Committee and Moreton Say Millennium Green Trust.

We Don't Buy Crime Smart Water initiative – The threshold for residents registering their smart water kits has been reached and signs stating that 'this Parish is protected by Smart Water' have been installed on the parish boundaries.

At this point I also wish to thank our Clerk Jane for all her hard work keeping the complicated working of the Parish Council up to date. Jane, thank you.

That concludes my report as chairperson for this Parish Council.

4. **Unitary Councillor's Report** – Cllr Wynn:

Good evening to you, can I start with talking about the financial situation of the council.

Last year we had to save £52 million from our budget and the coming year we must save £64 million which is going to be a struggle, there will be cuts and charges for certain things and there will be redundancies made over the council. The finances are already cut to the bone, under proposals set out in the budget will see more visual changes than residents have been seen to date. Council tax will rise and charges will be introduced for your green bins. Our main cost to the council is adult and social care and public health, this is around 80% of the council's budget which goes up year on year by 10% but we as a council cannot put the rates up any more than 4.95% so you can understand the conundrum that we find ourselves in.

Active travel around schools continues with the work we are doing to implement the 20 miles an hour zones outside schools.

The council has continued to deliver a wide range of facilities and activities across Shropshire. With outdoor recreation sites, leisure facilities, libraries, theatres, museums, armed forces support and more is very easy to forget how much we provide and are involved with.

Shropshire Council continues to support the homes for Ukraine project as the Russians invasion stretches into its third Year.

Car parking has been in the headlines recently as we need to increase charges to help us pay for investment in both the parking team and the car park infrastructure.

I must say it is quite a depressing situation we find ourselves in but hopefully we will be able to come through this dreadful time so I am sorry that I cannot be more positive and give you any good news.

5. Millennium Green Trust Report – Cllr Turner:

The 100 Club lottery has continued to be a success, raising enough money for the public liability insurance, without which the pond area would have to be closed to the public. More tickets are available.

Having received a National Lottery small projects grant, the Trust has enough money to replace the leaky dam and the decaying wooden bridge, which will hopefully happen during this upcoming half-term holiday, weather permitting.

Once again, the Trust is grateful for the continuing support of the Parish Council, and thanks must also go to Jo Turner for once again donating the proceeds from the Village Flower and Produce Show to the Trust's funds

6. Moreton Say School Report – Helen Dutton, Chair of Governors on behalf of Mrs Henney:

Mrs Dutton explained that Mrs Henney, Head Teacher of Moreton Say School, had unfortunately been delayed and that, as Chair of Governors, she would give a report on behalf of the Head Teacher.

The school and nursery are at capacity, and forecasts a full intake for September (15) Reception. There are waiting lists for places throughout the school and enquiries already for 2025.

Since meeting you last year, Moreton Say received their OFSTD Inspection with an overall Good Rating.

The school continues to develop and has a number of awards for the quality of education.

Some of you may have seen the recent press coverage of the Formula One in schools' team who qualified to the national final in Rotherham.

As demand for nursery places rises due to the Government funding of child care places for 2-year-olds, along with the new and proposed housing in and around Moreton Say. What are your thoughts and ideas regarding the school's expansion?

7. Moreton Say Village Hall – Mrs H Dutton:

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

Thank you to the Parish Council for their continued support.

Following on from last year's leak upstairs we are about to finish off the decoration. This has taken some time due to the drying out and a retirement of the original decorator. As you are aware the hole caused by some rotten wood has now been fixed in both the committee rooms and the main hall. As with any older building there is always an element of building maintenance.

The village hall continues to be regularly used by the school, private hires for parties, meetings, and other parish events.

8. Public Session – There were two members of the public present who did not have any issue to discuss at this time.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Minutes proposed and accepted as a true record of this meeting dated 23rd May 2024

Signed by the Chairman 