

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held at Moreton Say Village Hall on Thursday 1st August 2024 which commenced at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors C Wellon and R Hughes, and Unitary Councillor P Wynn

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – As stated above and the Clerk advised the Council that along with his apologies Cllr Hughes had submitted his resignation as he has now moved. As this resignation creates a vacancy on the Council, the Clerk asked everyone to consider who may wish to join the Council.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were two members of the public present and one spoke about her involvement in the Community Power Act. She explained that she has been working with a national group of community leaders and organisations for the past 18-months, campaigning for a Community Power Act. The group have been calling for three new community rights, and the first has now been adopted by the new labour government and announced in the King's Speech last week - the community right to buy. The group continue to work with We're Right Here to support more rights being devolved at community level. As part of that process, the Fordhall Community Land Initiative has been awarded £5k to trial a Community Covenant in Shropshire over the next 9-months. The Council thanked the member of the public for advising them of this initiative and member of the public left the meeting. The second member of the public did not have any comments but stayed for all the meeting.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council and the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2024** - 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 Council was updated regarding the following:
 - The Clerk advised that she had written to the residents in Bletchley regarding the peacock and Cllr Smith advised that she had not seen the bird for some time now.
 - The Clerk has emailed the CIL Team regarding the question of purchasing land with CIL money but she has not had any reply yet, she will continue to chase.
 - The email response discussed at the last meeting was sent to Mr Watney regarding the Diocese land. Mr Watney still requires a meeting and the Clerk asked him for dates and times so that she could liaise with all relevant parties, these have not yet been received.
 - The Clerk advised that at present only Cllrs Turner and Smith are using their 'gov.uk' and the other Cllrs advised that they would look into this. Cllr Turner advised the meeting that he was currently experiencing problems as messages were sitting in the outbox. The Clerk will advise the email provider of this issues.
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** – Cllr Wickett reported on a North SALC meeting at which there were presentations from a representative of Shropshire Community Foundation and the Rural Housing Officer from Shropshire's Community Resource Group. Cllr Wickett also advised the meeting that 50% of the 44 schools in Shropshire have now got the 20 mph speed limits in place. Cllr Duffy advised the meeting that the facilitating of the Helicopter Liaison Group meetings has now been passed from Shropshire Council to RAF Shawbury who intend to email regular reports to Parish Councils rather than have face to face meetings.
8. **Planning** – The following planning applications were considered and *comments agreed*:
24/02543/FUL - Proposed dog exercise field including provision of access, parking, and fencing - Land South

Styche Grange, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3FQ - **Support**

Determination of Planning

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 - Land North West Of The Old Smithy, Longslow, Market Drayton, Shropshire – Permission Granted

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Expense		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
Chris Jordan	Grass cutting	Int Bk	£350.00	-	LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
Moreton Say PCC	Grant	Int Bk	£1,000.00		LGA 1972 s 214
Moreton Say Village Hall	Grant	Int Bk	£750.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19(3)
Chris Jordan	Grass cutting				LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
E-on	Street light maintenance contract	Int Bk	£95.54	£19.11	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - July 2024	SO	£292.16	-	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£2,779.86	£19.11	

The Council agreed to all the expenses in the schedule. The Clerk explained that she had expected to have receive a further grass cutting invoice but these had not yet arrived.

b. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2024	£17,085.74
Add: Receipts to date	£31,766.28
Less: Payments to date	£4,096.67
Closing Balance	£44,755.35

Bank Balances as at 30th June 2024:

Current Account	£1,332.36
Interest Bearing Account	£43,715.15
Less: payments awaiting authorisation	£292.16

Total Bank Balance **£44,755.35**

- c. **Quarterly Financial Review** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the financial information for the quarter ending 30th June 2024, the Council resolved that this should be agreed and Cllr Smith initialled the Bank Statement to agree the above Bank Reconciliation.

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

- Potholes by Pinfold Cottages – These have been marked but not yet dealt with.
- Smythmoor – In a recent email regarding the Place Plan it had been stated that the work needed on the road between Moreton Say and Longford at Smythmoor, were repairs and not capital but in an email received by the Clerk 5 years ago, when the Council first raised this issue, the Clerk was advised by Shropshire Highways that the work was capital and not repairs. The Clerk will contact the relevant parties to try to resolve this matter.
- Internet Information regarding Roadworks – Cllr Smith advised that during the recent roadworks on the A41 weather conditions had meant that the work dates were extended which caused problems as the interactive information was not kept up-to-date. The Clerk will report this problem.
- Moreton Say Car Park and Millennium Pool – Cllr Dutton advised the Council that he had spoken to A R Richards regarding the car park work which had been agreed at a previous Council meeting and the

company will honour the price of the estimate and be able to do the work before the children return to school in September. The Council unanimously agreed that this work should be done. Cllr Dutton had also liaised with all parties regarding the previously agreed silt removal from the pool, which could be done at the same time as the car park and it was agreed that this work should be undertaken too.

11. **Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs** – There were no issues reported at present.
12. **Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Turner advised the Council that at the recent referendum there had been a 94% 'yes' vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan with an electorate turnout of 22%, all agreed this was great news. The Neighbourhood Plan now must be 'made' by Shropshire Council and then it becomes law. The Clerk advised the Council that there would be a small amount of money left in the Neighbourhood Plan Bank account and wondered if the Council would agree that their third of this could be spent on a celebration for the members of the Steering Group who have given up a lot of their time over the last 6 ½ years
13. **Fordhall Farm Community Power Act initiative** – The Council discussed this initiative, which the member of the public had previously spoken about, and instructed the Clerk to write to advise that the Council agreed in principle to have a representative at this group's meetings and ask for more information when this became available.
14. **West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner Parish Council Survey** – This survey was discussed and Cllr Duffy volunteered to complete this on behalf of the Council, this delegation was unanimously agreed.
15. **Shropshire Council – Partnering to provide services in your area survey** – The Council discussed this survey and instructed the Clerk to complete it on their behalf.
16. **Correspondence** - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received.
17. **Parish Matters** – Cllr Turner advised that one of the screws holding the plaque on the new bench was missing and Cllr Dutton volunteered to take this forward.
18. **Agenda Items** – The Clerk advised the meeting that PCSO King had recently attended an Adderley Parish Council meeting and it was agreed to invite to the next Parish Council meeting on 26th September 2024.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 1st August 2024

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 26th September 2024

Signed by the Chairman *L. M. Dutton* 26-9-24