

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: No apologies were received before or during the meeting

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – As stated above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were 4 members of the public present. Cllr Wynn introduced one of the members of the public, Mrs Kate Haig, who will be standing as the Unitary Councillor for the Conservative Party at next year's Local Elections and Mrs Haig explained to the meeting about her experience in local government to date. Another member of the public expressed their concerns regarding abandoned trailers which have been seen in the area with two in the parish, one on the A41 lay-by at Bletchley and one on the A53 lay-by at Shady Hollow. The Clerk will report this matter to Shropshire Highways and Cllr Wynn will also take this forward.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September 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 Council was updated regarding the following:
 - The Clerk has chased the Place Plan team regarding the work required at Smythmoor (is it capital or repairs) but has not received a reply yet so she will continue to chase.
 - The new Defib has been installed in the Longford Defib cabinet and the Clerk has advised The Circuit of her contact details for this equipment.
 - The Clerk reported the pothole outside Vantage Farm to Shropshire Highways and was advised that this is already on the list of repairs to be done.
 - The payment has been received from Moreton Say Millennium Green Trust relating to the silt removal so the Clerk was able to confirm that this work had only cost the Parish Council the £1,200 they agreed to spend.
 - Cllr Dutton advised the meeting that the owner of the land in between the Village Hall and the school but may agree to moving/creating gateways which would mean that children walking between the two buildings could walk across this land and not on the road. Cllr Dutton and the Clerk will liaise to do a plan to put to both the landowner and the school. Cllr James asked if there would be public access across this land but Cllr Dutton explained that as the gates would give access from only the school land and the Village Hall land it would not create a public right of way.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn reported:
 - The Civic Hall in Whitchurch project is moving forwards with options to either re-roof the existing building costing £4m or knock the existing building down and rebuild costing £8.5m
 - Whitchurch Swimming Centre is due to re-open in the New Year and the new Medical Centre is due to open in the Summer.
 - Funds are still very tight at Shropshire Council and next week Mark Barrow, Head of Place, is leaving.
 - Now that Shirehall has closed Shropshire Council are meeting at The Guildhall and there was a full Council meeting there recently. Shropshire Council Officers are also starting to use the Guildhall instead of all working from home.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – The following representatives reported on meetings attended.
 - Cllr James reported that she was unable to attend the Community Hub meeting on Tuesday so she had had a very detailed conversation with Charlotte Hollins about this. Cllr James explained to the meeting about

this project which is establishing a core group, with terms of reference to be agreed, to take this project forward and look at the best way that a Community Hub would benefit the local people and groups.

- Cllr Turner reported on the Moreton Say Millennium Green Trust AGM, all officers remained the same, their annual accounts were adopted and the work on the pool explained. The Clerk asked if, while she was Treasurer of this Trust, the archive financial paperwork could be stored on a separate shelf in the Parish Council's cupboard please, all agreed.
- Cllr Dutton reported on the previous evening's Village Hall Committee meeting and advised the Council that the Committee had agreed to the renewal of the Village Hall lease from the Diocese and were meeting with the vicar and church wardens to take this forward.

8. Planning – The following planning applications were considered and *comments agreed*:

None received

Determination of Planning

24/03232/FUL - Single storey rear garden room extension - Fordhall Villa, Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PR - **Permission Granted**

24/03912/FUL - Erection of a replacement porch - Fordhall Farm, Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PS - **Permission Granted**

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Expense		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
North Salop Wheelers	Grant	Int Bk	£200.00		Localism Act
Chris Jordan	Grass cutting	Int Bk	£560.00		LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
Chris Jordan	Grass cutting	Int Bk	£140.00		LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
Med Uk Group	Defib for Longford	Int Bk	£820.00	£164.00	Localism Act
Parish on-line	Website and emails	Int Bk	£280.00	£56.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Jane Evans	Clerk's Quarterly expenses	Int Bk	£15.27	£1.06	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Salary adjustment	Int Bk	£55.24		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - November 2024	SO	£292.16	-	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - December 2024	SO	£278.20	-	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£2,640.87	£221.06	

The Clerk explained that since this meeting's agenda had been published the quarterly invoice from Shropshire Council, in respect of the street lights, had been received and the Council agreed to pay this invoice along with all the payments detailed in the above schedule.

b. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2024	£17,085.74
Add: Receipts to date	£35,574.34
Less: Payments to date	£27,448.56
Closing Balance	£25,216.52

Bank Balances as at 31st October 2024:

Current Account	£1,059.02
Interest Bearing Account	£23,750.00
Add: credits not yet applied	£ 407.50

Total Bank Balance **£25,216.52**

- c. Moreton Say Library Project** – The Clerk explained that the Council are not permitted to give a grant to Schools as these are already funded by Shropshire Council but they could buy an asset which they

could then donate to the school. The Council reviewed the information received from the school about this project and after some discussion all agreed they would buy books up to the value of £1,000. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the school about which books they would prefer and the logistics of this purchase.

- d. **Radar Operated Road Sign** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated some quotes for these road signs and the Council reviewed this information. The Clerk explained that as the entire parish has the national speed limit the signs which recorded speed data would not be beneficial. The Council considered: where the signs might go to have any impact; how many signs were required; and the cost involved. After a discussion all agreed that this idea should not be taken forward now but the Clerk will liaise with Shropshire Council as to the criteria required for implementation of a 30-mph speed limit as this may now apply to Longford.
 - e. **Budget for 2025/26** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had compiled a draft budget and this was reviewed by the Council and, after adding the £1,000 book purchase mentioned above, the Council agreed this budget in principle. The Clerk explained that if anyone had any further thoughts on this budget this could be discussed at the next meeting in January at which the precept would be agreed.
10. **Highways & Environmental** – The Council discussed the potholes in the land which goes from Longford to A53 opposite Fordhall Farm. Cllr James advised that she thought that this land was closed except for access but when Cllr Smith checked this on a road map app it said it was open. The Clerk advised that the road closed sign was on its side in the verge and this led to a discussion regarding the issue of the road closed signs not being collected in after the work has finished which can lead to a blasé attitude to all road closed signs. The Clerk will investigate the closure of the land from Longford and express the Council's concerns regarding the leaving of road signs to Shropshire Highways.
 11. **Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs** – There were no issues reported at present.
 12. **Moreton Say Car Park** – The Clerk advised the Council that she had met someone from a company that does park marking in car parks. It had been calculated that if a 't' was marked to show each bay then 32 bays plus 2 disabled bays could be marked in the car park which would cost £650 plus vat if done on a week day or £1,450 plus vat at a weekend. Unfortunately, when a count of how many cars currently used the car park was undertaken it was 37 and there is currently no-one requiring a disabled bay this would mean that if the car park bays were marked out then 5 spaces would be lost. The company had also quoted for just marking the 2 disabled bays but this was their minimum cost of £620 plus vat. After a discussion the Parish Council decided not to mark bays on the car park at present but should the situation change, this matter could be reviewed.
 13. **Lord-Lieutenant's Shropshire Garden Party 2025** – Cllr Wickett proposed the name of someone who had been involved in the community for at least 15 years, all agreed and the Clerk will put this name forward to attend this event.
 14. **The Future of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Consultation** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated details of this consultation but, after a discussion, the Parish Council agreed not to take part in this consultation.
 15. **Correspondence** - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received.
 16. **Parish Matters** – None
 17. **Agenda Items** – Cllr Dutton asked for members to be aware of any chicken muck being dumped or spread in the parish so that this could be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 23rd January 2025.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 28th November 2024

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 23rd January 2025

Signed by the Chairman 