

## MORETON SAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say held at The Clive Hall, Moreton Say on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 starting at 7.00 pm

- 1. Welcome** – Cllr Dutton welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024** -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 – 2024 - 2025** - Cllr Dutton:

As a Parish council we have continually reported pot holes within the parish to the highways authorities and the clerk has sent emails requesting updates.

All planning applications have been commented on which have been submitted.

As a parish council we have representatives on local committees such as Moreton Say Village Hall, Moreton Say Millenium Green, North SALC and the newly formed Market Drayton and Rural Parishes Community and Family Wellbeing Hub. Also, a councillor attended the local Nature Recovery Strategy Conference.

After taking 6 years, the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan has been completed and this means that we now have more say on what type of planning can happen in our parish.

As a council we have signed up to the Local Police Community Charter highlighting concerns about farm thefts, speeding drivers, anti-social driving and 2 Police Officers have been to a council meeting.

A new defibrillator for Longford has been installed replacing the one which the residents bought which needed upgrading.

The council continue to pay for the grass cutting of the former bowling green land and the area around the Millenium Pond.

Grants during the year have been given to:  
Moreton Say Village Hall  
Moreton Say Parochial Church Council  
Moreton Say Millenium Green Trust  
North Shropshire Wheelers who provide transport to Market Drayton on market day.  
Market Drayton Swimming Club  
Moreton Say Primary School for books for the new library

Councillor Judith Jame has been welcomed to the Parish Council

Ongoing projects currently is the construction of a pathway between the school and village hall to ensure children can safely walk between the two buildings.

As chair I consider that the council continue to do what is require of them within the realms of parish matters for which I offer my sincere thanks to all councillors.

Finally, I am sure that our tasks are made easier by our clerk Jane who has done a sterling job over the past twelve months and on behalf of myself and fellow councillors wish to thank her very much.
- 4. Unitary Councillor's Report** – Cllr Myles-Hook:

Newly elected Cllr Myles-Hook introduced himself to the Council and members of the public and explained that he had just been to Shropshire Council to go through the necessary admin and be allocated a Shropshire Council email address which he will forward to the Clerk. He went on to say that he was looking forward to representing this Parish and asked what on-going issues there were. He was advised about the abandoned trailers issue and the potholes in the Parish.
- 5. Moreton Say Village Hall update** – Cllr Dutton:

The annual report for the Village Hall is as follows. All the health and safety issues relevant to the hall have been addressed over the last 12 months.

The biggest hirer of the hall remains the school but there have been private functions as well.

The main on-going issue for the hall is the securing the new lease which is moving forward carefully. Once the new lease is secured the committee hope to consider new projects.

**6. Millennium Green Trust update – Cllr Turner:**

Since the replacement of the dam and bridge and the cleaning out of the silt, the pond has not required much maintenance apart from the regular mowing of the grass.

A 'Deep Water' sign has been placed on the pole that also contains the 'No Fishing' sign.

The 100 Club lottery has kept the finances ticking over, as has the £200 raised from the Village Produce Show, thanks to Jo Turner.

The next projects are the replacement of the fence around the sewage unit, and stabilising the muddy path around the pond.

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

The school continues to go from strength to strength with the recent gold award for Social, Moral spiritual and cultural recognition throughout the school, and is working towards an Art accreditation. These are over and above the standard curriculum.

Moreton Say was recently qualified 3 teams to the National Finals of Formula One in Schools which you may have seen in the local press. This is an extra-curricular activity focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and is run as an after-school club.

The school continues to provide wrap around care with both a breakfast and after school clubs.

The school now has waiting lists for admissions into several year groups.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the Parish Council for the aiding of the refurbished libraries new books, which have arrived and many pupils eager to read. The updated library is facilitated by pupils who are now trained in library skills.

**8. Public Session –** There were four members of the public present who did not have any further issues to discuss at this time.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Minutes proposed and accepted as a true record of this meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Signed by the Chairman .....