



Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24th August 2026 at Moreton Say Village Hall, starting at 7:30PM.

Present: Councillors

Cllr G. Turner, Cllr C. Dutton, Cllr J. Burslem, Cllr J. James,
Cllr P. Smith, Cllr M. Myles-Hook (Unitary Councillor)

Clerk: Sarah Ralphs

Members of the Public: 17

39/26 Chair's Welcome and Public Session

The Chair welcomed all present and introduced the Councillors. The Chair then opened the Public Session.

In accordance with Standing Orders, members of the public are ordinarily permitted up to three minutes to speak. Given the scale and complexity of planning application 26/02883/OUT, and the volume of associated documentation, the Chair exercised discretion to allow the representative of the Long Meadow Farm Action Group additional time to present their objections on behalf of the community.

The representative made a detailed representation on application 26/02883/OUT, noting that over 50 objections have already been submitted on the Shropshire Council Planning Portal, with a further 100+ objection letters due to be handed in at the Guildhall this week. Concerns were raised regarding the timing of the submission during the summer holiday period, and a request was made for the Parish Council to oppose the application and for it to be called in by the Shropshire Planning Committee, to be considered alongside 26/02843/OUT and other adjoining proposals. The representative stated that the application contains over 60 supporting documents but includes significant omissions, errors, and assumptions. A handout outlining these issues was provided to the Council. Further concerns were raised about the proposed changes to Longslow Road and the impact on agricultural traffic and machinery.

No other representations were made.

40/26 Apologies

Cllr C. Wellon.

41/26 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other interest or request for Dispensations

None declared.

42/26 Reports

- a.) None.
- b.) None.
- c.) None.

43/26 Parish Matters

Cllr J. James requested that an additional litter bin be installed within the Parish to help reduce littering, proposing the grass triangle at Longslow as a suitable location. The Clerk will request this through Shropshire Council.

44/26 Finances (circulated prior to meeting)

a.) Balances and Reconciliations – Noted:

Current T1		Instant Access (Savings)		Instant Access (CIL)	
July 2026					
Opening Balance:	£2,353.13	Opening Balance:	£10,008.01	Opening Balance:	£28,797.53
Total Receipts:	0.00	Total Receipts:	0.00	Total Receipts:	0.00
Total Payments:	-1,040.06	Total Payments:	0.00	Total Payments:	0.00
Transfers IN:	0.00	Transfers IN:	0.00	Transfers IN:	0.00
Transfers OUT:	0.00	Transfers OUT:	0.00	Transfers OUT:	0.00
Closing Balance:	£1,313.07	Closing Balance:	£10,008.01	Closing Balance:	£28,797.53

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the bank reconciliations.

b.) Payments Received – None.

c.) Payments Authorised Outside of Meeting – Noted:

Paid Date	Payee	Description	Authority	Amount (£)
24/07/2026	Brosys Computing	M365 Business & SharePoint Implementation and Subscription (May-Jul 26)	Local Government Act 1972, s.111	-£298.47
30/07/2026	Clerk	Wages + WFH Allowance (Jul 26)	Local Government Act 1972 s.112	-£352.30
30/07/2026	Clerk	Expenses (Ink)	Local Government Act 1972, s.111	-£29.99
30/07/2026	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge (Jul 26)	Local Government Act 1972 ss.111, 151	-£7.00

d.) Outstanding Payments – Approved:

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Authority	Amount (£)
31/07/2026	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Bank Charges (Aug 26)	Local Government Act 1972 ss.111, 151	-£7.00
12/08/2026	Shropshire Council	Electricity (2 nd Quarter 26)	Parish Council Act 1957 s.3	-£171.92
18/08/2026	E.On	Annual Maintenance Final Payment (2025-2026)	Parish Council Act 1957 s.3	-£114.65
19/08/2026	E.On	Electrical Testing	Parish Council Act 1957 s.3	-£252.00

19/08/2026	E.On	Annual Maintenance First Invoice (2026-2027)	Parish Council Act 1957 s.3	-£138.80
24/08/2026	Clerk	Wages + WFH Allowance	Local Government Act 1972 s.112	-£352.30

RESOLVED: That the Council accepts and notes all outstanding payments, and payments made outside the meeting, and agrees to pay the outstanding amounts.

45/26 Planning

a.) To receive planning applications from Shropshire Council:

- i. **26/02709/DIS** – No comment.
- ii. **26/02753/DIS** – This application has already been decided by Shropshire Council as ‘BGP Approve’ on 19th August 2026. No further action required.

26/02678/OUT – The Council considered planning application 26/02678/OUT and resolved to object on the grounds of unsuitable access. Members noted that the proposed layout would require Plots 1 and 2 to take vehicular access directly onto the main road, which the Council considers unsafe and inappropriate.

The Council agreed that a small internal cul-de-sac would provide a safer and more practical arrangement, allowing access to the drives and garages of Plots 1 and 2 from within the development rather than from the main road. The access shown in the application (green) was therefore not supported, and the Council’s preferred alternative access arrangement is shown in orange.



[KEY: Green = Submitted Plan, Orange = Proposed by Moreton Say Parish Council].

RESOLVED: To object to planning application 26/02678/OUT on the grounds of unsuitable and unsafe access. The Council considers the proposed arrangement—where Plots 1 and 2 would take vehicular access directly onto the main road—to be inappropriate for highway safety.

iii. **26/02777/HRM**

RESOLVED: To support the above application.

iv. **26/02777/HRM**

RESOLVED: To support the above application.

26/02883/OUT – The Chair provided an executive summary outlining the grounds for objection, including:

- The site lies within Moreton Say Parish, where a 400-dwelling proposal represents an exceptional scale of change relative to the parish's population.
- The neighbourhood-plan geography is complex; the land was within the designated Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan area, which did not proceed to referendum, and therefore Three Parishes NP policies do not directly apply.
- Shropshire Council previously assessed the site as MDR032 and recommended "Don't allocate", citing strategic landscape impact north of the A53 and the need for major access works.
- The current proposal must be tested against those prior findings and not treated as an unconstrained site.
- The applicant's reliance on walking/cycling access into Market Drayton is not evidenced, with the A53 acting as a barrier and Shropshire's LCWIP identifying the need for improved active-travel infrastructure.
- Any A53 pedestrian-crossing proposals must be assessed alongside potential speed-management impacts and cumulative traffic modelling.
- A scheme of this scale should provide a Transport Assessment at least comparable to the Baldwins Gate A53 assessment, which included extensive modelling and survey work.
- Cumulative housing growth in the Market Drayton area reinforces the need for an official cumulative impact assessment.

All Council members were in agreement.

Councillors further noted that the proposal appears to take advantage of Shropshire Council's current lack of a five-year housing land supply and the fact that the new Shropshire Local Plan has not yet been received. Members also expressed concern that no additional commercial development is proposed, with limited local employment opportunities available for the increased population.

Councillors additionally highlighted that the A41/A53 corridor functions as a primary diversion route during motorway closures, and that this strategic role must be taken into account within any transport and traffic modelling.

The Clerk will collate all objections raised during the meeting, together with any further objections submitted by Councillors via email, into a single consolidated objection document.

RESOLVED: To object to 26/02883/OUT on all of the grounds listed above.

b.) To note planning decisions made by Shropshire Council – Noted.

46/26 Highways

The Council received an update regarding blocked drains in the Longslow / Longford area, reported by Cllr J. James via Fix My Street. Shropshire Council has responded to confirm that the issue has been returned to the contractor responsible for the works for further action. Cllr M. Myles-Hook indicated his willingness to escalate any highways concerns that are causing significant difficulty and have been logged on Fix My Street.

47/26 Next Meeting

The Chair noted that the start time of the next meeting had been incorrectly stated on the agenda and confirmed the correct start time as 7:30pm on Thursday 24th September 2026 at Moreton Say Village Hall.

8:00PM – Meeting Closed

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