

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held virtually, in line with current Government restrictions, on Thursday 3rd December 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors P Duffy, G Turner and R Hughes
also present Mrs J Evans (Clerk).

Apologies: Councillors C Dutton, P Smith, C Wellon and A Wickett

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologies** – as listed above and, in the absence of Cllr Dutton & Cllr Wellon, Cllr Hughes proposed Cllr Turner chair the meeting, Cllr Duffy seconded this and Cllr Turner accepted the role of chair.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – Even though it had been publicised that members of the public could join this meeting virtually, there were no members of the public present.
4. **Planning** - The following planning application were considered and **comments agreed**:

20/04140/FUL - Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 5 gypsy/traveller families together with laying of hardstanding, erection of 5 amenity buildings and access improvements - Land Off A53, Market Drayton, Shropshire. This was a re-consultation in the light of new documentation being submitted to Shropshire Council.

The Council discussed all the planning issues relating to the additional information after which Cllr Hughes proposed the following objection, seconded by Cllr Duffy and all agreed.

The Parish Council should re-submit their previous objections with the following additions:

The new proposed entrance and exit are more dangerous than the existing access. The entrance is only 60 metres from the nearby traffic island and immediately adjacent to the layby with the potential to cause confusion to layby users and with no means of stopping it also being used as an exit. Traffic signs are not enforceable on private land.

The exit is extremely dangerous joining the A53 at a very acute angle requiring users to have to look over their shoulders to see approaching traffic with no means of preventing them from making a 160-degree u turn in the direction of Tern Hill. Signage would serve no purpose as it would not be enforceable. The proposed exit is also immediately adjacent to the layby creating the potential for collisions with vehicles leaving the layby watching for traffic from the right and approaching traffic from the Loggerheads direction.

Whilst the Flood Risk Assessment Drainage Strategy seeks to play down any risks Wilson Homes were not able to develop the land opposite within the flood zones.

It should also be noted that there has been standing water on the site for the past eight weeks on the area where the spoil has been dumped.

Whilst the various "reports" have been produced regarding the impact on wildlife quite clearly statutory processes have not been followed in this respect.

In addition to submitting these comments to Shropshire Council the Parish Council unanimously agreed that the Environmental Agency should be written to requesting that they fully investigate the operations carried out on this site during 2020.

5. **Grant request from Moreton Say School** – The Clerk advised the Council that the Head Teacher had explained that although the laptops bought through Shropshire Council for £492 plus vat may be slightly more expensive it was because they had all the necessary software already installed and the cost also included all on-going technical assistance. The Council unanimously agreed to purchase three laptops for the school.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 3rd December 2020

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 21st January 2021

Signed by the Chairman 

29-03-21