

## MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council meeting held at The Clive Hall, Moreton Say on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Present:** Councillors M Joyce, C Dutton, J Davies, K Martin, P Duffy, A Porter, D Shaw, Unitary Councillor P Wynn and Mrs J Evans (Clerk).

**Apologies:** None

1. **Public Session** – There were 4 members of the public present and they expressed their views on the potholes around the Parish, which the Clerk has been chasing Shropshire Highways about, and also the signage which should have been put up as part of the planning conditions at Vantage Farm. This signage issue will also be taken forward by the Clerk.

### 2. Chair's Report – 2015-2016

I should like to thank all of my fellow Councillors for their continued, and much valued, contributions to the running of this Parish Council and to extend a warm welcome to our new Clerk, Jane Evans. Thanks again to our recently retired Clerk, Val who left us in March after many years of service.

This year the Parish Council has continued to give financial support to local concerns: the village hall, the Millennium Green and the PCC. We have begun negotiations with the Diocese to assume the tenancy of the bowling green and tennis court land in order to preserve this important amenity space for the community.

Planning applications have increased in the last year and we have seen the formal adoption of Shropshire Council's SAMDev policy. It is hoped that planning will be more straightforward as a result, but this will only be the case if a 5 year housing land supply can be maintained.

Market Drayton Town Council has announced its decision to undertake a neighbourhood plan incorporating areas of this Parish along with two others. This, along with their application for a governance review to extend their boundary, will inevitably have some impact on the Parish. The Parish Council has registered its objection to the boundary review proposal.

Highways issues continue to be reported regularly, particularly potholes and the gradual deterioration of the local road surfaces. The huge cut announced in the Highways budget from £20m to £8m is of concern. I am delighted to announce that we are in the process of building a new website and hope to have it fully functional in the next week or so. This will enable us to comply with the Transparency Code and fully engage with our residents. The website address is [moretonsayparishcouncil.org.uk](http://moretonsayparishcouncil.org.uk)

The Parish Council has maintained its precept request at £7k this year, returning a 0% increase. However, the full impact on the Parish of Shropshire Council's intention to devolve some services over the next few years is as yet an unknown quantity. There will be interesting times ahead.

Finally, thanks to Councillor Paul Wynn for his continued support and for keeping us up to date with Unitary Council matters, and to our residents for taking and active interest in the work of the Parish Council, bringing matters to our attention and for attending the Meetings.

### 3. Unitary Councillor's Report

Unfortunately the Unitary Councillor's report was not available at the time of drafting these minutes

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Minutes proposed and accepted as a true record of this meeting dated 19th May 2016

Signed by the Chairman .....  .....