# MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held virtually, in line with current Government restrictions, on Thursday 5ᵗʰ November 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillors C Wellon, P Duffy, G Turner and R Hughes and Unitary Councillor P Wynn, also present Mrs J Evans (Clerk).

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

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – as listed above with Cllr Wellon chairing the meeting, in the absence of Cllr Dutton

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.
   The Council discussed all the planning issues which would have a bearing on this planning application after which Cllr Hughes proposed the following objection, seconded by Cllr Duffy and all agreed.

   *Moreton Say Parish Council objects to this planning application as the proposed development is in an unsuitable location within the open countryside and without safe and convenient access to public transport and results in harm to the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. It is outside the Market Drayton development boundary.*
   *The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the existing access is suitable for the proposed development and that the visibility splays achievable from the site are appropriate for the speed of traffic and that the development will not, therefore, result in an adverse impact on highway safety. The exit from the site is extremely dangerous and totally unacceptable with virtually no visibility to the right when lorries are parked in the layby.*
   *The layby is extremely busy with vehicles coming and going 24/7 waiting for their timeslots servicing the three nearby manufacturing and distribution facilities. This will cause loud noise disturbance on the site all night in addition to the many tanker movements to and from the Muller Wiseman depot. All this in addition to the danger to children from traffic in the daytime.*
   *There is no footpath or safe pedestrian route for access to the facilities in Market Drayton or to the nearest playground.*
   *The site is partially in zone 2 and zone 3 flood plain.*
   *The ditch on the northern boundary now floods resulting from surface run off caused by the clearance of vegetation and importation of large quantities of subsoil from Tern Valley Business Park and subsequent compaction by heavy machinery. Prior to these works there was always still water in the first few metres of the ditch making it an ideal habitat for amphibians. These earthworks will also increase the severity of any flooding in the area.*
   *All vegetation and trees were removed earlier this year prior to making this application. The vegetation was such that it would be an ideal habitat for small mammals, reptiles and birds.*
   *Most of the area is now covered by a layer of subsoil which is unsuitable for the planting of any soft landscaping.*
   *Large quantities of subsoil were deposited within 8 metres of the Sych Brook (a main river) without written consent of the Environment agency. This has also resulted in substantial surface run off and contamination of the adjacent watercourses with silt and clay.*
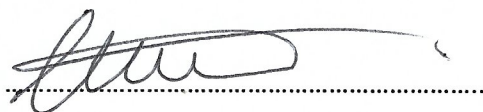   *The ecology report does not contain any reference to a great crested newt survey which would be required due to the proximity of ponds approx. 250 metres north of the site and the ditch on the northern boundary*

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 5th November 2020

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 26th November 2020

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