

## MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held virtually, in line with current Government restrictions, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

**Apologies:** Councillor A Wickett

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologies** – as detailed above
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the public present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 and the Parish Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of these minutes and it was resolved that they were a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters** – The following information was provided to up-date the Council regarding various on-going issues not on the agenda:
  - a. The Clerk advised that all highways' issues raised at the last meeting had been reported to Shropshire Highways.
  - b. The work relating to the new website was on-going and the Clerk was hopeful that this may be ready for the Councillor's approval for the next meeting.
  - c. The Clerk advised that, following the upgrading of the last 3 street lights, all the street lights belonging to Moreton Say Parish Council were now LED.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn reported that Shropshire Council is going to borrow £40m to spend on the road system over the next 4 years. This borrowing is in addition to the £15m already set aside in the budget for highways and is for maintenance and repairing the 8,000 plus potholes across the county. Cllr Wynn also explained that he is taking forward the problem concerning traffic using the Moreton Say, Calverhall, Ightfield and Ash lanes when the A41 is closed, either due to an accident at Sandford bend or for highway maintenance. Cllrs urged Cllr Wynn to also take for the continuing issue of New Street Lane road surface and Cllr Hughes and the Clerk will forward all previous correspondence to Cllr Wynn.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – Cllr Turner reported the highlights of the recent virtual meeting of the North SALC committee.
8. **Planning** – The following planning applications were considered and *comments agreed*:

**20/04347/FUL** – Erection of a single storey local needs dwelling including new access and detached garage – Land opposite New Street Lane Farm, New Street, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **As this re-consultation had not been received, as anticipated, this planning application was not discussed.**

**Determination of Planning**

**20/04979/FUL** - Construction of an agricultural slurry lagoon (retrospective) - Moreton Hall Farm, Moreton Say, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RS – **Permission Granted**

**20/05304/FUL** - Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling - 15 Moreton Wood, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RX – **Refuse**

**20/04374/FUL** - Construction of an agricultural building for the housing of livestock - Fordhall Farm, Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PS - **Permission Granted**



## 9. Finance

### a. Expenses

Payee	Expense	Chq No	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
N Roberts	Removal of conifer hedge	53	£850.00		Localism Act
E-on	Annual Maintenance Contract	54	£78.34	£15.67	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
Shropshire Council	Laptops for school	55	£1,471.20	£294.24	Localism Act
Balfours	Annual rent for Glebe Land	56	£210.20		LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
Jane Evans	Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	57	£130.29		LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
E-on	Upgrade 3 street lights to LED	58	£540.00	£108.00	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - January 2021	SO	£237.00		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - February 2021	SO	£237.00		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - March 2021	SO	£237.00		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Wages adjustment for YE 31.3.21	59	£81.12		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's Salary - April 2021	SO	£243.76		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£4,315.91	£417.91	

The Council resolved to agree these expenses.

### b. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward £ 3,785.06

Add: Receipts to date £ 28,126.61

Less: Payments to date £8,843.42

**Closing Balance £23,068.25**

Bank Balances as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021:

Current Account £ 685.00

Deposit Account £ 22,918.25

Less: un-presented payment £ 535.00

**Total Bank Balance £ 23,068.25**

c. **Estimate for work on Car Park** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an estimate from the contractor who had previously done the work on the car park. The estimate was £2,600 plus vat and guaranteed a two years maintenance free period following the work. The Council discussed the estimate, and the fact that under the lease concreting and tarmacing was not allowed, and it was agreed to undertake this work if the Clerk could check if this was possible without getting two further quotes. The Clerk will refer to the Internal Auditor and advise the Council after which, the Council agreed, that agreement on which contractor to use would be made via email.

d. **Mowing Millennium Pool area** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated information regarding the financial position of the Millennium Pool Charity and confirmed that she had not yet sent them the grant that was agreed at the last meeting as there was material differences in the information that the Council now had. The Clerk had also advised the Council of the quote for grass cutting that she had obtained from the contractor which undertook this work which was £490 for the area around the pool and a further £120 for the grass between the car park and the tennis court. It was proposed that the Parish Council pay the £610 for the total grass cutting this year and also give the Millennium Pool Charity a grant for £250, this was unanimously agreed.

## 10. Highways & Environmental – The Council discussed the following issues:

a. The field down Smythemoor Lane – The blockage of the right of way has been reported to Shropshire Council but the Council agreed that the Clerk should write to the Environmental Agency regarding the burning and burying of plastic and other materials and also write to Shropshire Council Planning

querying the roadway and buildings.

- b. The trees cut down in Smythemoor – This was undertaken within the Countryside Stewardship Scheme and ground has been put back to its original state although the road was not cleaned. Cllr Turner queried the removal of the footpath sign and Cllr Dutton confirmed that this was to be cleaned and replaced shortly.

- 11. **Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs** – There were no issues reported at present.
- 12. **Shropshire's Local Council Elections** – The Clerk confirmed that these would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May and nomination forms had been delivered to those Councillors who wanted them but also could be downloaded from the Shropshire Council website by anyone who would like to do so.
- 13. **Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Turner reported that the recent survey responses had now been collated and discussed by the Steering Group and at the moment quotes were being sought for the second part of the process so that a grant application could be submitted after 5<sup>th</sup> April.
- 14. **Community Governance Review** – Cllr Turner suggested that the Parish Council needs to keep a close watch on the developments of this Shropshire Council initiative, due to start after the elections, as Market Drayton Town Council may see this as an opportunity to try to move the town boundaries.
- 15. **Annual Parish Meeting** – Historically this meeting has taken place alongside the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Council meeting in May and the Council agreed that if these meetings were going to be face to face then this would be the same this year.
- 16. **Correspondence** - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received and additionally a thank you letter had been received from Moreton Say P C C.
- 17. **Parish Matters** – No further matters were discussed.
- 18. **Agenda Items** – It was suggested that the situation at Vantage Farm could be discussed at the next meeting and Cllr Dutton will get an update from the farmer ahead of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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