

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council held virtually, in line with current Government restrictions, on Thursday 21st January 2021 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

Apologies: Councillors C Wellon and P Smith

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – as detailed above
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were two members of the public present, via phone connection, and they spoke about the planning application submitted for the erection of a replacement dwelling, following demolition of the existing dwelling, at 15 Moreton Wood.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 26th November 2020** - 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 she had spoken to the Head Teacher regarding the Council's grant to purchase new laptops but had hear nothing further yet.
 - b. All highways issues raised at the last meeting had been reported to Shropshire Highways.
 - c. The Clerk had authorised E-on to upgrade the last remaining street lights to LED but unfortunately, due to a backlog of work, this had not yet been done.
6. **Report from the Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn reported that: Shropshire Council had agreed to move its civic centre from Shirehall to the Pride Hill Shopping Centre, in Shrewsbury, by March 2023, although some staff will continue to work from home; the free car parking scheme finished last Friday although, in line with lockdown restrictions, there are less people about generally; Shropshire Council are warning residents about receiving scam Covid-19 vaccine correspondence; new vaccination centres are opening soon in Shrewsbury and Ludlow and it is hoped that details of a much needed centre in the north of the county will be available within the next few days, although this is unlikely to open before the end of February; it is hoped that there will shortly be an announcement from Shropshire Council about services it will be financing to help those in need of transportation to vaccination centres; lastly Cllr Wynn advised that an Agricultural Vehicle Liaison group, which he is a member of, had been set up to discuss, and hopefully find solutions to, the problems on the roads that big agricultural vehicles can cause.
7. **Report from other Committees by Moreton Say Parish Council Representatives** – Other than the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting, reported later in minutes, no other meetings had been attended
8. **Planning** – The following planning applications were considered and *comments agreed*:

20/05304/FUL – Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling - 15 Moreton Wood, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RX. ***Support for reasons given on the planning application***

20/05326/OUT - Outline application for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling (all matters reserved) - Fordhall Farm Ltd (Mr B Hollins, Fordhall Farm, Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton, TF9 3PS – ***Support within the context of the business run there.***

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 - ***Continue to object to this planning application, re-iterating its previous comments, and***

adding that the latest planned access is just as dangerous as those put forward before with no visibility in the Tern Hill direction if there is a lorry parked in the layby which, as we have previously explained, there normally is.

Determination of Planning

19/04878/OUT - Outline application for 2 no. residential dwellings to include access - Land South East of Longford Grange, Longford, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Permission Granted**

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Expense	Chq No	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
I C O	Data Protection Registration	D/D	£35.00		LGA 1972 s 111
Med UK	Spare erode pads	46	£43.90	£8.78	Localism Act
Balfours	Annual rent for Glebe Land	47	£56.85		LGA 1972 s 124 (1)
E-on	Repair to street light	48	£89.08	£17.82	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
JE re Shropshire Council	Energy for Street Lights	49	£136.54	£27.31	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1) & 7
Moreton Say P C C.	Mowing Grant	50	£750.00		LGA 1972 s 214
Moreton Say Millm Pond	Grant	51	£500.00		LGA 1972 s 137
Moreton Say Village Hall	Grant	52	£750.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19(3)
	Total		£2,361.37	£53.91	

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	£5,241.14
Closing Balance	£26,670.53

Bank Balances as at 31st December 2020:

Current Account	£ 1,100.00
Deposit Account	£ 25,570.53
Less: un-presented payment	£ 00
Total Bank Balance	£ 26,670.53

- c. **Precept 21/22** – The Council discussed the Precept requirements, in line with the agreed budgets, and resolved the it would require £12,627 which would be 0% increase on a band D property.
- d. **Quarterly Internal Control** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the financial statements for the quarter ending 31st December 2020 and the Council agreed these figures. Cllr Hughes will initial the bank statement to confirm the bank reconciliation.
- e. **Review of the Standing Orders and Direct Debits** – The Clerk advised the Council that it had one standing order, which related to her wages, and no direct debits, as the previous one to Shropshire Council was not now used by them. As detailed in the above expenditure schedule the Parish Council would shortly be having a direct debit to Information Commissioners Office relating to the annual GDPR fee, the Council agreed.

10. General Power of Competency - The Clerk explained the criteria for this and the Council agreed these conditions still applied to Moreton Say Parish Council.

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

- a. The potholes along the Drumble, the Clerk will report these.
- b. The state of the road in Higginswood Lane, the Clerk will report this.
- c. Cllr Hughes proposed that the Clerk write to the Environment Agency regarding the work done on the land by the A53 as this was undertaken within 8 meters of the water course without their consent, all agreed.
- d. There has been an issue of vehicles being able to get onto the patch of grass in between the tennis court and the car park, as a heavy vehicle has recently left marks on the grass. The Council discussed fencing the area but agreed that the best solution, at present, would be short posts at intervals along the edge of the grass and Cllr Dutton will get a price, and also for the resurfacing of the car park (which is getting bad again) ready for discussion at the next meeting.
- e. Cllr Dutton proposed that the Council cut down the 20 metres of leylandii trees on the car park so that the area is more open and less likely to be used for undesirable activity. The Council discussed this matter and unanimously agreed to get this done as soon as possible before the nesting season started, Cllr Dutton will take this forward.
- f. The Millennium Pool Trustees have recently reduced and Cllr Dutton wondered if the Parish Council could take over the upkeep of the area. The Clerk will contact Shropshire Rural Community Charity to discuss this idea. It is understood that the Trustees lease this land from the Church so the Clerk will contact Balfours about this and also ask if it would be possible for the Council to plant some native trees there, space permitting, to replace the leylandii that it is cutting down.

12. Street Lighting / Maintenance & Repairs – No other issues were reported.

13. Parish Council Website – The Clerk explained her finding from looking at various Parish Council websites and also getting more quotes for a new website. The Council discussed this matter and it was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Mike Peacock of Wot Web, who had quoted £350 to create a new website and £55 annual fee, to take this forward.

14. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Turner reported that the recent survey responses had now been collated and will be reviewed to sort out the various themes. A report showing just the statics from the data will shortly be published on the Three Parish plan website for everyone to have a look through. A further grant will be applied for after the year end so that the next stage can be commenced, this is the policy writing part of the project. At the recent Steering Group meeting the draw for the £100 Morrison's voucher was made and Mrs Ellis had won from this parish.

15. Correspondence - SALC and Shropshire Council emails have been forwarded to the Councillors when received and no additional correspondence had been received.

16. Parish Matters – No further matters were discussed.

17. Agenda Items – No additional items were suggested for the agenda of the next meeting on 25th March 2021.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 21st January 2021

Minutes accepted and approved by Moreton Say Parish Council at a meeting held on 25th March 2021

Signed by the Chairman  29-03-21