

MORETON SAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say held at The Clive Hall, Moreton Say on Thursday 30th May 2019 immediately after the Annual Meeting of Moreton Say Parish Council

1. **Welcome** – Cllr Dutton welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Moreton Say 24th May 2018** -There minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and all agreed that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings and they were duly signed.
3. **Chair's Report – 2018 - 2019** Cllr Dutton said: During the past year Moreton Say Parish Council has had two Councillors P Nuttall and H Podmore leave and has welcomed Councillor A Wickett so I should like to thank all of my fellow Councillors for their continued and very much valued support, contributing to the smooth running of this Council.
The past twelve months have seen 11 planning applications which have been considered by the Council. The main achievement within the parish has been the completion of the car park, situated by the Millennium Pool, which has alleviated the hectic times of drop off and pick up for the pupils of Moreton Say School, and congestion of traffic in the village.
The main on-going project at the moment is the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan which I am sure you are all aware of. Two Open Forum events concerning this initiative have been held in the parish and were well attended after postal invitations were sent to every property.
The Council continually chase Shropshire Highways regarding potholes and the subsidence along Smythmoor. LED street lights are going to be introduced to the parish over the next twelve months and progress has been made over the possibility of installing a defibrillator.
A future project for the Parish Council could be to improve the infrastructure in the Parish.
Finally, thanks to Councillor Paul Wynn for his continued support in keeping us up to the mark with Unitary Council matters, and our residents for taking an active interest in the work of the Council, bringing matters to our notice and attending our meetings.
That leaves me with one last task and that is to thank our Clerk Jane for her calmness, patience, efficiency and accuracy in every aspect of her professional role for which I express my warm thanks to her personally and also on behalf of my fellow Councillors.
4. **Unitary Councillor's Report** – Cllr Wynn said: What's been happening with the Shropshire Council? Well with a total budget of just under £600,000m (very limited discretion on how this is spent) it has seen a £61m reduction in funding from central government over the last six years. Adult social care costs increasing 10/15% each year. Our population is ageing 30% above the national average brackets (65+), Band D council tax £41.43 rise of 80p per week, average cost of an out of County placement for a child with complex needs £3500 thousand pounds per week. The 2019/20 Financial year represents the final year of the four-year settlement which was designed by government to give some financial certainty to the local government. No future funding plans have come forward leaving a potential cliff edge for 20–21. There is considerable uncertainty about how local government will be funded, it is anticipated that a provisional settlement will be made in the autumn leaving only a short number of months to allow the council to set is balanced budget in Feb 20. In the past one of funds were used but the use off one of funds is not sustainable solution. Other mechanisms have been used such as spending freezes and the use of reserves to deliver a balanced budget. Council tax in Shropshire is below the national average, the 3.99% increase (2.99% general 1% social care) will deliver £6.5 million to help offset the costs gross (£12 m) in adult social care and children services which has grown in costs is predicted to grow year-on-year> between 10 million and 15 million. The funding gap is expected to grow to £57 million- 23–24. All services have been required to make savings to deliver the legally required balance budget. The largest has come from public-health 4 million from a 17 million budget, all services which are not mandated are to cease these include smoking cessation, Weight loss services and the possibility of school nursing service in its current form, other examples of cost cutting are: Community enablement offices are no longer in post and there has been a consultation on bus services and park-and-ride with proposed savings of £50,000 P & R and £405,000 from bus

subsidies. Some good news. There has been formation of a housing company owned by the council to build housing on council owned land (initially) The council has recognised that there is a need for affordable housing in the county, as the majority of the housing that is being built is the larger 3/4 bed home. Two sites have already been identified one in Clifton Heath and one in Monkmore, the developments will be a mix of private market and affordable. This is not a new initiative many other authorities are doing it. We have received confirmation of funding for 54 million from central government for the completion of the relief road around Shrewsbury.

5. **Public Session** – There were 2 members of the public present and they expressed their views on the recent Shropshire Council consultation relating to the local bus services and Shrewsbury Park and Ride bus service. Cllr Hughes advised that the consultation was now closed but it was his understanding that no services were going to be cut and Cllr Wynn added that the decision regarding any increase in ticket costs should be announced at the end of June 2019.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Minutes proposed and accepted as a true record of this meeting dated 30th May 2019

Signed by the Chairman