

**SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT THE CROWN AT 8PM**

**Present:** Cllrs L. Deeley (Chair), T. Kendall, R. Macdonald, S. Willis and C. Gordon.

Also present L. Dalby (Clerk) District Cllrs A-M Simpson and B Manning

**1. To elect the Chairman of the Council and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Macdonald **proposed** Cllr Deeley as Chair **seconded** Cllr Willis **carried**  
Cllr Deeley signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the clerk.

**2. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies from absence were noted from Cllr Kendall

**3. To receive any declarations of pecuniary interest from Members**

There were none

**Public Participation Session (15 minutes)**

There was none.

**4. County and District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Simpson introduced Cllr Ben Manning the new ward councillor. They are hoping to set up ward surgeries on a regular basis. The written report was noted. Available grants were discussed.

The first meeting of the new SODC full council will be held tomorrow night.

Planning was discussed.

**5. To co-opt member to the Parish Council**

It was **resolved** to co-opt Cath Gordon to the council. Cllr Gordon signed her declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk.

**6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes and they were signed by the Chair.

**7. To approve and adopt the Standing Orders for South Moreton Parish Council**

It was **resolved** to adopt the Standing Orders

**8. To approve and adopt the Financial Regulations for South Moreton Parish Council**

It was **resolved** to adopt the Financial Regulations

**9. To appoint an Internal Auditor**

It was **resolved** appoint Deborah O'Brien as Internal Auditor

**10. To review the Council asset register**

The asset register was reviewed and **approved**.

**11. To review and adopt Council policies**

- Complaints Policy
- Freedom of Information Policies
- Risk Assessment
- Data Protection Policy
- Grants Policy

It was **resolved** to adopt the Complaints Policy, Freedom of Information Policies, Risk Assessment, Data Protection Policy and Grants Policy.

**12. To resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence**

Noting that the Council met the criteria it was **resolved** to adopt the General Power of Competence.

**13. To consider renewal of Insurance Policy**

It was **resolved** to renew the Insurance Policy.

**14. To agree accounts for payment**

The following accounts for payment were agreed

Payee		VAT	£
L Dalby - Clerks	418.55		418.55
HMRC - PAYE	97.40		97.40
J Hearman-Stokes	90.00		90.00
Grundon Sand and Gravel – gravel for path	900.00	180.00	1080.00
Cost Cutters UK - benches	3650.00	730.00	4380.00
BHIB - insurance	455.63		455.63
R. Macdonald compost	232.79		232.79

**15. To receive update and discuss Recreation Ground Project**

Agreed to apply for grant from OCC for No smoking signs for the rec. The rec is looking beautiful. It was **resolved** to buy benches from Cost Cutters at a cost of £3650 + VAT. There will be a rec clearing working party on Saturday.

The pump track is to be removed and remodelled as a mound.

**16. To note progress of 20mph speed limit**

The order has not yet been completed.

**17. Correspondence**

There was none.

**18. Items for report and inclusion on the next Agenda****19. To confirm the date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council.**

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Close 20.15.