

**SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT THE CROWN AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs L. Deeley(Chair), R Macdonald and S. Willis  
In attendance L. Dalby (Clerk) and two members of the public.

**1. Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)**

Church have published events – 8/9<sup>th</sup> June - flower festival and open day for village.  
Looking at modifying interior of Church for more community use.

**2. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Kendall. The resignation of Cllr Gordon was noted.

**3. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest.**

There were none.

**4. Agree minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

It was resolved to agree and sign the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**5. County and District Council Reports**

There were none.

**6. To note recreation ground update**

Cllr Macdonald reported there will be a tidy up at the weekend. The wildflower seeds will be planted.

Grants have been confirmed from the National Lottery (£9955) and SODC (£3951). For new swings and climbing wall.

It was resolved to accept the grants and the money plus use the remaining CIL monies (£3171.38) for swings and climbing wall.

**7. To discuss Playground Inspection Rota.**

Cllr Willis reported on the progress of the rota. Clerk to provide a pro forma. Sign needed for play equipment for users to report any problems.

**8. To discuss flood relief measures**

Cllr Macdonald reported that some local landowners have cleared their ditches and tidied up their trees. Met with OCC who have agreed to widen the splay of the culvert.

**9. To discuss speed group and speed indicator devise on the Hithercroft**

OCC have agreed to reduce the speed limit on the speed indication device on the Hithercroft. The speed watch group are applying to the police for training to carry out speed watch.

Cllr Deeley reported a problem with the bridge.

**10. To agree quote for new website.**

The quote from Parish Online was discussed and agreed. The Clerk to start the process.

**11. Update Counsellors on Meeting between PC and Counsellor McDonald regarding making changes to Finance report.**

Agreed to review reporting of finance.

**12. To discuss recruitment of new clerk**

There have been two applications for the role. Interviews to be held 18/19<sup>th</sup> April.

**13. To discuss memorial site**

Deferred.

**14. To discuss annual picnic**

Deferred.

**15. To Note Finance Report**

Noted

Balances brought forward	<b>18439.82</b>
(+) Annual precept	<b>12000.00</b>
(+) Total other receipts	<b>21595.76</b>
(-) Staff costs	<b>3752.69</b>
(-) Total other payments	<b>35067.05</b>
(=) Balances carried forward	<b>13215.84</b>

VAT to be reclaimed - £567.77

The recreation ground summary (appendix 1) was also noted.

**16. To confirm payments for approval**

Payee		VAT	£
L. Dalby Clerk Salary	511.54		511.54
N. Hutchings Clerk final salary	88.38		88.38
OALC - Training	110.00	22.00	132.00
SODC - Dog bins	991.39	198.28	1189.67
OALC - Subs	140.00	28.00	168.00

**17. Items for report and inclusion on the next Agenda.**

- Look into other dog bin emptying providers

**18. To confirm date of the next meeting as 29th May 2024 for the Annual Parish Meeting and an Annual Parish Council meeting in conjunction with the Annual Church meetings.**

## Appendix 1

### Recreation ground summary

#### Income

Residents for trees	£900.00
SODC 22-23	£4,750.00
OCC 22-23	£2,148.00
SM Charity	£500.00
OCC 23-24 (Coronation)	£220.00
SODC 23-24	£7,557.00
TOE	£8,476.23
CIL	£3,852.38
	<b>£28,403.61</b>

#### Expenditure

Trees	£1,470.00
Path	£16,264.88
Fence	£4,563.94
Signs	£6.45
Benches and tables	£4,798.88
Compost	£232.79
Goals	£664.10
Launch	£150.00
Wood	£122.58
Wildflower seeds	£129.99
	<b>£28,403.61</b>

CIL remaining £3171.38