

## **SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 AT THE CROWN AT 7.30PM**

Present: Lyn Deeley (Chair), R. Macdonald, S. Willis and C. Gordon

Also present: N. Hutchings (Clerk) and two members of the public.

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

20mph through village. Agreed to see if any interest to set up a community group within village. PC – To do a FB post to gauge interest.

It was agreed there was no need for any further 20mph signposts but the electronic ones need to be lowered from 30mph to 20mph.

Update on Church activity, next year hoping a kitchenette and toilets to be added. Grants will be looked at but raising funds will be needed to max the grants. £9000 to run the church a year, guaranteed income of £3,000 – Church needs help ideas such as Friends of the church.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Simpson and Councillor Kendall

#### **3. County and District Cllr Reports**

Cllr Manning discussed several grants available for energy, green spaces and cost of living.

#### **4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest**

There were none.

#### **5. Agree minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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

#### **6. To agree to respond to OCC Charter Consultation**

It was agreed to send apologies.

#### **7. To note recreation ground update and discuss grants**

Two grants have been submitted, first grant will be used to replace swings with toddler swing and swing for older children. Second grant is for a children's climbing wall.

The PC confirmed its agreement to apply for grants to SODC and National Lottery

Approval of grant applications if successful by end of March 2024.

**8. To review effectiveness of 20mph speed limit**

See point 1 above.

**9. To appoint Tree Inspection contractor**

It was agreed to obtain two further quotations for the work ASAP.

**10. To approve Playground Inspection Rota**

It was **resolved** that Cllr Willis would manage the rota for now and will be on continual review.

**11. To confirm purchase of Office for Laptop**

All confirmed and in working order.

**12. To note update regarding website**

This is an ongoing project and PM to update at next PC meeting.

**13. To agree purchase of Christmas tree**

It was resolved to purchase Christmas tree from same company used last year.

**14. To Note Finance Report**

The finance report was noted and the bank reconciliation confirmed.

South Moreton Parish Council				
Budget for the Financial Year 2023-24				
PAYMENTS				
	2023-24			
	Budget	Actual Nov	Difference	
Clerk's Salary	2858.00	2248.64	609.36	
Postage/Admin	338.00	283.63	54.37	
Audit	250.00	120	130.00	
Election	1500.00	200	1300.00	
IT/Website	200.00	417.99	-217.99	
Insurance	450.00	456	-6.00	
Subscriptions	225.00	189.99	35.01	
Training	200.00	0	200.00	

Note Microsoft Office licence purchased for £59.99

Note SLCC Membership purchased for PC £109.99

Strimming	700.00	300	400.00	
Grass Cutting	2200.00	2390	-190.00	
Recreation Field	18300.00	22783.33	-4483.33	
Dog Bins	2000.00	1189.67	810.33	
Maintenance	100.00	0	100.00	
s137 Grants	350.00	0	350.00	
Coronation	500.00	0	500.00	
Defibrillator	100.00	0	100.00	
Christmas Tree	100.00	0	100.00	
TOTALS	30371.00	30579.25	-208.25	
RECEIPTS				
Precept	12,000	12,000	0.00	
Allotment Rents	100	30	70.00	
Interest	5	5	0.00	
Playground Grant	18300	15639	2661.00	
TOTALS	30405	27674	2731.00	
			0.00	
Balance	34.00	-2905.25	2939.25	
CIL received in total £7023.76				
Deposit Account	0			
Current Account	17194.71			
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Note Received money now in Current Account - Deposit account closed

### 15. To NJC salary agreement

PC updated Counsellors on NJC salary agreement.

### 16. To confirm payments

To note payments made between meetings

Payee		VAT	£
Trees	270	54	324
Azalea Landscapes	2300		2300.00
Julian Herman Stokes	90.00		90.00

Payments for approval

Payee		VAT	£
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L. Dalby – Clerks salary and expenses	83.20		83.20
HMRC - PAYE	20.80		20.80
N. Hutchings Clerk salary and expenses	1063.50		1063.50
SLCC – Paid by N Hutchings	109.99		109.99
SODC – Dog Bins	991.39	198.28	1189.67

**17. To discuss budget**

It was resolved to agree that PC will work with Cllr MacDonald on budget.

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

Memorial site for the village

Annual Picnic in the park

Confirm date for Annual Meeting

PC to update on website

**19. Item of correspondence received and discussed regarding Paths in the village.**

**20. To confirm date of the next meeting as January 24th 2024**