

**MORETON, BOBBINGWORTH AND THE LAVERS PARISH COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL PARISH MINUTES**

**Meeting:** Annual Parish Meeting

**Date:** 9 May 2023

**Time:** 7.00 PM

**Venue:** Moreton Village Hall

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**PRESENT:** Cllr Padfield (Chairman), Cllr Busch, Cllr Collins, Cllr Crosbie,  
Cllr Offord, Cllr A Stuart

**Also in Attendance (2):** Gurdip Paddan – Clerk  
Cllr I Hadley (EFDC)

Members of the Public: (0)

**AP.05 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Padfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**AP.06 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022-23**

The Chairman provided details of her Annual Report for 2022/2023, as below and copies of which were made available for the public:

We have continued meeting every two months over the past year at either Moreton Village Hall or Magdalen Laver Village Hall and have welcomed members of the public to join in the parishioner's forum and now have a regular contribution from the rural Police.

Last June we all celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and as a Parish Council helped fund a small part of the festivities held in Moreton. We have been discussing how we mark this occasion with some tree planting under The Queen's Green Canopy and are trying to locate some areas to plant 15 trees within our parishes.

Sadly, The Queen died on 8<sup>th</sup> September – on behalf of the Parish Council I wrote to King Charles III with Council's condolences.

The Parish Council own and maintain two defibrillators located in the old telephone box in Moreton and at Bobbingworth just off the A414. In June we held training for local residents in using the defibrillators and plan to hold another session in 2023.

We also have four salt bins in our parishes at key areas where we feel would benefit – one near Gould Close, one in Pedlers End, one by the telephone box in Bobbingworth and one at The Glebe, Magdalen Laver.

The Parish Council continues to work closely with EFDC County Care on the Bobbingworth Nature Reserve.

The Parish Council continues to work closely with Community Spirit and appreciates the contribution made by its members to the local area. During the year we gave them a grant for maintaining the green areas in our parishes.

As a Council we have continued pursuing both District and County Councils regarding potholes, fly tipping and flooding and are currently backing the 20 mph campaign for our village roads. I am grateful to Councillors Ewan Crosbie, Andy Stuart and Rhys Martin for their constant help on these issues by keeping pressure on the powers that be.

The Parish Council continues to comment on planning applications in our parishes and offer support on issues of concern such as the Biogen site. Some of the planning matters have become quite complex and have required considerable time to keep on top of them. My thanks to Councillors Angela Busch and Carol Foulser in particular for the time they have given to a couple of specific matters.

Unfortunately, we had to replace the Christmas Tree here in Moreton after the failure of the one planted last year and in December we held a gathering around the new tree aided by the Christmas Choir for leading the Carol Singing and Robert Radbourne turning the lights on.

I would like to thank all Councillors for their support over the past year and the willingness they have made to become involved with certain issues. We had two Councillors retire in the year and have recently co-opted a new Member but we still have two vacancies for Councillors. Finally, I would like to thank Gurdip for the support she gives.

**AP.07 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2022-23**

A copy of the unapproved Accounts for 2022/2023 were made available to the public. It was **NOTED** that these accounts were due to be considered for approval at the Annual Council meeting which would be held immediately following this meeting.

Those present **NOTED** that the annual external audit was an agenda item on the Annual Council meeting that would be held immediately following this meeting. It was confirmed that the notices and Audit information will be displayed on the notice boards and the website in accordance with the relevant regulations.

No question was raised on the accounts.

**AP.08 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No public was present.

Chairman .....

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