

# MORETON, BOBBINGWORTH AND THE LAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Meeting:** Council Meeting

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Time:** 7.30 PM

**Venue:** Moreton Village Hall

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### PRESENT:

**Councillors (8):** Cllr Crosbie (Chairman), Cllr Busch, Cllr Darken, Cllr Offord, Cllr Leverich, Cllr Padfield, Cllr Stuart, Cllr Collins

**Also in Attendance (1):** Adriana Jones – Clerk

**Members of the Public: (3)** Inc EFDC Cllr Hadley\*, PC Warren Shepherd, and one member of public

**Members of the Press (0)**

*\* for part of meeting*

### PC.372 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (2)

Councillors Martin and Day.

### PC.373 OTHER ABSENCES

None.

### PC.374 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### PC.375 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved. **PROPOSED** Cllr Busch and **SECONDED** Cllr Offord. All agreed.

### PC.376 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

The Chairman welcomed members of the public present and invited them to address the Council. PC Shepherd advised that at the recent Coffee with Cops held in Fyfield the issue of speeding was raised, similar to that raised in this Parish recently. PC Shepherd stated that people were interested in setting up a Moreton Speedwatch, and that some individuals from Fyfield had advised they may be willing to support Moreton and bulk up number if necessary. PC Shepherd advised that he was intending to attend the May, July, September and November PC meetings, and that at the May meeting he would have the 6 monthly crime figures. In terms of the crime statistics for the whole of 2023, there were 128 calls to the police, 5 burglaries, 3 theft of motor vehicles, and 2 reports of hare coursing. Of the 128 calls, only 44 crimes were recorded, compared to 2022 where there were 84 calls to police and 49 recorded crimes. There had been an increase in hare coursing, and PC Shepherd confirmed he would keep an eye on this. He further stated that when hare coursing is reported he was starting to take details of gate codes for access and would also keep an eye on the area as and when he can. The Chairman thanked PC Shepherd, who then left the meeting.

### PC.377 REPORTS

- a) Chairmans report – Cllr Crosbie advised he was attending a meeting with PC Shepherd and Moreton School regarding the issues he had recently been made aware of regarding parking in Church Road, namely people parking on pavements and zig zag lines, and also people blocking private driveways and being abusive when asked to move. Cllr Offord suggested the school could put cones along the pavement which may help. The Chairman advised that the Clerk had recently provided him with details of a cartoon child image bollard which could be used as a deterrent and that he would be taking this to the meeting. Cllr Darken stated that there were limited places for parents to park when dropping their children off at school, however it was stated there was an agreement where people could park in the Dog and Pickle car park, so there was parking, albeit this was probably still not large enough. It was thought that the school car park was closed off for staff parking. The Chairman was sympathetic to the problem, but stated people should still be courteous. Cllr Padfield advised this had been an issue for years. The Chairman advised that he expected there would be some outward action from the meeting, but that he would report back to Council.
- b) Vice Chairmans report – no report

- c) District and County Councillor reports – EFDC Cllr Hadley advised that the new EFDC refuse service was being sorted out legally, which will operate from the new Airfield Depot at North Weald Airfield which was currently with planning. In addition the new refuse vehicles were being also procured. Regarding Highways, £17.4m has been granted for pothole repairs to be managed by ECC Highways. The sports centre in Epping has started to be built, and the Cottis Lane car park now fully built, however it provides no more spaces than those it has replaced. Cllr Padfield mentioned that the design of the car park was quite poor in that it was difficult for the less able to access the pay machines. Cllr Hadley advised that EFDC Cllr Balcombe had been tasked with finding an individual Officer in EFDC who would be the main contact for any Biogen smell related issues, however there was no further update on this matter. Cllr Offord advised that Biogen had been invited to attend the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December with Alex Burghart MP, however had declined. Cllr Darken suggested Alex Burghart should be contacted for an update, which was agreed. Cllr Hadley further advised that the ‘Man’s Shed’ in Fyfield was a great success, and that the new changes to the District Ward structure would mean that for this ward there would be three new Councillors.
- d) Parish Councillor reports – Cllr Padfield stated that as it wasn’t mentioned at the Parish meeting, she thought it may be helpful to advise new council members on the location of the salt bins in the Parish as follows:
- a. One by The Glebe in Magdalen Laver – Cllr Padfield monitors salt levels
  - b. One near Moreton Lodge, Pedlars End – Cllr Collins monitors salt levels
  - c. One near the telephone box in Bovinger – Cllr Leverich monitors salt levels, however the salt should be located outside of the telephone box but somebody keeps moving it inside.
  - d. One at the bottom of Gould Close, Moreton – Cllr Ewen confirmed he would advise on the exact location as this may have moved, and that he would also monitor the salt levels.

Cllr Padfield advised that it would be useful to place these locations on the Parish Councils website, advising people to contact the Clerk if the salt bins were empty, and that she would arrange to replenish stock.

Cllr Offord advised that the sign on the triangle as you turn left up to Wind Hill has fallen over, albeit stood back up. The Clerk will report this to Essex Highways.

Cllr Collins advised that there used to be sign for Moreton where Pedlars End is and asked that this be reported to ECC.

The Chairman advised he had reported a pothole along Harlow Road earlier that day.

### **PC.378 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AND OPEN MEETING 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

Councillors agreed that the event on 5<sup>th</sup> December was a great success, noting there were two matters raised at the meeting that were agreed to be placed on the Parish Council agenda for consideration as follows:

1. Will the Parish be remembering Cllr Carol Foulser in any particular way, with a suggestion of a bench on Moreton Village Green. Cllr Darken stated she felt this was a good idea, however Cllr Padfield advised that she felt any memorial should be in the Lavers, which Cllr Busch agreed with. Discussion took place as to if Carol would have wanted such a memorial. After discussion, it was **AGREED** that as Carol represented this Council on the Magdalen Laver Village Hall Committee, Cllr Padfield would look into a possible memorial either at the Magdalen Laver Village Hall, or in the Lavers. As such, this matter would be deferred to a future meeting.
2. Clerk to look into possible overgrown hedging near Gothic House. Clerk confirmed that both herself and the Chairman had visited the site on separate occasions, however were unable to see where this particular hedge was. The Clerk had written to the owner asking them to contact the Clerk with further information. Cllr Collins advised he had never noticed this as a problem.

The Chairman advised that on Gainsthorpe Road going off towards Bovinger Church, the hedge on the right was hanging over quite a bit, and asked who owned this piece of land. Cllr Collins advised that as you go up towards Gainsthorpe Road, the hedge on the right hand side is encroaching onto the road, and that perhaps this was the same land and owner. Cllr Collins agreed he would have a think about who owns the land, and once we know the Council should contact the owner asking them to cut it back.

### **PC.379 BIOGEN**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December, Alex Burhart MP hosted a meeting of those affected by the Biogen facility, at which around 40 residents were in attendance, along with representatives from the Environment Agency and EFDC. In

addition to the Clerk, Cllrs Leverich, Offord and Darken were also in attendance. Cllr Collins advised that he had visited site with Cllr Martin and a previous Councillor some time ago, and that the points Mr Padfield makes were very relevant. These windrows need to be turned to aerate them, but Biogen have heavy vehicles on top of the piles compressing them. Cllr Offord stated that he had attended the meeting, and a gentleman behind him mentioned that he had heard the site may well be sold off, and the person who is thinking of buying it could be even worse. The Clerk advised that the EA representatives at the meeting had no issue with the operation of the site, including the heavy machinery on top of the piles. Cllr Darken asked if there was a member of the press there, to which the Clerk stated she was unsure. Cllr Darken advised that the residents should try and involve the press. The Clerk advised that Cllr Balcombe was due to attend this meeting, and that she would try and obtain an update. The Clerk advised that in essence, Alex Burghart said to try a different route, and go the nuisance route, as when the EA visit site they don't see any issues of non-compliance. At the meeting, Alex Burghart had tasked Cllr Balcombe, EFDC, to provide a direct contact at EFDC where people could report nuisance issues (smell / noise).

#### **PC.380 PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY**

In December, the Government issued updated guidance on the Public Sector Equality Duty. Attached to the agenda was a full summary of this Councils responsibilities under this duty. Councillors **NOTED** this duty and would apply it as and when necessary.

#### **PC.381 WEBSITE**

The Councils current website is operated by Wix at a cost of £136.80 per year. The Clerk has had issues accessing the website due to the two-factor authentication using the previous Clerks mobile number, the contract for which has now been discontinued. As such, the Clerk has been liaising with Wix to try and resolve the problem. The renewal date for the Wix contract is March 2024, however, after discussion with the Chairman, the Clerk has sourced a free community website provider and has started work on creating a new website which would be free of charge. The Council was asked to consider not renewing its contract with Wix, and moving to the free website, a link to which was supplied in the agenda. Councillors **AGREED** to discontinue its contract with Wix and move to the new Website, and that the Clerk should make arrangements for the Councils domain name (mblparishcouncil.co.uk) to be used for this new website. The new website would offer all the same features and information as the current one.

#### **PC.382 MORETON VILLAGE GREEN**

Councillors noted that the Clerk had requested an update from EFDC on the progress of registering Moreton Green as a formally registered Village Green, and had received a response from the solicitor dealt with the matter confirming she was trying to obtain an update.

The Chairman advised that given the recent issues on the green, he had investigated the possibility of requesting a TPO be placed on the Christmas Tree on Moreton Village green. The Clerk stated that whilst this tree wouldn't fit the normal reasons for a TPO, any tree which has 'amenity value' could be considered. The feedback from the EFDC Tree Officer was that the purpose of serving a TPO is to control what happens to trees that are under threat of removal, and that if the Parish Council thought there was a chance that the tree might get cut down and can evidence this, then EFDC might consider preservation but it is a planning function to prevent the unjustified loss of high amenity landscape features, which this is, rather than simply awarding a badge of merit to a favourite tree. Cllr Busch explained that having a TPO on a tree brings its own issues with it in terms of maintenance and the need to obtain planning permission. Cllr Busch advised there were also restrictions as to what can be done on a registered village green.

#### **PC.383 ELECTIONS MAY 2024, AND COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT**

It was noted that this Council had 4 Councillor vacancies – 3 in the Lavers Wards, and one in Bobbingworth. Elections would be taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. There had been one expression of interest from a member of the public to become a Councillor, and given the timescale until the election it was agreed not to co-opt but suggest this individual puts themselves up for election. Councillors noted that should there be a contested election this would bring a higher financial cost to the Council. The Clerk advised EFDC stated that the notice of election has to be published no later than Tuesday 26 March, but the actual date would depend on when the PFCC advise they would be publishing their notice. Nomination forms would be due back with EFDC 4pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. In addition, EFDC was currently looking at the possibility of trialling electronic nominations this year however this was yet to be agreed.

#### **PC.384 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2024/2025**

Attached to the agenda were the budget / precept papers for 2024/2025, which included a draft budget for consideration, along with budget and actual figures for 2022/2023, and budget, actual, and expected figures for 2023/2024

Councillors considered and agreed the following:

- Changes to earmarked reserves to include Elections and War Memorials
- Change to website, resulting in saving
- Neighbourhood Plan review expected 2024 – cost unknown
- Changes to legislation which now allows funding for church owned property.
- Change to heading for 'Software Subscriptions' to include 'and IT' , and 'S137' to 'GPOC', and the addition of 'Asset Maintenance'.
- Noted the expected levels of General Reserves and Earmarked Reserves as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024
- Considered projects expected for the 24/25
- Cost of grass cutting for churches – Specific request for increase received from St Germain's Church in Bobbingworth. Discussion regarding the different contractors who cut the grass in the churches, and the difference in cost – agreed to increase to £700 per church per year towards maintenance of churchyards in the Parish.

Councillors noted that that Tax Base for 24/25 was 622.9. Cllr Busch **PROPOSED** a 2% increase in the precept, **SECONDED** by Cllr Stuart, meaning the precept amount for 2024/2025 would be £25,198. This means an annual payment of £40.45 per band D property – an increase of roughly 79p per year. A vote was taken, the result of which was unanimous. The **AGREED** budget was as follows:

	<b>2024/2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
CLERK'S SALARY/HMRC/PAYROLL	8,319.96
HOME OFFICE	520.00
PHOTOCOPYING	100.00
MILEAGE	100.00
INSURANCE	460.00
S137 - GRANTS (GPOC)	3,500.00
ELECTIONS	300.00
POSTAGE AND STATIONERY	200.00
GENERAL ADMIN	200.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS EALC/NALC/RCCE	600.00
AUDIT	200.00
OPEN PARISH MTG EVENT	150.00
VILLAGE HALL HIRE	300.00
MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER	100.00
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER FEE	40.00
LEGAL EXPENSES	500.00
BANK CHARGES	72.00
SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS AND IT	100.00
TRAINING CLERK/COUNCILLOR	1,200.00
GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	300.00
SANDBAGS/SAND / SALT	100.00
CONTINGENCY	2,000.00
QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE	-
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	3,000.00
WAR MEMORIAL	-
ASSET MAINTENANCE	1,000.00
DEFIBRILLATORS	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 23,861.96</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b><u>2024/2025 BUDGET</u></b>
PRECEPT	£25,198.00
GRANTS	0.00
BANK INTEREST	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 25,198.00</b>

### PC.385 CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Clerk reported the following:

- a) ECC, EFDC, EALC and RCCE communications are emailed to Members on a regular basis and where relevant information is included
- b) Emailed Cllr Mclvor regarding potholes in Greens Lane – no response
- c) Applying for Bursary for Cllr Offord and Cllr Martin’s Councillor training, up to 75%
- d) Written to occupants of Gothic Cottage following open meeting
- e) Correspondence from HRMC to advise April PAYE underpaid – Clerk disagrees and has written to HMRC
- f) Liaising with Cllr Busch regarding review of Neighbourhood Plan – Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Busch will meet first full week of February to establish the current position, and what work may be needed as part of the review.
- g) Clerk will be on annual leave 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January, however will still have access to emails for any urgent matters.

### PC.386 PLANNING

- a) Councillors agreed the following planning responses:

EPF/2791/23	Woodland, School Lane, Magdalen Laver, CM5 0EF	Singe storey side extension <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
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- b) Councillors noted the following planning applications below which have been responded to by way of the Clerk’s delegated powers following email consultation with Councillors:

EPF/2721/23	Leapers House, Harlow Road, Moreton, Ongar, CM5 0LF	Single storey rear extension and internal alterations. <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
EPF/2470/23	Phoenix Hotel, Epping Road, Epping CM16 6RZ	Addition of dormers and rooflights with extension to existing stair core to facilitate use of further floor of accommodation to provide 18 new rooms.

*Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application. It is understood the property is currently being used to house asylum seekers, mostly families with young children. The property is situated on the very busy A414, a Priority 1 County route with a speed limit of 60mph. There are no pavements or safe walking areas from which the residents at this property are able to access the local community and its services, including the local primary school. Individuals are regularly seen precariously walking from the site towards North Weald on muddy grass verges, feet away from vehicles driving at 60MPH. It is, and has been for some time, entirely inappropriate to permanently (albeit classed as short term) use the site as a location to house anybody, let alone small children. Indeed Essex County Councillor Jaymey Mclvor put forward a recommendation to the Home Office that this site should be one of the 50 considered for closure by the Home Secretary for the safety of its residents. Policy DM9 High Quality Design of the adopted Local Plan under the ‘Connectivity and Permeability’ heading (section H) states that ‘Development proposals are expected to maximise connectivity within, and through the development and **links to the surrounding areas including the provision of high quality and safe pedestrian and cycle routes.** This site has NO safe pedestrian route and the creation of an additional 18 rooms and thus further intensification of this site is not only entirely unsuitable, but downright dangerous, and should be refused.*

EPF/2810/23 & EPF/0003/24LB	North Wilmore Barn, Workers Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DZ	Retrospective application for insertion of gable end window on east elevation. <i>Whilst Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Parish Council has <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to these applications, it should be emphasised that retrospective applications make a mockery of the planning system. Specifically, regarding a listed building, the planning system is there to manage and control development to ensure no irreversible damage is caused to the country’s heritage assets.</i>
EPF/2618/23 And EPF/2622/23	North Wilmore Barn, Workers Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DZ	Revised design of flat roof addition, concrete slab along south elevation of barn including more soft landscaping/permeable areas and fence between north and south barn, and Grade II listed building application for the same. <b>NO OBJECTION</b>

EPF/2505/23	Hobbs View, Moreton Road, Ongar, CM5 0LX	Amended Application for Replacement Dwelling, Incorporating Basement Rooms and Raised Roof Height <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
EPF/2547/23	North Wilmore Barn, Workers Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DZ	Proposed landscaping works comprising fencing and finish of driveway <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
EPF/1716/23	Chaseside, Harlow Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DR	Two storey side extension, ground floor rear extension and new front entrance door canopy <b>NO OBJECTION</b>

c) Councillors noted the following planning application for which EFDC do not accept comment:

EPF/2714/23 DRC	Land Adjacent to Tilegate Farm, Tilegate Road, Ongar, CM5 0EA	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3'Surface Water Drainage', condition 5 'Landscaping' and condition 9 'Contamination' on planning permission EPF/2883/22 (Construction of a natural pond together with new tree planting and associate
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d) Councillors noted the following Planning decision by EFDC:

EPF/0781/23	Weald Bridge Farm, Weald Bridge Road, North Weald Bassett, Epping, CM16 6AT	Single storey rear extension, rear dormer windows (amendment to approval Ref EPF/1557/20)	Approved with Conditions (PC had no objection to this application)
EPF/1527/23	1 Petcheys Cottages, Bottle Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0JQ	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 'Additional drawing of windows' on planning permission EPF/0565/23 (Grade II listed building application for replacement Crittal windows with double glazed powder coating aluminium replicating.	Refused (DRC – Sent to PC for noting only)
EPF/0298/23	Green Oaks, Threshers Bush, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NS	Conversion and alterations to existing greenhouse to create 1no. self-contained dwelling, with associated curtilage, landscaping and new means of access to the public highway.	Refused (PC had no objection to this application) Refusal reasons: Green Belt, Parking, and no S106
EPF/0940/23	Redwoods, Little Laver Road, Little Laver, Harlow, CM17 0RH	Construction of stables and hay barn for personal use.	Refused (no PC comment recorded) – refusal reasons: Green Belt and Highway Safety
EPF/0708/23	Bushes, Wind Hill, Magdalen Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DS	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 'Foul and Surface Water', condition 5'Mitigation Measures' and condition 6 'Contamination' on planning permission EPF/1787/21 (Proposed alterations to existing buildings; provision of pool within.	Approved (DRC – Sent to PC for noting only)
EPF/1551/23	Firs House, Moreton Road, Bobbingworth, Ongar, CM5 0LU	Certificate of lawful development for a proposed single storey side extensions and 3m two storey rear extension.	Lawful (DRC – Sent to PC for noting only)
EPF/1257/23	Maltings Farm, Maltings Hill, Moreton, Ongar, CM5 0JY	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 9 'Verification' on planning permission EPF/1656/20 (Reserved matters application to EPF/0181/18 for removal of outbuildings and existing dwelling.	Approved (DRC – Sent to PC for noting only)

		Erection of three detached dwellings. Formation.	
EPF/1629/23	Lunds Farm House, Wind Hill, Magdalen Laver, Ongar, CM5 0EX	Grade II listed building application for the demolition of conservatory and garage and erection of extension.	Refused (PC had no objection to this application) Refusal reasons: Impact on Heritage
EPF/1625/23	Lunds Farm House, Wind Hill, Magdalen Laver, Ongar, CM5 0EX	Demolition of conservatory and garage and erection of extension.	Refused (PC had no objection to this application) Refusal reasons: Green Belt and Impact on Heritage
EPF/1660/23	Partridge House, Harlow Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DL	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 6 'Gas Membrane', condition 7 'unexpected contamination' and condition 12 'Wheel Washing' on planning permission EPF/2667/17 (Proposed Replacement Dwelling and Detached Cart Lodge).	Approved (DRC – Sent to PC for noting only)
EPF/1997/23	Hobbs View, Moreton Road, Ongar, CM5 0LX	Non material amendment to EPF/2006/22 (Replacement dwelling and garaging within existing garden curtilage - minor house redesign and repositioning within curtilage following previously consented scheme (Ref: PL/EPF/1693/21) - raise ridge height by 0.64m a.	Refused (PC not asked to comment) Refusal Reasons: Proposals are considered greater than a Non Material Amendment
EPF/1823/23	Tilegate Farm, Tilegate Road, Magdalen Laver, Ongar, CM5 0EA	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 'External Finishes' on planning permission EPF/1052/17 (Demolition of existing industrial and storage workshops and equestrian buildings and replacement with three residential units plus annex an.	Approved (DRC – Sent to PC for noting only)
EPF/2285/23 & EPF/2290/23 LB	North Wilmore Barn, Workers Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DZ	Retrospective application for insertion of gable end window on east elevation, and Grade II listed application for the same	Refuse (PC Objected ) Refusal Reasons: Not traditional window on farm building, and heritage aspect
EPF/2291/23 LB & EPF/2286/23	North Wilmore Barn, Workers Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DZ	-Retrospective application for the insertion of two rooflights on the southern elevation. -Proposed application of an external door on the west elevation of the single storey barn -Remedial work to infill exist And Grade II listed building application for the same	Refuse (PC Objected ) Refusal Reasons: Retention roof lights damage to heritage aspect
EPF/2361/23	North Wilmore Barn, Workers Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DZ	Certificate of lawful development for existing front entrance gates with associated brick piers	Lawful (CLD – Sent to PC for noting only)
EPF/1716/23	Chaseside, Harlow Road, High Laver, Ongar, CM5 0DR	Two storey side extension, ground floor rear extension and new front entrance door canopy.	Refuse (PC had no objection to this application) Refusal reason: excessive scale

**PC.387 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) Councillors approved the payments below. **PROPOSED** Cllr Padfield, **SECONDED** Cllr Collins:

BACS	A Jones	Expenses reimb – 5 <sup>th</sup> December open meeting, mileage, home office and heating	£117.58
BACS	A Jones	December Salary	£554.73
BACS	HMRC	December	£ 138.60
D/D	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection annual registration fee	£ 40.00
BACS	A Jones	January Salary (post dated 31 <sup>st</sup> January)	£554.73
BACS	HMRC	January PAYE (post dated 6 February)	£138.60

b) Councillors noted the Bank Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023:

Balance per bank statement as at 31st Dec 2023	£	£
Unity Deposit Account	31,439.98	
Unity Current Account	4,231.20	
		35,671.18
Less: Any unpresented cheques at 31 Dec 2023	0.00	
Add: Any un-banked cash at 31 Dec 2023	0.00	
<b>CASH BOOK</b>		
Opening Balance 1 Nov 2023	36,857.46	
Add: Receipts to 31 Dec 2023	243.06	
Less: Payments to 31 Dec 2023	1,429.34	
Balance (receipts and payments book) as at 31 Dec 2023		35,671.18
Deposit Account £31,439.98		
Current Account £4,231.20		

**PC.388 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Councillors were asked to advise the Clerk of any future agenda matters at least a week before the meeting.

**PC.389 DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Magdalen Laver Village Hall
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Moreton Village Hall
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Magdalen Laver Village Hall
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Moreton Village Hall
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Moreton Village Hall
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lighting and open meeting – Moreton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....