

SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH MORETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
18th JULY AT THE CROWN AT 7.30PM

1. Apologies for absence

Tim Stringer (TS), Ben Manning SODC (BM), Anne-Marie Simpson SODC (AMS), Jane Murphy OCC (JM),

2. Present

Lyn Deeley (LD, Chair), Richard Macdonald (RM), Sue Willis (SW), Jonny Gilbert (JG), and Charlotte Ray (Clerk)

Members of the public: 0

3. Declaration of any relevant interests

None

4. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on the 29th May 2024 were then agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

5. Public questions, comments, or representations

6. SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

- Capital grant scheme now open for applications to help build thriving communities and improve the quality of life for people in the district.
- Lots of activities available this summer for children aged 2-12 at the Cornerstone in Didcot. For a full run down of what's on and details on how to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities

7. Planning

To consider the following planning permissions:

8. To note recreation ground update

Six new swings have been fitted. They are very popular and being used by all the community. The basket swings a-pex leg needs replacing. The PC have been looking into the costs to repair and have been obtaining quotes. A quote has been received and the PC have approved this. Richard will lease and arrange the repair.

The boat is very wobbly, Richard and Johnny will go and have a look at the boat to see what repairs need to be made. Richard is currently looking into grants that may be available. Which if successful could pay/contribute to the repairs. Potentially for the next 6 months a temporary repair will be made and, in this time, a more permanent repair can be agreed.

There are 6-7 trees to be put in.

9. Grants

Richard has submitted a grant request for two benches to be fitted. We are awaiting to hear if we have been successful.

Richard will apply for the second instalment of the grant payment which is due.

10. Community/neighbourhood Plan

Having a community/neighbourhood plan sets a precedence and gives the community a bit more input when there are planning applications. There are grants available to help fund the cost of setting this up as it is very expensive. A survey would be given out to all the villagers along with submissions of evidence. The downside is there is a lot of work involved, and different views may be conflicting as we will have to ask all the villagers their opinions. A plan must then be developed, and 50% of the village will have to vote. If set up, we would have a more definitive plan, but it could bring forward a lot of issues that have laid dormant for years. After a lot of discussion and consideration, the PC have agreed that Richard and Johnny will go and meet the SODC planners and get some more advice and their recommendations.

11. Finance

Payments below approved

Payee		VAT	£
Charlotte Ray Clerk Salary (June & July)	777.40		
Charlotte Ray Work from home allowance (June & July)	52.00		
Stationery – stamps & envelopes	13.10		
Simplicity Payroll	26.40	4.40	22.00

12. Items for next agenda

Date of the next meeting is at 7:30pm on Wednesday 25th September 2024 which will be held at the Crown.

The meeting closed at: 20:12

13. Review monthly calendar tasks

Upcoming Parish Council meeting dates:

Wednesday 27th November 2024

Wednesday 29th January 2025

Wednesday 26th March 2025

